

Kilkenny Bereavement Support

This is a voluntary organisation offering a free listening service to the bereaved since 1989. Our work has greatly increased since the lifting of Covid restrictions with the result that we now need to train a new group of volunteers. A training skills programme will be offered in September/October. For an application form please telephone 056 775 6538 or visit our website at www.kilkennybereavementsupport.com

Youth 2000 Summer Festival

Join over 1000 young people between 16 and 35 this August at the Youth 2000 Summer Festival. The festival takes place in Clongowes Wood College, Clane, Co Kildare from Thursday, 11th August to Sunday, 14th August. For more information and to book your place go to www.youth2000.ie.

Radio Maria Ireland

Radio Maria Ireland is an Irish run Catholic talk-radio station. Prayer, catechesis, uplifting music, talks, interviews and testimonies - all commercial free. Listen via free app "Radio Maria Ireland", streaming on www.radiomaria.ie or via phone - get live radio feed by calling 01 437 3277 (no extra charges). Please join our growing family!

The Parish Office

Please note that St. John's Parish Office is open Monday to Friday between 9.30am and 2.00pm. Aine is on hand to help with all matters concerning the parish. Telephone: 056 772 1072; Email: stjohns@ossoryie; Website: www.stjohnskilkenny.com.

The priests' mobile numbers are on the information panel at the back of this newsletter, on the office telephone answering machine and on the parish website. Please contact the priests directly if your business is urgent and you can not get an answer on the office telephone.

Youth Ministry Programme Leader (UK)

The Diocese of Lancaster are looking for a young Catholic with Youth Ministry experience (or similar transferable skills) to lead youth ministry programmes at their retreat centre in the English Lake District and occasionally in schools and parishes around the area. Salary Package includes paid salary of £19,000 - £23,000 as well as accommodation, food and so on.

For more details contact director@castleriggmanor.co.uk or Google 'Castlerigg Manor'

Address: St John's Presbytery, Dublin Road, Kilkenny. R95 ND2W

Email: stjohns@ossoryie **Website:** www.stjohnskilkenny.com

Office: 056 772 1072; **Secretary:** Áine Butler; **Office Hours:** Mon-Fri 9.30 a.m. - 2.00 p.m.

Newsletter Deadline: Thursdays 12.00 noon **SVP Help Line:** 086 895 1239

Fr Dan Carroll: 087 907 7769; Fr Lorcan Moran: 086 855 0521;
Fr Raymond Dempsey: 089 497 1924;

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

**Fergal Brennan; Mary Brennan; Jo Browne; Alan Burke; Fr Dan Carroll;
Claire Coogan; Fr Raymond Dempsey; Luke Leydon; Fr Lorcan Moran;
Iris O'Flynn; Karena Phelan.**

IF YOU HAVE A SAFEGUARDING CONCERN CONTACT

The Diocesan Designated Liaison Person, Ms. Kathleen Sherry, 085 802 1633 - dlp@ossoryie

OUR PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES ARE:

Mary Weadick; Máirín Bergin; Brenda Whitely; Marian Eardly.

Counselling Services - Towards Healing Confidential Helpline
1800 313 316 - www.towardshealing.ie

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MASS TIMES

St John's – Sundays & Holy Days: Vigil: 6.00pm; Sun: 8.00am, 11.30am & 7.00pm.

Polish Mass: 2nd Sat. Monthly, 7.00pm; **Weekdays:** 8.00am, 10.30am. (Sat. 10.30am only).

Johnswell - Sunday 10.00am

Dunmore - Sunday 11.00am

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 17th July 2022

C'MON THE CATS

From all the parishioners in St John's Parish we wish parishioners **Mikey Butler, Paddy Deegan, Conor Heary and Huw Lawlor** and all the Kilkenny Senior Hurling Team the very best in the All Ireland Senior Hurling Final this weekend. Best wishes also to Brian Cody and all involved in the Kilkenny Management Team as they prepare for Sunday. We wish all travelling to the match a safe journey and an enjoyable day.

Vestment Colours

Liturgical colours are specific colours used for vestments and banners within the context of Christian liturgy. The symbolism of violet, white, green, red, gold, black, rose and other colours may serve to underline moods appropriate to a season of the liturgical year or may highlight a special occasion. The Church uses colour so that our sense of sight might deepen our experience of the mysteries of salvation, just as incense recruits our sense of smell and music that of hearing.

In Church green is the colour of Ordinary Time, the orderly sequence of weeks through the year, a season in which we are being neither single-mindedly penitent (in purple) nor overwhelmingly joyful (in white).

White is the colour of heaven. In Church, it is used when we celebrate the feasts of the Lord; Christmas and Easter, the great Seasons of the Lord; and the Saints. We are, after all, celebrating!

Unfortunately, black and amber is not a recognised liturgical colour. On this weekend, when we celebrate the 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time, the assigned vestment colour is green. However, based on strong local culture, the priests find it inappropriate to wear green vestments in church this weekend and have opted for white instead. As mentioned above "white is the colour of heaven... it is used when we celebrate!"

This weekend we intend to celebrate. Come on the Black and Amber!!

Outdoor Community Mass

An outdoor community Mass will be celebrated on the Upper Green, Newpark at 7.00pm Wednesday 27th July. All parishioners, residents of the surrounding estates, neighbours and friends are invited to attend this Mass of thanksgiving and celebration. Light refreshments will be served.

New Parish Facebook Page

With the help of Fr. Joseph, we are constructing a new parish Facebook page which can be reached at "facebook.com/stjohnskilkenny". In time it will contain news and information about the parish. In the meantime please visit and press the 'Like' and 'Follow' buttons

Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

Recently Deceased: Bobby Aylward (former TD and MCC), Mullinavat.
Patricia Doran, Co. Louth.
Grace Hurley, formerly Danesfort who died in Hertfordshire.

Anniversaries: Larry Nolan (6.00pm); Seamus Murphy (10.00am); Kiely & Barrett Families (11.00am); Martin & Brigid Keane (11.30am); Mary Power O'Shea (7.00pm); Patricia Wiltshire; Mary & Vincent Nolan; Pat Crowe; Claire Drennan; John Joe Dowling; Kate & Christy Burke Snr.; Mary Tyrrell.

*May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed
through the mercy of God rest in peace.
Amen.*

Readers for Next Weekend

6.00pm Mary Lynch
8.00am Jo Browne
10.00am Elaine Bennett
11.00am Nora Guilfoyle
11.30am Kathleen Ferguson
7.00pm Marie Fogarty

Weekly Envelope Collection

Last week's envelope collection: €845. Thanks to all who contribute weekly, monthly and annually, as well as those who pay by Standing Order. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Society of St Vincent De Paul Collection

The Monthly Collection for the local conference of the Society of St Vincent de Paul will take place this weekend, 16th and 17th July. A sincere thank you for all your generous support. Please remember the local conference can be contacted in writing through the Parish Office or by telephone on 086 895 1239.

The Annual Camino Jenkinstown walk

The walk will take place on Sunday, 24th July (Eve of the Feast of St. James) beginning at Jenkinstown Church Car Park at 2.30pm. This is to coincide with the jubilee celebrations in St. James Cathedral. Santiago De Compostela. All Covid-19 protocols to be adhered to.

Foulkstown Cemetery Mass

The Mass at Foulkstown Cemetery will be held at 7.30pm on Thursday, 28th July 2022. Please inform relatives and friends, especially those who are away from home.

A Thought on Summer Sundays

In June, Pope Francis spoke to a group of Sicilian clergy about homilies. It wasn't the first time this Pope has spoken on the subject, and he often mentions that homilies should be brief; under eight minutes was the Pope's advice this time. It makes sense. One priest repeated a humorous phrase among homilists, "if you haven't struck oil in seven minutes, stop boring."

But if you read what Pope Francis has advised on homilies, you see his emphasis isn't on time, despite the headlines. Brief homilies are the most effective, but most of us aren't as concerned with quantity as quality. Too often homilies, said Pope Francis, "are abstract, and instead of awakening the soul, they put it to sleep." He might have added that sometimes it's more than the soul that goes to sleep. A poor homily, the Pope said, "descends to moralism and abstract concepts; it presents the Gospel with detachment, as if it were outside time, far from reality."

Effie Caldarola in *The Universe*



Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 18th July

Monday: (10.30am) Patricia Wiltshire
Tuesday: (10.30am) Mary and Vincent Nolan
Wednesday: (10.30am) Pat Crowe
Thursday: (10.30am) Stephen and Richard Cassin
Saturday: (10.30am) Claire Drennan
(6.00pm) Mary Carey
Sunday: (10.00am) John Dowling
(11.00am) Tony and Eileen McEvoy
(11.30am) Mary McEnergy

*Those we love don't go away,
they walk beside us every day.
Unseen, unheard, but always near!
Still loved, still missed and very dear.*

Parish Webcam

You may like to know that all Masses and Services at St. John's Church are broadcast on our webcam at stjohnskilkenny.com, and our Parish Radio Service on 106.8 FM.

Weekdays

8.00am and 10.30am.

Saturdays

10.30am and 6.00pm.

Sundays

8.00am, 11.30am & 7.00pm.

All welcome!

Croagh Patrick Pilgrimage

Reek Sunday 31st July 2022

Holy Mass on the Summit 8.00am, 9.00am, 10.00am, 11.00am, 12.00pm, 1.00pm & 2.00pm.
Beidh an Aifreann ag 10.00am as Gaeilge. Confessions on the Summit 7.30am & 2.00pm.
For more information see www.westportparish.ie.

In His hands are the depths of the earth, the heights of the mountains are His!

Psalm 95:4

Ossory Priests Society

Please remember Diocese of Ossory Priests in your will

The Ossory Priests Society is a registered charity within the Diocese of Ossory structure. It is responsible for supporting priests in their retirement and ensuring that the priests of the diocese are adequately provided for in relation to illness and healthcare costs. A gift/bequest is a wonderful way to express your gratitude to the priests of the diocese for their lifetime of service. The gift you give to the Ossory Priests Society will establish a lasting legacy of love and thanks to the priests.

If you have any questions or wish to consider a gift/bequest, your solicitor can advise you, or alternatively you can telephone Mr. Declan McCann, Chairman, Ossory Priests Society at 086 772 2201.

St Mary Magdalene - Feastday 22nd July

SAINT

MARY
MAGDALENE

St Mary Magdalene,
woman of many sins, who by conversion became the beloved of Jesus, thank you for your witness that Jesus forgives through the miracle of love. You, who already possess eternal happiness in His glorious presence, please intercede for me, so that someday I may share in the same everlasting joy.

Amen!

