

Parish Facebook Page

There is quite a bit of interest in our new parish Facebook page which can be reached at "facebook.com/stjohnskilkenny". Many people are clicking in for news and information. In time it will contain even more interesting facts and information about the parish. In the meantime please visit and press the 'Like' and 'Follow' buttons.

Towards Peace

The vision of Towards Peace is to provide a safe supportive space, where people who have been affected by abuse in a Church context can be accompanied, as they seek their own experience to spiritual peace, one step at a time. There is no pre-determined roadmap on this journey. Each person travels at their own pace. Please contact Towards Peace office: Tel: 01 505 3028, mobile: 086 771 0533, email: towardspeace.ie, website: www.towardspeace.ie.

St John's Day Centre

The Centre is now closed for the rest of the summer and will reopen on Monday, 5th September. Thanks to all who supported the Centre during the year and we look forward to your return in September.
Happy Holidays!

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Email: stjohns@ossory.ie **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;
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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@ossory.ie

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

Roman Catholic Diocese and Parishes of Ossory - Registered Charity No. 20015831

A Few Thoughts

Some people always throw stones in your path. It depends on what you make with them; a wall or a bridge.

Remember you are the architect of your life.

It's not important to hold all the good cards in life, but it's important how well you play with cards you hold.

Prayer of St. John Vianney

I love You, O my God,
and my only desire is to love You
until the last breath of my life.

I love You,
O my infinitely lovable God,
and I would rather die loving You,
than live without loving You.

I love You,
Lord and the only grace I ask
is to love You eternally...

My God,
if my tongue cannot say in every moment
that I love You,
I want my heart to repeat it to You as often
as I draw breath.

Amen.

PARISH OF SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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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

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 31st July 2022

Women Help Choose New Bishops

Ten days after saying he would name two women to the group that helps him choose bishops, Pope Francis appointed three women to the office. The Vatican announced on 13th July that the Pope had named 14 new members of the Dicastery for Bishops. For the first time ever, the members include women: Sr Raffaella Petrini, a member of the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist, who is secretary-general of the office governing Vatican City State; French Salesian Sister Yvonne Reungoat, former superior general of the order; and Maria Lia Zervino, an Argentine who is president of the World Union of Catholic Women's Organisations. The dicastery is led by Canadian Cardinal Marc Ouellet and is responsible for helping the pope choose bishops for Latin-rite dioceses outside of the church's mission territories. Members meet twice a month to review dossiers submitted by Vatican nuncios about potential candidates and to vote on the names they recommend to the Pope. Before Pope Francis' reform of the Roman Curia took effect in June, members of the dicastery were only cardinals and a few bishops.

The Universe

National Novena to Knock

This year's Novena will take place from Sunday, 14th to Monday, 22nd August, offering pilgrims nine days of reflection and prayer and a chance to connect with their faith in the unique and sacred space of Knock Shrine. This year's theme is 'A Journey in Hope'. Commenting about the Novena, Fr Richard Gibbons, PP and Rector at the Shrine said. "The purpose of the Novena is to recognise the unique role that Knock, as an International Eucharistic and Marian Shrine, has to play in the life of the Irish Church and to honour Our Lady. So many of the people who joined us online over the course of the pandemic are now coming back to visit the Shrine." For more on this year's Novena see www.knockshrine.ie

Time for celebration and Joy!

Your baby's baptism is a time for celebration and joy. And, naturally, you want the best for your baby. We want to help you plan and prepare for the baptism in the best possible way. Baptisms take place on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month at 4.30pm and on the 4th Sunday of each month at 12.30pm. Please call the Parish Office, 056 772 1072 9.30am – 2.00pm to make a booking. At least one month's notice is required. Normally four Baptisms is the maximum number taken for a given date.

No 8.00am Mass on Bank Holiday Monday.

Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

Recently Deceased: Ken Coogan, Smithsland Court, Loughboy. Funeral arrangements later. Sr. Margaret Maguire DMJ, formerly of Peace in Christ Retreat House. Requiem Mass in St. Mary's Priory, Tallagh at 12.30pm on Monday followed by burial at St. Kieran's Cemetery, Kilkenny. Cortege expected at St. Kieran's Cemetery at about 3.00pm. Gerry Stapleton, formerly of St. Francis Terrace, Kilkenny who died in the United Kingdom. Internment of ashes in St. Kieran's Cemetery on Tuesday afternoon.

Months Mind: Joan Costigan (11.00am).
Michael McCarthy (10.30am - Saturday, 6th Aug).

Anniversaries: Bríd Maher (6.00pm); Martin Hanlon (10.00am); Clive O'Carroll (11.30am); Nicola Kirwan (7.00pm); Tom Watson; David, Margaret, Peggy & David Gaffney; Peter Wiltshire; Peter Daly; Elizabeth O'Malley; Mary Fry,

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

Readers for Next Weekend

6.00pm Ann Daly
8.00am Paula Rodgers
10.00am Fiona & Sarah Manning
11.00am Eddie Holohan & Liz Holohan
11.30am Bobbie Lahart
7.00pm Eileen Kinane

Weekly Envelope Collection

Last week's envelope collection: €880. Thanks to all who contribute weekly, monthly and annually, as well as those who pay by Standing Order. Your support is greatly appreciated.

First Friday

Next Friday is the First Friday of August. The sick and housebound will be visited at the normal times. Please inform the Parish Office or one of the priests if you have a relative or neighbour who would like this service.

Wearing Masks in Church

While it is not obligatory to wear masks in public places at the moment we strongly encourage members of the congregations to wear masks in church. With a reported increase of the spread of the virus it is important that we do all in our power to protect ourselves and our vulnerable neighbours and friends. Please use masks in church, receive Holy Communion in the hand only and use the hand sanitisers and refrain from coming to church if you feel unwell.

Barnstorm Theatre Company

Lunchtime Theatre – "The Quiet Land" by Malachy McKenna

Barnstorm is launching its Lunchtime Theatre programme as part of AKA – the fringe festival during the Kilkenny Arts Festival 04th - 14th August.

A unique experience – have a set lunch and take in a show starring Ger Cody and Brendan Corcoran in Barnstorm's new venue at the Home Rule Club. The show is at 1.00pm daily and tickets can be booked online at barnstormquietland.eventbrite.ie

St Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund July Draw Winners

1 st Prize:	Paddy Egan	Windgap Parish
2 nd Prize:	John McKee	St. Mary's Parish
3 rd Prize:	Patsy Treacy	St. Mary's Parish
4 th Prize:	Michael Moore	St Patrick's Parish
5 th Prize:	Brendan Murphy	Muckalee Parish
6 th Prize:	St Patricks Church	Ballyragget Parish
7 th Prize:	Concepta Fogarty	Lisdowney
8 th Prize:	Ava Sheridan	St Mary's Parish
9 th Prize:	Marguerite Walsh	St Mary's Parish



Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 1st August

Saturday: (10.30am) **MM** Michael McCarthy
(6.00pm) Frank Power
Sunday: (10.00am) Evelyn Hennessy
(11.00am) Catherine Bergin
(11.30am) Tony Teehan

*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

All Masses and Services at St. John's Church are broadcast on at stjohnskilkenny.com and on Radio on 106.8FM. Please tell those who live away and those who are unable to attend Mass in our church.

Weekdays

8.00am and 10.30am.

Saturdays

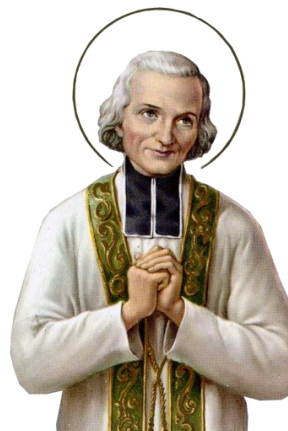
10.30am and 6.00pm.

Sundays

8.00am, 11.30am 7.00pm.

Feast day of St. John Vianney, Patron of Priests

Thursday, 4th August



John Vianney, also known as the Holy Curé de Ars, was born on 8th May 1786 in Dardilly, near Lyon, France to a family of farmers. He was ordained a priest in 1815 and became curate in Ecully. He was then sent to the remote French community of Ars in 1818 to be a parish priest.

Upon his arrival, the priest immediately began praying and working for the conversion of his parishioners. Although he saw himself as unworthy of his mission as pastor, he allowed himself to be consumed by the love of God as he served the people. Vianney slowly helped to revive the community's faith through both his prayers and the witness of his lifestyle. He gave powerful homilies on the mercy and love of God, and it is said that even staunch sinners were converted upon hearing him. In addition, he restored his church, formed an orphanage, "La Providence," and cared for the poor.

His reputation as a confessor grew rapidly, and pilgrims traveled from all over France to come to him in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Firmly committed to the conversion of the people, he would spend up to 16 hours a day in the confessional.

Plagued by many trials and besieged by the devil, the St. John Vianney remained firm in his faith, and lived a life of devotion to God. Dedicated to the Blessed Sacrament, he spent much time in prayer and practiced much mortification. He lived on little food and sleep, while working without rest in unflinching humility, gentleness, patience and cheerfulness, until he was well into his 70s.

John Vianney died on 4th August, 1859. Over 1,000 people attended his funeral, including the bishop and priests of the diocese, who already viewed his life as a model of priestly holiness.

The Holy Curé of Ars was canonized by Pope Pius XI in 1925. He is the patron of priests. Over 450,000 pilgrims travel to Ars every year in remembrance of his holy life.

In 2009, Pope Benedict XVI, commemorating the 150th anniversary of St. John Vianney's death, declared the Year for Priests. The Pope wrote a Letter to Clergy, encouraging all priests to look to the Curé of Ars as an example of dedication to one's priestly calling.