

Parish Facebook Page

Ourr new parish Facebook Page continues to flourish. Thanks to all who have 'liked' and 'followed' our page to date. The St. John's Parish Page 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 as well as regular reflections and thoughts for the day. In the meantime please visit and press the 'Like' and 'Follow' buttons.

National Novena to Knock

The annual National 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 said. "So many of the people who joined us online over the course of the pandemic are now coming back to visit the Shrine." Why not consider taking a day out and visiting Knock with you family during the course of the novena. For more on this year's Novena see www.knockshrine.ie



Baptism: A 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. At St. John's Parish we want to

help you plan and prepare for your child's baptism in the best possible way.

Baptisms usually 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.

C'mon the Cats

Wishing the Kilkenny Camogie Team and Management, especially our parishioners **Laura Murphy** and **Brian Dowling** the very best of luck this Sunday in the All-Ireland Camogie Final at Croke Park. We wish all travelling to the match a safe journey and an enjoyable day.

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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

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OUR PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES ARE:

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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

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 7th August 2022

Fr. Lorcan Moran R.I.P



It is with immense sadness we announce the death of our friend and colleague Fr. Lorcan Moran. Lorcan, a priest in this parish for the past six years, died on Saturday night.

Lorcan was born to Eddie and Aileen Moran at Michael Street, Kilkenny on 9th January 1952. He was baptised in St. John's Church by Fr. Sean Collier and attended local primary and secondary schools before taking up a job in industry. Following a number of years in employment he entered St. Kieran's College to study for the priesthood. He was ordained for service in the Diocese of Ossory by Bishop Laurence Forristal in St. Mary's Cathedral, Kilkenny on 6th June 1982.

During his forty years as a priest in the Diocese of Ossory he served in St. Canice's Parish (1982 - 1986), Aghavillar Parish (1986 - 1989), Kilcreene Hospital and the Regional Marriage Tribunal, Dublin (1989 - 1994). He became Chaplain to Aut Even Hospital in 1990 and became Administrator of Tullaroan Parish in 1994. He was transferred as Curate to St. Mary's Cathedral in 1995 where he continued until he was sent as Chaplain to St. Luke's Hospital Kilkenny in 1997. Following 13 years of hospital ministry, he became curate of Thomastown Parish in 2010. He then became Parish Priest of Ballycallan Parish in 2012 where he ministered until he arrived here at St. John's Parish on the 24th October 2016.

Frs. Dan, Raymond and Joseph, the Parish Pastoral Council and the staff of the parish, join the faithful of St. John's Parish in conveying our heartfelt gratitude to Lorcan for his inspiring ministry amidst us. His utmost dedication and example of life will forever remain in our memories. We offer our sincere sympathies to his beloved mother Aileen, his brothers Edwin, Paul, Ultan and Eoin and all family members. May Fr. Lorcan rest in eternal peace.

The Pope's Monthly Intention for August

For small businesses: We pray for small and medium sized business; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities.

Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

Recently Deceased: Very Rev. Lorcan Moran, St. John's Parish. Funeral arrangements later. Jerry Corkery, Millstreet, Cork.
Josephine Brennan, (nee Cantwell), Carlow and late of Leggettsrath.
Dr. Frank O'Dwyer, Thornback and late of Galway. *Requiem Mass St Canice's Church at 2pm on Sunday followed by burial at St Colman's Cemetery Clara.*
Johnny Barry, Stephen's Street. *Requiem Mass St. Mary's Cathedral at 11.00am on Tuesday followed by burial at St Kieran's Cemetery.*
Eleanor Beatty, Sutton and late of Kilkenny.
Ken Coogan, Smithlands Court.

Anniversaries: Frank Power (6.00pm); Evelyn Hennessy (10.00am); Catherine Bergin (11.00am); Tony Teehan (11.30am); Michael Walsh; Eileen Roche; Michael Geoghegan;

Readers for Next Weekend

6.00pm Bridget Ahearn
8.00am Martin Blake
10.00am Teresa Dowling
11.00am Christy Murray & Maise Powell
11.30am Anne Maria Walsh
7.00pm Linda O'Leary

Weekly Envelope Collection

Last week's envelope collection: €930. Thanks to all who contribute weekly, monthly and annually, as well as those who pay by Standing Order. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Mysticism in an Age of Calamity: Meister Eckhart, John Tauler and Henry Suso

The Priory Institute two-week online Summer School will run again from 15th to 26th August. The course includes eight recorded presentations and two on-line zoom discussions and is very flexible as it is delivered entirely online. Find out more go to <https://prioryinstitute.com/events/2022-online-summer-school>.

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 4th - 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.

Reflection

Heavenly Glory

While out for an evening walk I emerged from an area
where the streets were lit by bright lamps,
and came into an open, dark area.
It was only then I discovered that the sky was full of stars.
And I thought to myself:
how easily and how effectively the earthly lights
extinguished the heavenly ones.
Lord, help us to seek the things that make us rich in your sight,
and grant that the glitter of this world
may not dim our hopes of heavenly glory.

Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 8th August

Monday: (10.30am) Kathleen Treacy (nee Butler)
Friday; (10.30am) Jim Langton
Saturday: (10.30am) John & Ann Breen
(6.00pm) Eoin O'Donovan
Sunday: (10.00am) Derek Butler
(11.00am) Paddy Tynan
(11.30am) Nicholas & Margaret Purcell
(7.00pm) Laurence & Ann Morrissey

*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.

Points to Ponder on this Sunday

‘For where you treasure is, there will your heart be also’ (Lk 12:34).

A heart full of desire. We all have desires. The poor ones are those who have no desires, no desire to go forward, toward the horizon; and for us Christians this horizon is the encounter with Jesus, the very encounter with him, who is our life, our joy, our happiness.

I would like to ask you two questions. First: do you all have a desiring heart? A heart that desires? Think about it and respond silently in your hearts. I ask you is your heart filled with desire, or is it a closed heart, a sleeping heart, a heart numb to the things of life? The desire to go forward to encounter Jesus.

The second question: where is your treasure, what are you longing for? Jesus told us: where is your treasure? What is the most important reality for you, the most precious reality, the one that attracts your heart like a magnet? What attracts your heart? May I say that it is God's love?

God's love that gives meaning to our small daily tasks and helps us face the great trials. This is the true treasure of humankind: going forward in life with love, with that love which the Lord has sown in our hearts, with God's love. This is the true treasure.

St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr

St. Lawrence was the protodeacon of the early Church. The diaconate was an important office of the Holy See in the days of the ancient Church. He was entrusted with the maintenance of the Church's temporal goods and with the distribution of alms to the poor of the City, and with their instruction in the faith. When the Roman authorities tried to obtain from him the riches of the Church, he gathered together the poor and declared them to be the Church's riches. He was savagely roasted to death on a gridiron retaining his peace and good humour. His feast is Wednesday, 10th August.

Prayer to St. Lawrence

O generous patron of the Church's poor, St. Lawrence, pray to the One God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit that all the poor of the Church in need in every corner of the world may feel the effect of the love of their brothers and sisters who seek to help them. Deliver the Church from the greed and envy of the powerful and protect her rights and property so that she may serve the needy in freedom, giving them good things for soul and body. May we come some day with all those whom we helped on earth to the bright mansions of heaven where we will enjoy the riches of God's house and the company of the Saviour who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.