

Fr. Lorcan Moran

A week has passed since the death of our beloved Fr. Lorcan. We miss his steady presence in the presbytery, in the parish and in the wider community. May he rest in the peace he so richly deserves.

Lorcan would want us to say a sincere "Thank You" to the many people who helped out during his illnesses, especially during his final weeks among us. He was a very strong and independent man but he did appreciate all the simple gestures of love, care and concern shown by family, friends, medical teams, parish staff and parishioners. If you helped in any way your contribution did not go unnoticed and we pray that God will reward you for your kind acts of Christian charity.

Special thanks to all who helped with the wake and funeral arrangements, especially the members of our parish choirs, Eucharistic ministers, readers, sacristans and stewards.

While among us Lorcan was a man of deep prayer and we can be confident that he will continue to intercede for us before the throne of God.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a hanam uasal, dílis.

Prayer for Vocations

Let us pray to find priests to take Fr. Lorcan's place in our diocese...

Lord Jesus Christ, gentle shepherd, you know your sheep and you know how to reach their hearts.

Give to the people of our diocese, hearts that are open to the call of the Holy Spirit.

Speak to the hearts of the faithful men and women of our diocese that they may hear your call to follow and serve your people as priests, consecrated religious, deacons and to all forms of ministry. Awaken in them the courage to answer, "Here I am Lord, send me"

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. Towards Peace: Tel: 01 505 3028, mobile: 086 771 0533, email: toward-space.ie, website: www.towardspeace.ie.

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

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 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; 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

PARISH OF SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST

incorporating | St John's | Dunmore | Johnswell | church areas

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

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 14th August 2022

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

This Monday, 15th August is the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a holy day of obligation and Masses will be celebrated in St. John's Parish Church at 8.00am, 11.30am and 7.00pm. We look forward to celebrating this great occasion with you. There will be no Mass in Johnswell and Dunmore Churches.

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary gives us a bright hope for our own future; it is our Ladder to Somewhere! That somewhere is where we all long to reach some day. The solemnity reminds us that when we too live lives pleasing to God and cooperate in His plan of Redemption, we will be raised on our last day, we will be given glorified bodies and will share in God's glory where our Blessed Mother who is already present and will show us the way.

Mary's Assumption is God's promise to us too. In 1950, Pope Pius XII declared Mary's Assumption into Heaven to be an official dogma of the Catholic faith, by stating, "We pronounce, declare and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma that the Immaculate Mother of God, the Ever-Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul to heavenly glory".

Sacred Space in St. John's Church

As part of Fr. Lorcan's funeral Mass our sacristan, Jane, erected a special space in the sanctuary to help us reflect on the life and ministry of our friend. Among the items included are: A bowl of water, a confessional stole, a ciborium and a loaf of bread and some grapes: These represent Lorcan's baptism, 1st Confession and 1st Holy Communion which he celebrated in this church.

The Bible, Crucifix, Paschal Candle and Holy Water: Great symbols and reminders of our calling as Christians. These are placed in or near our sacred space to remind us of our dignity. Fr. Lorcan was ordained in St. Mary's Cathedral on 6th June 1982 and celebrated his First Mass at St. John's on the following day. The chalice and Book of the Divine Office reminds us of the Masses and prayers offered during his ministry of 40 years.

The Oil of the Sick and the Ritual of the Sick reminds us of the many years he served us as Chaplain at Aut Even, Kilcreen and St. Luke's Hospitals.

The Parish Book of the Dead: Fr. Lorcan was a popular and influential preacher. One of his favourite themes in homilies was our need to be grateful for those who have gone before us and who will one day greet us and warmly welcome us to Heaven.

A photograph and flowers: These serve as a reminder of Lorcan and a tribute to his goodness.

Please come and spend time in reflection and prayer for Fr. Lorcan at our sacred space.

Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

Recently Deceased: **Thomas Molloy**, Birmingham and late of Lord Edward Street and Newpark Lower. Burial of ashes on Friday at 12.00 noon at St. Kieran's Cemetery.

Michael Dowling, Tullamore and late of John's Street, Kilkenny.

Fr. Lorcan Moran, St. John's Parish.

Richard Dempsey, Durrow.

Maureen Donnelly, Kennyswell Road.

Anniversaries: Eoin O'Donovan (6.00pm); Derek Butler (10.00am); Paddy Tynan (11.00am); Nicholas and Margaret (Daisy) Purcell (11.30am); Laurence and Ann Morrissey (7.00pm); Patricia Brennan; Edmond and Mary Donovan; Mary O'Dwyer; Mary Boland; John and Ann Breen.

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 Máirín Bergin
8.00am Jo Browne
10.00am Seán Colgan
11.00am Jim Kavanagh & Claire Hanrick
11.30am James Connolly
7.00pm Anne Marie Grace

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.

Congrats to the Cats

Congratulations to the Kilkenny Camogie Team and Management, especially our parishioners Laura Murphy, Danielle Quigley and Brian Dowling after their great win on last Sunday in Croke Park. We hope they all enjoy all the celebrations and the showing of the O'Duffy Cup.

Mass on the Green

To celebrate the 70th anniversary of the opening of the houses in St. Fiace's Place a Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated on Sunday, 21st August at 4.00pm on the Green in St. Fiace's Place. All former residents of St. Fiace's Place are invited to come along as the community remembers former neighbours, new neighbours and those who have died from the area. All are invited to attend the Mass.

St. Mary's Cathedral Gift and Bookshop

The Chapter House Bookshop is open on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 9.30am - 5.00pm. Situated beside the Cathedral the shop has a wide range of books and bibles, cards and prayer books. The shop has books for teenagers and children, including comics and Lego Bibles, traditional picture Bibles, books about Irish and Celtic Saints and Heroes in bilingual versions. Activity and sticker books are also available for the younger age group.

Kilkenny Medjugorje Pilgrimage 2022

An 8 night group pilgrimage with the Kilkenny Medjugorje Group. 28th September - 6th October 2022. Return flights from Dublin. Full religious programme operated by Marian Pilgrimages Medjugorje Team. For more information on joining the group please contact Anne Fitzpatrick on 086 199 1620 or 086 882 5622. Marian Pilgrimages, 01 878 8159, www.marian.ie.

Baptism: A Time for celebration and Joy!

Your baby's baptism is a time for celebration and joy. 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.

Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 15th August

Monday: (11.30am) Patricia Brennan
Friday; (8.00am) Edmond & Mary Donovan
Saturday: (10.30am) Mary O'Dwyer
(6.00pm) Jim & Betty Canty
Sunday: (11.00am) Denis Guilfoyle
(11.30am) Ollie Doran
(7.00pm) Sheelagh Lynch

*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

What are you passionate about? The environment, politics, your football team... Jesus was passionate about his mission. He knew it would mean his death, but this seems to have made him show an even greater sense of urgency. Am I a lukewarm follower of Jesus or do I somehow share his passion in spreading the Kingdom according to my possibilities?

Jesus cannot wait for the final reality of his mission to come alive - the fire of justice and right living. He is under stress in awaiting his own suffering and crucifixion. And though his message is peace, it is such a hard-won peace that it is more like division because he is fighting off the corruption of the world. He knows that the radical purity of his message will cause people to waiver and doubt and oppose his message. He is like the prophet Micah, whom Luke quotes here, who, while seeing the divisions in families, puts his trust in God alone (Micah 7:6).

The Gospel is a call to conversion, to becoming 'a new creation' (2 Corinthians 5:17). It means shedding the skin of a former way of living. Does my Christian faith make a real difference to the kind of person I am and to the find of life I lead?

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>.

Prayer to Our Blessed Mother

Take my hand O Blessed Mother,
Hold me firmly lest I fall,
I am nervous when I am walking,
And to thee I humbly call.
Guide me over every crossing,
Watch me when I am on my way,
Let me know you are beside me,
Listen to my frequent prayers.



Bring me to my destination,
Safely every single day,
Help me with my understanding,
As the hours pass away.
And when evening falls upon me,
And I fear to be alone,
Take my hand O Blessed Mother,
And once again guide me home.