

**The Season of Creation  
1<sup>st</sup> September to 4<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

The Season of Creation has a special significance for the Catholic Church, particularly since Pope Francis established 1<sup>st</sup> September as an annual World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. The Season of Creation is marked throughout the Christian world and celebrates the joy of creation as well as encouraging awareness-raising initiatives to protect the natural environment.

The theme for the Season of Creation 2022 is "Listen to the Voice of Creation". "I have heard their cry...I know their sufferings... Come, now! I will send you...I will be with you" (Ex 3: 1-12).

The burning bush is the Symbol for the Season of Creation 2022. Today, the prevalence of unnatural fires are a sign of the devastating effects that climate change has on the most vulnerable of our planet. Creation cries out as forests crackle, animals flee, and people are forced to migrate due to the fires of injustice. This symbol of God's Spirit calls us to listen to the voice of creation, to the voices of those who suffer the impacts of climate change, to the voices of those who hold generational wisdom about how to live gratefully within the limits of the land.



**Pray for our Young People**

We pray for all students who are returning to school about now. May God bless you as you take this next step in your lives.

We pray too for those who will be receiving their exam results in the next few weeks. May God direct and guide them

**Society of St Vincent De Paul**

A sincere thank you for your generous support at last weekend's church door collection. The local conference number is 086 895 1239.

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# 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:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. Monthly, 7.00pm; **Weekdays:** 8.00am, 10.30am. (Sat. 10.30am only).

**Johnswell - Sunday 10.00am**

**Dunmore - Sunday 11.00am**

**22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - 27<sup>th</sup> August 2022**

**Bishop Séamus Freeman RIP**

**Bishop Denis Nulty and Archbishop Eamon Martin Pay Tribute**



"Just after lunch today (Saturday, 20th August 2022) I received the call informing me that Bishop Séamus Freeman SAC, Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of Ossory, had died peacefully in the company of his family at Highfield Healthcare, Dublin.

On hearing the news, I thought of the words that Bishop Freeman offered as he retired as Bishop of Ossory on the grounds of ill health in July 2016, when he spoke of the great privilege it had been to have served the people of the Diocese of Ossory. His only regret was that he was unable to stay as shepherd of the Diocese for longer.

Bishop Freeman served the Church faithfully for many years including in his worldwide leadership of the Pallottine Order, as a parish priest in Rome and here in Ireland as Bishop of

Ossory. His deep care for each person he encountered, his interest in the areas of pastoral renewal and faith formation were to the fore throughout his ministry.

During his time here in Ossory he facilitated the realisation of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan and placed a great emphasis on the role of lay people responding to their baptismal call. He worked tirelessly for the restoration of our beautiful Cathedral Chapter House and surrounding campus. This work, which continues, has served to enhance the faith life of the Diocese and remains as a fitting piece of the legacy that he leaves behind.

All of us will remember Bishop Freeman as a kind and gentle pastor as we hold his family, friends and his Pallottine brothers and the priests of Ossory in our prayers."

Speaking on behalf of the Irish Episcopal Conference Archbishop Eamon Martin, Archbishop of Armagh, Primate of All Ireland and President of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference offered prayers and deepest sympathy to the family and loved ones of Bishop Séamus.

"Since his resignation in 2016 due to ill health, Bishop Séamus has sadly had to endure increasing frailty and illness and he did so with courage, patience and strong faith and trust in God.

At his retirement six years ago, Bishop Séamus said he was overwhelmed, and indeed "very much humbled, by the kindness and absolute goodness" shown to him and hoped that "despite human limitations" he had served God's people well. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dilis."

### Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

**Recently Deceased:** Walter (Wattie) Hayes, formerly Newpark. Requiem Mass at St. John's Church at 10.30am on Tuesday. Interment afterwards at St. Michael's Cemetery, Danesfort. Kevin Ryan, Greenfields, Kilkenny. Requiem Mass at St. Canice's Church at 12.00 noon on Monday followed by burial at St. Kieran's Cemetery. Bishop Emeritus Seamus Freeman SAC.

**Anniversaries:** Jimmy O'Neill (6.00pm); Tom Ryan Snr (11.00am); Fr William Meany (11.30am); Joe Doheny (7.00pm); George Dowling; Martin Ward; Patrick Culleton; Dick Maher; Ellen Brophy; Richard (Dixie) Leahy; Jane Shortall; Bernard and Bridget Taylor; Dominic, Dick, Paddy and Margaret Tynan; Noreen & Michael Maher;

#### Month's Mind Mass for Fr. Lorcan

The Month's Mind Mass for Fr Lorcan will be celebrated at St John's Church at 7.30pm on Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> September 2022. All are welcome.

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

#### Readers for Next Weekend

6.00pm Claire Coogan  
8.00am Paula Rodgers  
10.00am Betsy Rice  
11.00am Bernard O'Gorman & John McGourty  
11.30am Tony Dalton  
7.00pm Marie Fogarty

#### Weekly Envelope Collection

Last week's envelope collection: €1,005. 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 September. 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. Those formerly attended by Fr. Lorcan will be visited by Frs. Dan and Raymond. Please contact the Parish Office if you have any queries.

#### Kilkenny Medjugorje Pilgrimage 2022

An 8 night group pilgrimage with the Kilkenny Medjugorje Group. 28<sup>th</sup> September - 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### Win a Trip to Medjugorje with the Irish Centre

Win one week's all included package trip to Medjugorje for one person. This includes 7 nights B&B, return airport transfer and flight (up to €300 flight and luggage value). To be in with a chance to win go to our website [www.med-irishcentre.com](http://www.med-irishcentre.com). For more details tel. 00353 1443 4510 or email [reservations@med-irishcentre.com](mailto:reservations@med-irishcentre.com).

#### 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.

**SOCIAL DANCE NIGHT**  
**Johnswell Hall**  
Johnswell, Kilkenny R95 RP89

MUSIC BY THE VERY TALENTED  
**Declan Aungier**

**Saturday**  
**3rd September 2022**  
**9:30pm Until Late**

**ADMISSION €10**  
**ALL WELCOME**



#### Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 29<sup>th</sup> August

Saturday: (10.30am) George Dowling  
(6.00pm) Theresa Byrne  
Sunday: (8.00am) Eva Morova  
(11.00am) Maurice, Anna & Jack Nolan  
(11.30am) Eileen O'Connor  
(7.00pm) Seamus Murphy

*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](http://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.

#### Congratulations

We join in offering our best wishes and congratulations to Fr. Joseph on the 12<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination on this Sunday. Fr. Joseph was ordained in his native Uganda on the Feast of St. Augustine, 28<sup>th</sup> August 2010. We trust he continues to enjoy his summer in St. John's and we wish him God's blessing. *Ad multos annos!*

#### Parish Webcam

We apologise for the intermittent webcam service at the moment. The problem is beyond our control and, although we have had technicians from Eir visit on a few occasions last week, the camera service is still not reliable. We continue to lodge complaints highlighting the urgency of the situation and we hope to have a proper service restored promptly.

#### St John's Day Care Centre

The Day Care Centre will be reopening on Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> September. The Centre is open on Mondays and Tuesdays from 9.30am to 2.30pm. Should you require any further information about the Day Care Centre services please contact 087 958 2127.

#### Kilkenny Age Friendly

The Older Peoples Council invites you to a Gathering of Older People at The Orchard House, New Orchard Road, on Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> September 2022. Commencing with registration tea/coffee at 9.15am, concluding with lunch at 1.00pm. We will have information available and informative speakers. If you are interested in attending and wish to book a place or need further information, please contact the Age Friendly Office mobile no 087 621 8589 or by contacting Mary at 085 194 2174 or Betty at 086 371 5757.

#### Waterford Legion of Mary Centenary Celebration,

Centenary Celebration will take place in Edmund Rice Chapel, Barrack Street, Waterford. Rosary 6.45pm and Mass 7.00pm on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> September. Procession on Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> September from Ballybricken Green at 7.00pm to the Cathedral for a short prayers service. All are welcome. More details 086 310 0581.

#### Pro Life March in Dublin

Regional Pro Life movement will hold a march in Dublin on Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> September at 2.30pm marching from Newman University Church side of St Stephen's Green to Leinster House. All are welcome.

*To love like Jesus means to serve and give our life. To serve means to put others' interests first, to fight indifference, to share the gifts God has given us. To give our life means to leave egoism behind, to make our lives a gift, spending ourselves for all in need. (Pope Francis)*