

Host Families Required

We are very grateful to Kilkenny City Vocational College for agreeing to welcome 10 of our Italian students into its Transition Year and Year 6, but we now need to find local host families for them if your parishioners might be interested or know of families who might be! The 10 students (boys and girls aged 16 and 17) will arrive on Wednesday, 21st September and will return to Italy on Wednesday, 21st December. Four of the students will then come back to Kilkenny in January and will attend college until the Easter holidays start. We are offering €26.50 per night, which equates to €2,411 per 3 months. If anyone is interested in finding out more, please email Ann or Sam @ English@InterEducation.eu.

The Poor Clares

The Poor Clares, Galway are hosting Monastic Experience Day on Saturday, 24th September from 10.00am to 5.00pm. The day is designed to help young women who are exploring the possibility of a religious vocation to find out more about the Poor Clare way of life. If you are under 40 and would like to attend you can book a place at: vocations@poorclares.ie

Month's Mind Mass for Bishop Freeman

The month's mind Mass for the late Bishop Seamus Freeman will be celebrated at St. Mary's Cathedral, Kilkenny at 5.30pm on Sunday, 16th October 2022. All welcome.

Anam Cara Tipperary

The monthly Evening for bereaved parents is on 19th Sept. at 7.15pm in the Horse and Jockey Hotel, Thurles. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. info@anamcara.ie or 085 288 8888.

Mass Attendance

During the lockdown we were obliged to monitor the number of people attending church - we have continued this practice. At a recent meeting the Parish Pastoral Council decided parishioners may be interested to have the following information.

Average Weekend Mass Attendance		
6.00pm	St. John's	119
8.00am	St. John's	106
10.00am	Johnswell	45
11.00am	Dunmore	65
11.30am	St. John's	152
7.00pm	St. John's	117
Average total w/e attendance		604

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

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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

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 18th September 2022

In the Wake of the Coronavirus

While some cases continue to be identified in our area the community is beginning to regain confidence and getting back to normality following the Covid-19 pandemic. Venues are beginning to fill again for concerts and other events and other places, like schools and colleges, have relaxed their restrictions. There is no longer a reason why most people cannot return to Mass in church on a regular basis. In an effort to remain cautious in our churches and do everything we can to protect ourselves and our vulnerable neighbours and friends we suggest the following guidelines.

- Do not come to church if you are sick or have symptoms of a transmittable illness.
- Holy Water is available in the fonts at the doors.
- Sanitise your hands as you enter and leave the church.
- We encourage the use of masks. However, mask wearing is optional.
- Keep a safe distance from others - we continue to maintain 'blocked off' pews at the back of St. John's Church. Give others space to reduce close contacts if they so wish.
- Do not shake hands at the sign of peace - a nod or a smile is an acceptable alternative.
- Continue to use the local guidelines for the procession to receive Holy Communion.
- Only receive Holy Communion in the hand.
- If you use a missalette or read a newsletter while in church please take it home and dispose of it in a responsible manner.
- Contribute to the first collection at the door as you enter church. Contribute to the second collection at the door as you leave church.

These actions will also help to reduce the spread of other respiratory infections, such as flu, which can spread easily and may cause serious illness in some people.

Thank you very much for your understanding and cooperation.

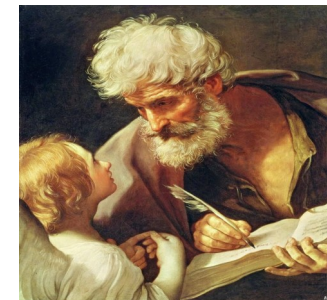
Prayer to Saint Matthew Feast Day - 21st September

God of Mercy

You chose a tax collector, Saint Matthew, to share the dignity of the apostles.

By his example and prayers help us to follow Christ and remain faithful in your service.

We ask this through Our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen



Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

Recently Deceased: Ana Ardeleanu, The Orchard.

Fiona Brennan, Clongowen and late of Glendine Heights

Madie Croghan, Parcnagown, Funeral Mass Sunday in St Fiacre's Church, Loughboy at 12noon.

Sr. Mary Egan, F.M.S.J., Blackrock, Cork and late of Kilkenny City.

Willie Lynch, Rothe Terrace, Kilkenny.

Liam Blackmore, Rathleek, Callan Road, Kilkenny.

Mick Phelan, Marble Crest.

Months Mind: Nancy Deevy (7.00pm).

Anniversaries: Michael Denieffe (6.00pm); Tom and Áine Dooley (8.00am); Margaret and James Butler (10.00am); Michael, Sharon, Jim and Mary Brennan (11.00am); Una Mahoney (11.30am); John Foley; Michael and Bridget Maher; Diarmaid Ryan; Mick Roche; Bernadette Woods; Catherine O'Keeffe; Nora Connick; Marie Delaney; Kathleen Tobin; Bridget Cahill; Nell O'Connell; Syd and Elizabeth Bluett; Eileen O'Connor.

*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 Pdraig O'Neill
10.00am Seán Colgan
11.00am Nora Guilfoyle & Fiona McGearry
11.30am Mary Lynch
7.00pm Linda O'Leary

Weekly Envelope Collection

Last week's envelope collection: €865. Thanks to all who contribute weekly, monthly and annually, as well as those who pay by Standing Order. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

We are trying to re-establish the practice of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in our parish. In the past periods of adoration were observed in St. John's Church and in Dunmore Church. We invite those who were involved in the past and any who would like to be involved going forward to give their names to Fr. Dan or Fr. Raymond during the week. A roster will be compiled.

Loreto Secondary School Kilkenny

A webinar for 6th Class girls will be held on 19th September at 7.30pm. Further information will be on our website. The closing date for applications for a First Year Place in Autumn 2023 is 24th October. Applications can be made via the school website: www.loretokk.ie.

St. Mary's Cathedral Draw 2022/2023

A new cycle of draws will begin in September and tickets are available from the Parish Office or any of the priests. Draws takes place on the last Wednesday of each month. Tickets cost €10 per month. To date the draw has raised almost €650,000 for refurbishing the cathedral.

Monastic Weekend Experience

Are you discerning your vocation and would like to know more about Glencairn Abbey and our way of life as Cistercians? We invite you to visit Glencairn for a Monastic Experience Weekend on 28th to 30th October to experience the balance and rhythm of monastic prayer and work, community, silence and *lectio divina* for yourself. There will be an opportunity to participate in the Divine Office, work alongside the sisters, receive input on Cistercian life and spirituality and talk to our sisters about your discernment for guidance and support. Please contact Sr. Sarah at: vocations@glencairnabbey.org.

Society of St Vincent De Paul Collection

The Monthly Collection will take place this weekend, 17th and 18th September. A sincere thank you for all your generous support. The local conference can be contacted through the Parish Office or on 086 895 1239.

Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 19th September

Wednesday: (10.30am) John Foley,
Michael and Bridget Maher
Saturday: (10.30am) Diarmaid Ryan
(6.00pm) Kathleen Maher
Sunday: (11.00am) Michael Roche
(11.30am) Elizabeth Brett
(7.00pm) Claire, Richard & Catherine
Shortall

*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.

Parish Webcam

We apologise for the continued outage on our webcam service. The problem is beyond our control and, although we have received many promises from our suppliers, the camera service is still not available. We continue to lodge complaints to Eir highlighting the urgency of the situation.

Pilgrimage to Knock

The Dominican Pilgrimage to Knock take place on Sunday, 9th October. We hope to have a bus/coach from Kilkenny if there are sufficient numbers to make it possible. The fare for the journey will be €20.00. If you are interested please let us know before Sunday, 25th September. Leave your name and contact telephone at the Black Abbey hall door; or ring 056 772 1279 (preferably between 10.00am and 4.00pm). We will not be taking definite bookings until we know how many want to travel.

Points to Ponder

In the famous Rodgers and Hammerstein musical, 'The King and I', the King finds he cannot understand how different things must be in the western world from where comes the new governess for his many children. In a single, novel word, he says it is 'A Puzzlement'. And that word describes exactly my first reaction to the readings this weekend.

What do they have in common? I think they are meant to remind us that, whatever our situation in life, and however we live it, there comes, at last, a day of reckoning. 'It is the Lord who keeps faith forever, who is just to those who are oppressed'. We are dedicated to God, in all our different ways beginning from the one baptism that we all share. We need to pray for everyone, especially those in positions of responsibility. And we must aim to be saintly and religious, filled with faith and love. We've been given great gifts and opportunities. Let's make sure we make the most of it so when our turn comes to balance the good and the not so good in our stories, the good will outweigh the rest and we will have made the best use of all our many chances to use the opportunities and blessings of this world for the good of all.

As you plant, so you shall reap. Our readings today, invite us to remember that there will be a time of reckoning for all of us. We must ensure that we use all the good things of this world for the good of all, without taking more than our fair share.

Pilgrimage to Rome

The Ossory Faith Development Group pilgrimage to Rome will take place from 9th to 14th March 2023. €710 p.p. sharing. For bookings contact: Kieran and Laura Troy, Newtown, Rahan, Tullamore, Co. Offaly, R35 XC86, Tel: 057 93 5505, info@myriam.ie.