

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.

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.

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.

Prayer for Day of Migrants and Refugees

Lord, make us bearers of hope, so that where there is darkness, your light may shine, and where there is discouragement, confidence in the future may be reborn.

Lord, make us instruments of your justice, so that where there is exclusion, fraternity may flourish, and where there is greed, a spirit of sharing may grow.

Lord, make us builders of your Kingdom, together with migrants and refugees and with all who dwell on the peripheries.

Lord, let us learn how beautiful it is to live together as brothers and sisters. Amen.

South Kilkenny Historical Society

The South Kilkenny Historical Society has organised a lecture on Ireland's entry to the EEC, to mark the 50th anniversary of the referendum to join the Union.

The speaker is Dr Eugene Broderick. This lecture will take place on Thursday, 29th in Mullinavat Parish Hall (opposite St. Beacon's Church) and will commence at 8.00pm. All are welcome.

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IF YOU HAVE A SAFEGUARDING CONCERN CONTACT

The Diocesan Designated Liaison Person, Ms. Kathleen Sherry, 085 802 1633 - dlp@ossory.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-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 25th September 2022

108th Word Day for Migrants and Refugees

Pope Francis has chosen "Building the Future with Migrants and Refugees," as the theme for the 108th World Day of Migrants and Refugees, which is celebrated on this Sunday.

The Day is observed every year on the last Sunday of September as an occasion to express support and concern for people who are forced to flee their homes, to encourage Catholics worldwide to remember and pray for those displaced by conflict and persecution and increase awareness about the opportunities that migration offers. It was first celebrated in 1914.

According to the Migrants and Refugees Section of the Vatican's Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, this year's theme highlights the commitment that we are all called to share in building a future that embraces God's plan, leaving no one behind.

Building the future with migrants and refugees means "recognizing and promoting the role that migrants and refugees have to play in this work of construction, because only in this way will it be possible to build a world that ensures the conditions for the integral human development of all", a communiqué explains.

No one must be excluded. God's plan is essentially inclusive and gives priority to those living on the existential peripheries. Among them are many migrants and refugees, displaced persons, and victims of trafficking. The Kingdom of God is to be built with them, for without them it would not be the Kingdom that God wants. The inclusion of those most vulnerable is the necessary condition for full citizenship in God's Kingdom. Indeed, the Lord says, "Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me a drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, sick and you took care of me, in prison and you visited me" (Mt 25:34-36).

Pope Francis

The Pope's full message is available on www.migrants-refugees.va

Message of Pope Francis to King Charles III on the Death of Queen Elizabeth

I willingly join all who mourn her loss in praying for the late Queen's eternal rest, and in paying tribute to her life of unstinting service to the good of the Nation and the Commonwealth, her example of devotion to duty, her steadfast witness of faith in Jesus Christ and her firm hope in his promises.

Commending her noble soul to the merciful goodness of our Heavenly Father, I assure Your Majesty of my prayers that Almighty God will sustain you with his unfailing grace as you now take up your high responsibilities as King. Upon you and all who cherish the memory of your late mother, I invoke an abundance of divine blessings as a pledge of comfort and strength in the Lord.

Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

Recently Deceased: Nora Cornwall, Drakelands Nursing Home and formerly Marble Crest. Requiem Mass at St. Fiacre's Church at 12.00 on Sunday. Interment in St. Kieran's Cemetery. Peggie Walsh, Dominic Street. Requiem Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral at 1.30pm on Sunday. Interment in Foulkstown Cemetery.

Bridget O'Carroll, Clara. Christian Houlihan McGrath, Loughboy.
Eamon Conway, Rothe Terrace. Michael Gannon, Dublin & late of Ballyragget.
Anne Hanifin, Dingle. Martin Mahony, Cedarwood Close.

Anniversaries: Kathleen Maher (6.00pm); Michael Roche (11.00am); Elizabeth Brett (11.30am); Claire, Richard and Catherine Shortall (7.00pm); Frances McDonagh; Frank Coyne; Paddy Larkin; Eugene Brett; Alan Bergin; Marie Holohan; Ann and John Breen; Elizabeth Connick; Seán Walsh; Maureen Delaney; Dorcas Birthistle; Margaret and Owen Roe O'Neill.

Readers for Next Weekend	
6.00pm	Mary Lynch
8.00am	Paula Rodgers
10.00am	Elaine Bennett
11.00am	Liam Maddock
11.30am	Kay Purcell
7.00pm	Anne Marie Grace

Weekly Envelope Collection
Last week's envelope collection: €675. Thanks to all who contribute weekly, monthly and annually, as well as those who pay by Standing Order. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Caretaker Required at Johnswell

Community Employment Scheme vacancy as groundsman/caretaker in Johnswell. This is a Community Employment Scheme vacancy and to be eligible a person must be in receipt of a social welfare payment for 12 months and aged 25 or over. Hours are 19.5 hours per week. For further information on this you can contact Ann Phelan, Scheme Supervisor at 087 274 0439.

Coastal Rosary for Faith and Life in Ireland

On Sunday 9th October the annual Coastal Rosary will take place at 2.30pm. Join thousands of people from around Ireland to pray the Rosary for Life and Faith at our coasts, grottos, rivers, churches, and other suitable places. Sign up a rosary location at www.coastalrosaryireland.ie or text your location to 087 278 6552.

Society of St Vincent De Paul Says 'Thank You'

A sincere thank you for all your generous support at last weekend's collection. Remember the local conference can be contacted in writing through the Parish Office or on 086 895 1239.

Kilkenny Pilgrimage to Fatima

Last minute cancellations. Date – 8th October for 7 nights €895. This includes flights to Lisbon, airport transfers, 20kg bag, 7 nights full board, full religious programme and services of local guide. The spiritual director is Fr Willie Purcell. Please contact Manning Travel, High Street on 056 772 2950 for more information.

St. Mary's Cathedral Draw 2022/2023

The first draw of the new cycle of draw will take place on next Wednesday and tickets are available from the Parish Office or at the Sacristies or from either of the priests. Tickets cost €10 per month. To date the draw has raised almost €650,000 for refurbishing the cathedral and your contributions are very much appreciated. We had a number of winners during the last series of draws and we hope to be as lucky this time. Be in to win!

Readers at Early Morning Mass

We are appealing to members of the congregation at early morning Mass (8.00am each weekday) to volunteer to read the scripture passages at Mass. Some mornings are already covered but we would welcome help on the other days. Please speak to the celebrant if interested.

Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 26th September

Wednesday: (8.00am) Eugene Brett
Thursday: (10.30am) Alan Bergin
Friday: (10.30am) Marie Holohan
Saturday: (10.30am) Ann and John Breen
(6.00pm) Eamon Morrissey
Sunday: (11.30am) Veronica McGuire
(7.00pm) Statia, Stephen & Bosco Buckley

*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.

Weekdays

8.00am and 10.30am.

Saturdays

10.30am and 6.00pm.

Sundays

8.00am, 11.30am 7.00pm.

Parish Webcam - Update

Our webcam continues to be out of action - we sincerely apologise for the continued outage and subsequent disappointment. We have made almost daily approaches to our supplier since 17th August when the service first broke down. We have now engaged a new supplier and we hope the service will be up and running again within ten days. Please bear with us and inform those who depend on the service of our efforts to restore broadcast Masses.

Altar Servers

The Altar Servers' Ministry is a unique one in the Catholic Church. Your participation as an Altar Server is special. We invite boys and girls from 3rd to 6th classes interested in making new friends, growing in confidence, growing in your service to others and growing in Christ. Training will be offered. We invite parents, guardians and grandparents to encourage young people to consider this ministry in our parish churches.

Harvest Thanksgiving Service

The community at St John's Church of Ireland will hold a Harvest Thanksgiving Service in St. John's Church of Ireland, John's Street at 6.00pm on this Sunday evening. Fr. Dan has been invited to preach the sermon. All are invited to give thanks to God for his goodness.

Points to Ponder this Weekend

Our readings this weekend focus on the days of reckoning, that may lie ahead for us all. The prophet Amos could clearly see what would happen to those who 'lost the run of themselves'. It is the Lord who keeps faith forever, who is just to those who are oppressed, gives bread to the hungry, sets prisoners free, gives sight to the blind.

In our second reading, St Paul reminds Timothy that a man of God should pursue what is right; piety; faith, love endurance and gentleness. The rich man in the gospel parable has not made the best use of his lifetime of opportunities for doing good. Is there a lesson there for us? Abraham suggests that reading God's word would be a good recipe to prevent his brothers from sharing his own misfortunate fate. 'Ah no, Father Abraham.' he says, 'but if someone comes to them from the dead, they will repent' Then Abraham said, 'If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead'.

Again and again, we come back to the central fact of our faith, witnessed, and affirmed by those who were closest to the events and re-enacted in this and in every Mass. When Jesus cooks a fish breakfast for them on the shore of Tiberias, 'none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?', knowing that it was the Lord... This was the third time that Jesus showed himself to the disciples after being raised from the dead'.