

### 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, 16<sup>th</sup> October 2022. All welcome.

### 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 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> 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. If interested please give your names to the sacristans or either of the priests.

### Anam Cara Southeast

Anam Cara Southeast is hosting a new monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> October at 7.15pm in the Brandon House Hotel, New Ross. 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. Queries to info@anamcara.ie or 085 2888 888.

### Parish Webcam - Update

We apologise for the current outage. Please bear with us and inform those who depend on the service of our efforts to restore broadcast Masses. We have a new supplier and we expect to be on air again very soon.

### Rosary for Faith and Life in Ireland

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

### Pilgrimage to Rome

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

### Better Mental Health

Recovery Incorporated is a HSE funded charity which provides a specialised form of cognitive behavioural training to its members. There are no fees. All welcome. Meetings in St. Patrick's Parish Centre, Loughboy on Tuesday evenings, 7.00pm to 9.00pm.

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**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**  
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# 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:** 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**

**Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2022**

### Day for Life

Day for Life is celebrated annually by the Catholic Church in Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales. It is a day dedicated to raising awareness of the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. This year's Day for Life will be celebrated in Ireland on this Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October on the theme 'Caring for the Older Person'.

We invite people to think again about the value and worth of older persons in families and in society, and to make practical choices to build bridges between the generations. We call for people and parishes to devote quality time, energy and creativity in caring for the older persons in our communities. We invite engagement in political debate on providing adequately resourced care of older persons so that no-one feels like a burden in our society.

Saint Joachim and Saint Anne – Pray for us! To read the Irish Bishops' Pastoral Message for Day for Life in full, visit [www.councilforlife.ie](http://www.councilforlife.ie)

### The Season of Creation

The Season of Creation is the annual Christian celebration to listen and respond together to the cry of Creation. The 2022 Season began on 1<sup>st</sup> September, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, and ends on 4<sup>th</sup> October, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology beloved by many Christian denominations. As the Season draws to a close we must commit ourselves to the protection of our common home.

*When nature is viewed solely as a source of profit and gain, this has serious consequences for society. This has engendered immense inequality, injustice and acts of violence against the majority of humanity.....completely at odds with this model are the ideals of harmony, justice, fraternity and peace as proposed by Jesus. Pope Francis - Laudato Si'*

### Our Lady of the Rosary

The month of October each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. This is due to the fact that the Liturgical Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated annually on 7<sup>th</sup> October. It was instituted to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for the protection that she gives the Church in answer to the praying of the Rosary by the faithful.

### New Shrine Candles

Beginning this week we are introducing new shrine candles at St. John's Church. This comes about because the company providing the traditional 'Penny Candles' used at Our Lady's Shrine, has ceased production. Forced to change our type of candle at that shrine we decided to introduce a new environmentally friendly system which means we won't have to dispose of hundreds of little plastic containers each week.

Because of the beautiful and traditional nature of the candelabra in Dunmore and Johnswell we are not going to replace them for the moment. Please continue to light candles in church.

### Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

**Recently Deceased:** **Therese McAuliffe**, Freshford Road. Requiem Mass at St. Canice's Church at 11.00am on Monday.

**Kay McCullagh**, Barracore, Goresbidge. Requiem Mass in Church of the Holy Trinity, Goresbidge at 2.00pm on Sunday.

**Tom Downey**, Jenkinstown.

**Lar Walsh**, Jenkinstown.

**Gerard Cantwell**, Kilmoganny, formerly of Waterbarrack. **Denise Fester**, Archers Crescent.

**Anniversaries:** Eamon Morrissey (6.00pm); Veronica McGuire (11.30am); Statia, Stephen & Bosco Buckley (7.00pm); Philip Walsh; Margaret Dowling; Fr. Jim Forristal; Seán O'Brien; Christine Mak; Bill Dullard; Catherine O'Keeffe; Thomas & Michael 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 Claire Coogan  
8.00am Martin Blake  
10.00am Betsy Rice  
11.00am Eddie Holohan and Liz Holohan  
11.30am Kathleen Ferguson  
7.00pm Josh McHugh

#### Weekly Collections

Envelope Collection: €675.00  
Dunmore Baskets: €91.00  
Johnswell Baskets: €118.00  
St. John's Baskets: €1234.00  
Thanks to all who contribute. Your support is greatly appreciated.

### You shall be my witnesses... to the end of the earth!

October is mission month. Missionaries need our prayers and financial support. In 2021, 22 missionaries were killed throughout the world. So far this year, at least six priests and two nuns have been killed. Sister Maria de Coppi, 84 years of age, and Italian sister, served as a missionary for 60 years. She was shot dead by ISIS terrorists during an attack on the Catholic Mission of Chipene, Mozambique, on 6<sup>th</sup> of September last. The attack took place during the night and lasted five hours. The terrorist ransacked and burned the Mission church, the school, the health centre, the convent, the priests' house and other buildings, the library as well as vehicles. Two other sisters and two priests managed to escape the attack. In a telephone call to her niece a few hours earlier, Sr. Maria said: 'The situation here is agonising; it is not good. It is very tense. Please pray for us and for the people.' Let us in St. John's parish remember our missionaries in prayer.

#### First Friday

Next Friday is the First Friday of October. The sick and housebound who have invited us 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.

#### Caretaker Required at Johnswell

Community Employment Scheme vacancy as groundsman/caretaker in Johnswell. 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.

#### St Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund - September 2023 Draw Winners

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize:	Maureen & Eilis	Lisdowney
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize:	Seamus Grogan	Ballycallan
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize:	Mary Murphy	Muckalee
4 <sup>th</sup> Prize:	Kathleen McCoy	Windgap
5 <sup>th</sup> Prize:	Fr Jackie Robinson	Borris-in-Ossory
6 <sup>th</sup> Prize:	Joe & Marie Tierney	St Patrick's
7 <sup>th</sup> Prize:	Thomas & Helen Teehan	Castlecomer
8 <sup>th</sup> Prize:	Paddy Holohan	Callan
9 <sup>th</sup> Prize:	Redmond Haughey	Borris-in-Ossory
10 <sup>th</sup> Prize:	Eugene Dillon	Castlecomer



### Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 3rd October

Tuesday: (10.30am) Philip Walsh & Margaret Dowling  
Saturday: (10.30am) Seán O'Brien  
(6.00pm) Joe Cleere  
Sunday: (11.00am) Lena Cantwell  
(11.30am) O.N.E. Mass  
(7.00pm) Tom & Carmel Ryan

*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 Confirmation Date 2023

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated with candidates from our parish schools on Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> March 2023. It is expected the ceremony will take place at St. John's Church at 11.00am. Enrolment will take place very shortly.

### First Eucharist Dates 2023

The young people from St. John's Junior School will make their First Holy Communion on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2023 while those attending Johnswell National School will receive First Eucharist on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2023. Pupils will be invited to enrol shortly.

### Readers at Early Morning Mass

We are appealing to members of the congregation at early morning Mass (8.00am each week-day) 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.

### Kilkenny Pilgrimage to Fatima

There has been a last minute cancellation. Pilgrimage travels on 8<sup>th</sup> October - 7 nights €895, includes flights to Lisbon, airport transfers, 20kg bag, 7 nights Full Board, Full Religious Program, Services of local guide. Spiritual Director Fr. Willie Purcell. Please contact Manning Travel on 056 772 2950 for more information.

### Points to Ponder

Among the ritual acts that belong to the whole assembly, silence occupies a place of absolute importance. Many times it is expressly prescribed in the rubrics. The entire Eucharistic celebration is immersed in the silence which precedes its beginning, and which marks every moment of its ritual unfolding. In fact, it is present in the penitential act, after the invitation 'Let us pray,' in the Liturgy of the Word (before the readings, between the readings and after the homily), in the eucharistic prayer, after communion. Such silence is not an inner haven in which to hide oneself in some sort of intimate isolation, as if leaving the ritual form behind as a distraction. That kind of silence would contradict the essence itself of the celebration. Liturgical silence is something much grander; it is the symbol of the presence and action of the Holy Spirit who animates the entire action of the celebration. Silence moves to sorrow for sin and the desire for conversion. It awakens a readiness to hear the Word and awakens prayer. It disposes us to adore the Body and Blood of Christ. It suggests to each one, in the intimacy of communion, what the Spirit would effect in our lives to conform us to the Bread broken. For all these reasons we are called to enact with extreme care the symbolic gesture of silence. Through it the Spirit gives us form.

### St Francis of Assisi

Feast Day 4<sup>th</sup> October. We wish our Capuchin Brothers in Friary Street all the best on the feast of their beloved founder. May the Lord continue to bless their work.