

### Hoax Text Messages

An Garda Siochana have alerted us to a series of hoax text messages purporting to be from the HSE, currently in circulation among the public and similar to the following: You have been in contact with someone who has the COV-19 Variant. Please follow instructions here (link included) to order a testing kit.

These are scam messages. Should you receive such a message please delete it immediately from your phone.

### Pope's Intention for October A Church open to everyone

We pray for the Church; ever faithful to, and courageous in preaching the Gospel. May the Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of synodality.

### National Synthesis of the Synod

The official National Synthesis of the recent Synod is now available in hard copy. It is free and available at the door of the churches. Digital copies are also available on [www.ossory.ie](http://www.ossory.ie) The Synod working group is very conscious of the many people who gave of their time to be part of this process here in Ossory and felt by distributing this they would see their contributions reflected.

### Visitation of the Sick and Housebound

Frs. Dan and Raymond are happy to visit the homes of those who are sick and unable to come out to Mass. Please contact the Parish Office if you or a family member would like to be placed on the First Friday list and receive Holy Communion at home. With agreement from the housebound person we may be able to arrange a Minister of the Eucharist to visit with Holy Communion on a more frequent schedule. Please remember visitation can only take place following a request from the person themselves or a family member.

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is administered during periods of illness - often near the time of death - in order to bring the person receiving it spiritual and physical strength. As a sacrament (an outward sign of something internal), it is performed to give God's grace through the Holy Spirit.



Never leave it too late to call the priest if someone is seriously ill and would like to celebrate the Sacrament of the Sick.

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**Newsletter Deadline:** Thursdays 12.00 noon **SVP Help Line:** 086 895 1239

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### 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](mailto: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](http://www.towardshealing.ie)

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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-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 16<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

### First Holy Communion Preparation

We look forward next weekend to welcoming at the 6.00pm Vigil Mass at St. John's Church and 10.00am Mass in Johnswell Church the boys and girls who are preparing for the Sacraments of First Confession and First Holy Communion. They will be formally enrolled at these Masses. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare for these important Sacraments on their faith Journey. Keep the following dates in mind: -

St. John's First Holy Communion: Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

Johnswell First Holy Communion: Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

### October Stations

It's that time of the year again! The October Station and November Offering envelopes are now ready to be distributed. We would ask all our envelope distributors to drop into the Presbytery and pick up their allotment for their specific areas. These collections go towards the salaries of the priests of the parish. We do appreciate your help and cooperation very much.

### 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 this Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> October 2022. All are welcome to join in prayer for our late bishop.

### Mission Sunday Collection

Please support the Holy Father's annual appeal on World Mission Sunday (next Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October) for spiritual and financial support so that the life-giving work of overseas mission and missionaries can continue. All offerings made on World Mission Sunday become part of the Holy Father's Universal Solidarity Fund which supports missionary activities in over 1,100 young dioceses, mostly in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. The second collection at all Masses next weekend will express our support for the missions. For more information visit [missio.ie/what-is-worldmission-sunday/](http://missio.ie/what-is-worldmission-sunday/) To donate to Missio Ireland visit [missio.ie/donate/](http://missio.ie/donate/)

### St. Luke's Annual Remembrance Mass

The Annual Remembrance Mass for those who died during the last year in St. Luke's Hospital will be held in St. Canice's Church next Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October. For those who are unable to attend, the Mass will be livestreamed on the Parish Webcam [www.stcanicesparish.ie/webcam](http://www.stcanicesparish.ie/webcam)

### Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will make a much welcome return having been suspended during the pandemic. The dates for this year's pilgrimage are Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May until Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> May 2023. We would encourage our parishioners to consider making the pilgrimage. Further details will be announced when they come to hand.

**Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died**

**Recently Deceased:** Ray Lennon, Maudlin Street. Vigil prayers at Johnston’s Funeral Home at 6.00pm on Sunday. Requiem Mass at St. John’s Church at 10.30am on Monday followed by interment at St. Kieran’s Cemetery.

Louise Farrell, Lintown Grove, Johnswell Road. Funeral arrangements later..  
 June Tobin, Michael Street. Maria Carroll, Lintown Crescent.  
 Kathleen Hogan, The Sycamores. Margaret Carroll, Cedarwood Avenue.

**Months Mind:** Liam Walsh (6.00pm). William Lynch (7.00pm);

**Anniversaries:** Frank and Colette Dalton (11.00am); Molly Bergin (11.30am); Nora Lanigan; Willie Drennan; Declan Ahearn; Mary Cassin; Angela Clutterbuck; John Cassin; Bill Hanlon; Kathleen Murphy; Julie Burke.

*Lord, bring all who have died  
 into Everlasting Life with you. Amen.*

Readers for Next Weekend		Weekly Collections	
6.00pm	Bridget Ahearn	Envelope Collection:	€1,247.00
8.00am	Padraig O’Neill	Dunmore Baskets:	€129.00
10.00am	Teresa Dowling	Johnswell Baskets:	€135.00
11.00am	Jim Kavanagh & Claire Hanrick	St. John’s Baskets:	€1,122.00
11.30am	Bobbie Lahart	Thanks to all who contribute. Your support is greatly appreciated.	
7.00pm	Joan Galwey		

**Irish Blood Transfusion Service**

Blood donation clinic will be held in O’Loughlin Gaels GAA Club on Monday and Tuesday the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> October from 3.45pm to 8.00pm.

**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.

**St Luke, the Evangelist: Feast Day – 18<sup>th</sup> October**

Saint Luke was a physician from a Gentile Christian milieu. He was with St. Paul on his second missionary journey and during his imprisonment in Rome. After Paul’s death he is reputed to have worked in Greece. In art, he is represented by an ox. Patron of butchers, bookbinders, doctors, surgeons, artists, and glassworkers.

**Prayer to St Luke**

Most wonderful St. Luke  
 you were animated by  
 the Heavenly Spirit of Love.  
 In faithfully detailing the humanity of Jesus,  
 you also showed his Divinity  
 and His genuine compassion  
 for all human beings.

May the Holy Spirit,  
 instructor of the faithful,  
 help me to understand Christ’s words  
 and faithfully apply them in my life. Amen.



**Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 17th October**

Wednesday: (10.30am) Willie Drennan & Declan Ahearn  
 Thursday: (10.30am) Mary & John Cassin & Angela Clutterbuck  
 Saturday: (10.30am) Bill Hanlon  
 (6.00pm) Michael Heffernan  
 Sunday: (11.00am) Martin Ryan  
 (11.30am) Mary & Dan O’Hanlon  
 (7.00pm) Ann Lacey

*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.

**Inspiration for the Week**

Does God finally answer our persistent prayers to stop us from bothering Him? The thought that persistent prayer can be disturbing or upsetting to God does not ring true with the images of God as compassionate, understanding, merciful, and loving that our tradition conveys. Yet, Jesus tells his disciples to “pray always without becoming weary.” Maybe the type of prayer necessary to endure the trials of discipleship and the challenges and criticisms of Christian teaching goes beyond words. We need to tend to the realities of human life. The persistent prayer of which Jesus speaks is the prayer of the heart. This contemplative, silent, loving prayer gives us the vision to see God in all things, especially in each human soul. Desiring God alone and not only what we want God to do for us places this love relationship foremost in our minds, hearts, and souls. As we breathe in and exhale out, the Divine Life flows. This alone can provide the strength of endurance to confront anything contrary to the truth of faith.

**Taizé Youth Programme 2023**

A youth trip to Taizé in France organised by Ossory Youth will take place from Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June to Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2023. A week in the Taizé Community is an opportunity for reflection and contemplation and a little step back from daily life. But bringing people together is also the essence of Taizé and it is a week of meeting young people from different countries and cultures where new friendships are made. Tens of thousands of young people from around the world, including 25 from Kilkenny, will made the trip to Taizé next year. The programme, which runs from November 2022 to July 2023 is open to Transition Year, 5<sup>th</sup> Year and Leaving Cert students. Closing date is Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> November. For additional information, including cost and application forms, contact Patrick Bookle, Ossory Youth at 056 776 1200, 087 212 9006 or pbookle@ossoryyouth.com

**Some Sunday Newsletter Bloopers!**

Sometimes Parish Newsletter editors get it wrong: -

Ladies don’t forget the rummage sale next weekend. It is a great chance to get rid of things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Eight new choir robes are currently needed, due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

The Parish Priest spoke briefly, much to the delight of the congregation.

The pastor will preach his farewell message, after which the choir will sing, “Break Forth Into Joy.”

The sermon this morning: “Jesus Walks on the Water”. The sermon tonight: “Searching for Jesus”.