

October Stations

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

St Joseph's Young Priests Society

The St John's branch of the St Joseph's Young Priests Society will hold a meeting in the Presbytery on this Tuesday at 11.00am. The Society promotes and supports vocations to the priesthood and religious life. We encourage more parishioners to join in this worthy activity. All are welcome.

Ossory Times

Copies of *Ossory Times* - our diocesan magazine - are available at the back of the churches. This edition is packed full of interesting stories of Church activities from around the Diocese of Ossory. Cost: €2.

South Kilkenny Historical Society lecture

A lecture entitled 'A History of the National School System in Ireland' will take place next Thursday 27th October at 8.00pm in Mullinavat Parish Hall (opposite church). The Speaker is Mr. Joe Doyle. All welcome.

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Holy Day Mass Times

From 1st November Holy Day Mass Times in St. John's Church will be as follows:
Vigil Mass: 6.00pm; Holy Day Mass: 8.00am, 10.30am and 7.00pm. There will be no 11.30am Mass.

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 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.

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.

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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

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time - 23rd October 2022

'You shall be my witnesses' - Acts 1:8

World Mission Sunday is celebrated in every Catholic community in the world. It's a moment of grace to express solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Christ who are living in situations of poverty, violence and oppression. The kindness shown will help overseas missionaries to continue to share the love of God with some of the world's most marginalised and vulnerable people.

Thank you for supporting in whatever way you can, and please remember it is more than an appeal for financial help. Missionaries also need spiritual support.

On World Mission Sunday missionaries take great strength in knowing that the faithful of the world are keeping them in their thoughts and prayers. Help right now.

Contribute to the second collection today, use the special envelope available in churches, donate €4.00 by texting the word 'Mission' to 50300. Alternatively donate at www.missio.ie or call Missio Ireland on 01 497 2035. To learn more, go to www.missio.ie



Fr. Pat O'Farrell



Great shock and sadness filled many hearts in our parish on last Tuesday morning as we learned of the sudden death of Fr. Pat O'Farrell, retired parish priest of Lisdowney. Fr. Pat, a native of Ballyhale Parish, served in St. John's from 1976 until 1982 and is well remembered by many of our parishioners. He made some very good friends in the area and kept in touch with them regularly. All who knew him will miss him greatly.

We offer our prayerful sympathy to his family and all his friends who will miss him dearly.

Fr. Pat's Requiem Mass was celebrated in St. Brigid's Church, Lisdowney on Friday and he was laid to rest in the local cemetery. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis.

Annual Remembrance Mass

We are currently planning our Remembrance Mass for those of our parishioners who died during the past year. We will be inviting relatives and friends to join us in St. John's Church at 7.30pm on Thursday, 17th November when we will call to mind in prayer those who have died during the past twelve months. Please keep the date free. More details later.

Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

Recently Deceased:

Sr. Regina Byrne, Presentation Convent, Parnell Street. Requiem Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral at 12.30pm on Sunday. Burial in afterwards in Ballykeeffe Cemetery.

Bridget (Breda) Moylan, Callan, Co. Kilkenny

Fr. Pat O'Farrell, Lisdowney, Co. Kilkenny

Tim O'Brien, Cedarwood Avenue, Loughboy.

Eddie Kelly, Bohernatounish Road, Loughboy.

Anniversaries: Michael Heffernan (6.00pm); Martin Ryan (11.00am); Mary and Dan O'Hanlon (11.30am); Ann Lacey (7.00pm); John Cunningham; John & Ann Breen; Albert Bolger; John Jack Carroll; Bernadette Dermody; Theresa Parkinson and Family; Billy Maher; Betty Brennan; Joanna Hickey; Frank Murphy; Mary Moynihan; Michael Brophy;

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 and 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	

Be Grateful

The following words were spoken by 12 year old Hamish O'Flaherty at the funeral of his father who was killed in the recent explosion in Creeslough, Co. Donegal. They are words worthy of reflection spoken by a young man on a very sad occasion.

I would also like to say something which I have learned in the past week or so.

I would like to say you should be grateful for your families.

Cherish them. Be grateful because they won't be there forever, so use up the time you have wisely.

Also be grateful for your life because that too will not last forever, but be grateful for you'll be able to rest after your hard work.

Be grateful that God has given us this life and all the things in it, our families, our friends, our home and this world that is awash with hope and love that God has given us.

Taizé Youth Programme 2023

A youth trip to Taizé in France organised by Ossory Youth will take place from Sunday 25th June to Sunday 2nd 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 make the trip to Taizé next year.

The programme, which runs from November 2022 to July 2023 is open to Transition Year, 5th Year and Leaving Cert students. Closing date is Friday, 11th 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.

Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 24th October

Wednesday: (10.30am) John Cunningham
 Saturday: (10.30am) John & Ann Breen
 (6.00pm) Philip & Mary O'Keeffe
 Sunday: (11.00am) Mick Loftus
 (11.30am) Albert Bolger
 (7.00pm) MM Anthony Mahony

*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.

First Holy Communion Enrolment

This weekend we welcome to our churches the young people from our parish schools as they enrol on their First Holy Communion Programme. We wish parents, families and teachers every blessing as the young people continue the journey to full membership of our Church. It is important that all members of our parish community pray for these families during these special few months of preparation.

Golden Wedding Anniversary

We welcome to our 6pm Vigil Mass this Saturday evening Billy and Anne Grant (nee Keenan and a Kilkenny native) who were married in Walkinstown Church of the Assumption in Dublin on 21st October 1972. They have spent their married life in Dublin rearing their two daughters Julie and Debbie and are in Kilkenny with their family for the weekend celebrating. We wish them every joy and God's Blessing on this wonderful occasion and many more years of health and happiness in their married life.

St. Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund

The draw will take place on next Wednesday 26th October. Draw Tickets are available from the Parish Office, or any of the Priests. We encourage your support for St. Mary's, our Diocesan Cathedral. The annual prize fund is €60,000 and the subscription is €120 per annum or €10 per month. Be in to win!

Thanksgiving by Candlelight Tour

Thanksgiving by Candlelight Nationwide tour is coming to St. John's Church on Thursday, 24th November. Artists featured on the night are Dana, Chloe Agnew and Brian McGrane, John Mc Nicholl, Philomena Begley, and Simon Casey. Tickets are €30 and will be available from the Parish Office. Doors open 7.30pm and Show starts at 8.00pm Sharp. For further information please contact Brian Cunningham management on www.bcunningham.ie or Tel: 053 912 7758 / 074 973 9727.

Mass for Retired and Deceased Nurses

A Mass for Retired and Deceased Nurses will take place on Thursday, 17th November at 10.30am in St. Fiacre's Church, Loughboy. A collection for Carlow/Kilkenny Home Care Team will be taken up after Mass. Tea/Coffee Morning afterwards in the Parish Centre.

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