

Sunday Serendipity Wins Gold

The very popular programme presented by Cellarstown man Pat Shortall, was given the highest honour at a banquet in Galway last week. *Sunday Serendipity* is broadcast on Community Radio Kilkenny City on Sunday mornings from 9.00am till 12 noon.

November Offerings

It's that time of the year again! The November Offering envelopes are being distributed at the moment. We invite those envelope distributors who have not done so already to drop into the Presbytery and pick up their allotment for their specific areas. We do appreciate your help as the envelope returns go to making up the clergy income in the parish. Thank you.

Pilgrimage to Rome

The Adult Faith Development Group is holding a pilgrimage to Rome this coming March (9th - 14th) 2023. The all-inclusive cost for this pilgrimage is €710 p.p. sharing and places can be booked by contacting Kieran and Laura Troy at info@myriam.ie or by calling 057 935 5050.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

The annual pilgrimage will travel again next May. Further details later. Keep the date.

Ordination of New Bishop

It was announced during the week that our Bishop-elect Fr. Niall Coll will be ordained Bishop of Ossory at a ceremony in St. Mary's Cathedral at 3.00pm on Sunday, 22nd January 2023. Continue your prayers for our Bishop-elect and our diocese during this time. We also take this opportunity to welcome Rt. Rev. Adrian Wilkinson to Kilkenny. Bishop Wilkinson was consecrated Church of Ireland Bishop of Cashel, Ferns and Ossory at a ceremony in Dublin last weekend.

Afternoon Delight Concert

A special concert will be presented at St. John's Church on Sunday, 11th December at 2.30pm. Acts include: High Hopes Choir, John Travers, Alison Kealy Hays, Treacy Millea, Eugene Dewberry, Cois Nore Choir, St. John's School Senior Choir, Loreto Girls Choir, CBS Boys' Choir, St. Kieran's College Choir. Proceeds in aid of Irish Pilgrimage Trust, a group led by Fr. Dan, which takes young people with special needs to Lourdes at Easter. Tickets available at €5 from the Parish Office and from Fr. Dan.

St. Mary's Cathedral Gift and Bookshop

The Cathedral Bookshop is open on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 9.30am - 5.00pm.

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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

OUR PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES ARE:

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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-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - 6th November 2022

November - A Time of Prayer for the Dead

Church Tradition has always urged prayer for the deceased, in particular by offering the Eucharistic Celebration for them: it is the best spiritual help that we can give to their souls, particularly to those who are the most forsaken. Let us raise this prayer to God:

God of infinite mercy,

we entrust to your immense goodness

all those who have left this world for eternity,

where you wait for all humanity,

redeemed by the precious blood of Christ your Son,

who died as a ransom for our sins.

Look not, O Lord,

on our poverty, our suffering, our human weakness,

when we appear before you to be judged for joy or for condemnation.

Look upon us with mercy,

born of the tenderness of your heart,

and help us to walk in the ways of complete purification.

Let none of your children be lost in the eternal fire,

where there can be no repentance.

We entrust to you, O Lord,

the souls of our beloved dead,

of those who have died without the comfort of the sacraments,

or who have not had an opportunity to repent,

even at the end of their lives.

May none of them be afraid to meet You,

after their earthly pilgrimage,

but may they always hope to be welcomed

in the embrace of your infinite mercy.

May our Sister,

corporal death find us always vigilant in prayer

and filled with the goodness done in the course of our short or long lives.

Lord, may no earthly thing ever separate us from You,

but may everyone and everything support us

with a burning desire to rest peacefully and eternally in You. Amen.

(Fr Antonio Rungi, Passionist, Prayer for the Dead).

Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

Recently Deceased: Ray Knowles, Pocke Lower, Johnswell Road. Rosary and Vigil Prayers at Johnston's Funeral Home at 6.30pm on Tuesday. Requiem Mass at St. John's Church at 10.30am on Wednesday followed by cremation.

Imelda Healy, Beechlawns, Johnswell Road. Requiem Mass in Clontubrid Church at 2.30pm on this Sunday followed by burial in adjoining cemetery.

Bernie Little, Shandon Park.

Nancy Goode, Athlone

Months Mind:

Maria Carroll (10.30am Friday)

Anniversaries:

John Butler (6.00pm); Michael and Kathleen McGarry (8.00am); Tom and Kathleen Cody (11.30am); Mary Fitzgerald (7.00pm); Michael and Ellen O'Gorman; Eva Morova (*Birthday Remembrance*); Senan Brennan; Julia and Mick Roche; Stephen and Josephine Deegan; Tom Murphy; Walter Tallis; Rita Little; Terence Doherty; Daniel Rowe; John Geoghegan; Edward and Winifred O'Dwyer; Joe Phelan; Greg Moynihan.

Readers for Next Weekend		Weekly Collections	
6.00pm	Claire Coogan	Envelope Collection:	€1,200.00
8.00am	Jo Browne	Dunmore Baskets:	€140.00
10.00am	Betsy Rice	Johnswell Baskets:	€102.00
11.00am	Martina Brennan & Tom Keating	St. John's Baskets:	€1,242.00
11.30am	Deirdre Dowling	Holy Day Total:	€520.00
7.00pm	Anne Marie Grace	Thanks to all who contribute.	

Remembrance Gathering for Jo Jo Dullard

Twenty-seven years ago, this week Jo Jo Dullard disappeared. She was 21 years old. The annual remembrance gathering walk for Jo Jo will take place on Sunday, 13th November at 12.15. The walk will begin at the courtyard of Kilkenny Castle and move to the Missing Persons Monument in the Castle Park for a prayer service for Jo Jo. All are welcome to come along.

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. Fiace'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.

Winter Burglary Prevention

At time of year when the clocks have gone back and darkness falls in earlier, the Gardai are once again appealing to people to secure their homes and premises and to lock up and light up during the winter months.

Traditionally burglaries increase by 20% over the winter months of October to March. Some simple methods can make your home and premises less vulnerable to criminal attack.

- Lighting around the house on a sensor or photocell.
- Lighting inside on timers
- Natural surveillance - trim shrubs down to 1 metre and trees up to 2 metres.
- Use Bogus Caller Cards
- Close curtains during hours of darkness.

What Attracts the Burglar:

Signs of being unoccupied

Hidden keys

No alarms

Ladders or tools in easy reach

Poor lighting or house lights on at the wrong time.

See www.garda.ie for Home Security Tips and Advice.

Open Windows

A build up of post/milk, etc.

High vegetation

Easy access to the rear of your house

Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 7th November

Monday:	(10.30am)	Eva Morova (Birthday Rem.)
Tuesday:	(10.30am)	Senan Brennan
Wednesday:	(10.30am)	Julia Roche
Thursday:	(8.00am)	Stephen & Josephine Deegan
	(10.30am)	Tom Murphy
Friday	(10.30am)	MM Maria Carroll
Saturday:	(10.30am)	Walter Tallis
	(6.00pm)	Tom Brennan, Peggy Hoyne & Brennan, Dullard & Forristal Families
Sunday:	(10.00am)	MM Danny Butler
	(11.00am)	Bill, Tim, Kate & Tom Sullivan
	(11.30am)	Larry O'Shea
	(7.00pm)	Dermot Butler

*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 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.

Holy Days

6.00pm (Eve)
8.00am, 10.30am 7.00pm

Annual Parish 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. The relatives of those whose funerals took place in our parish during the past twelve months should receive an invitation from the Parish Office during the coming days. Please contact us if you don't receive an invitation before Thursday.

The service is open to all and we will remember in prayer all our relatives and friends who have died. Please keep the date free. More details later.

November - Month of the Holy Souls

As mentioned elsewhere on this newsletter, from the beginning the Church has devoted the month of November to praying for the dead. "It is a holy and a wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they may be released from their sins" (2 Mac 12: 46).

Let us continue to pray for the faithful departed, those who have gone before us, our relatives, neighbours and friends. Our ancestors were faithful to the custom of attending Mass and visiting a church or graveyard to pray for the dead during the month of November - let us do the same. We also invite you to inscribe the names of departed loved ones in the sacred spaces before the altars in our churches. Simply write their names on a slip of paper and place it in the baskets provided. Their intentions will be remembered at all Masses during the month.

Thanksgiving by Candlelight Tour Cancelled

Unfortunately we got word this week that the Thanksgiving by Candlelight Concert planned for St. John's Church has been cancelled. This concert was being organised by a group outside the parish. Sorry for any disappointment.

Coffee Morning and Cake Sale

A Coffee Morning and Cake Sale will take place on next Thursday, 10th November in St. John's Day Centre from 11.00am. Come along, have a cuppa and a bun and help Cois Nore and Carlow Kilkenny Homecare Team.

This morning is organised in memory of our late friend and colleague Fr. Lorcan Moran who died in August.

All are welcome!

