

Pilgrimage to Rome

The Ossory 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.

St. Mary's Cathedral Gift and Bookshop

The Cathedral Bookshop is open on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 9.30am - 5.00pm. Quality bibles, religious books, rosary beads, cards and gifts available.

Online Advent Retreat

The Priory Institute is delighted to offer an online retreat "The Word was Made Flesh: An Advent Retreat. "Oh that you would tear apart the heavens and come down!" (Isaiah 64:1) Visit our website prioryinstitute.com to /find out more.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for November

We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection. Let us join the Pope in prayer for these intentions.

South Kilkenny Historical Society Lecture

On Thursday, 24th November Mr Patrick Mannix will deliver a lecture on sport healing Civil War wounds - 'Blood, Sweat and Tears - Sport and the Irish Civil War'.
Time: 8.00pm at Mullinavat Parish Hall.

Kilkenny Toastmasters Club

Do butterflies attack your stomach whenever you're asked to speak before a group? Learn to think quickly and clearly on your feet. Have you a wedding coming up? Are you the father/mother of the bride, the best man/bridesmaid or the groom/bride?

If so, Toastmasters can help. Visit your local Kilkenny Toastmasters Club and begin improving your communication skills today. Meetings every 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month in St John's Community Hall, Dublin Road, Kilkenny R95 P448 or contact: kilken-nytoastmasters@gmail.com for information.

First Sunday of Advent

Next Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent. The readings at our Masses for the next year will be taken from the Lectionary Cycle A. We introduce our Advent Wreath on next weekend and the first of the purple candles will be lit. We begin our journey of hope towards Christmas.

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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

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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

Feast of Christ The King - 20th November 2022

Diocesan Safeguarding Sunday

This weekend we celebrate Safeguarding Sunday where we remind our communities and parish personnel that inclusion and protection of children and vulnerable people is at the heart of the Christian message. Safeguarding in our parish could not happen without the commitment and work of those who take on responsibilities for children's activities and create opportunities for children to minister in our parishes and we take this opportunity to thank them.

We also remember those who have experienced abuse in our Diocese and remind people of the *Towards Healing* free and confidential counselling service who provide a range of counselling services. And *Towards Peace* who provide spiritual support, where people who have been affected by abuse in a Church context can be accompanied as they seek their own experience of spiritual peace, one step at a time.

The Ossory Diocesan Safeguarding Committee has produced a Newsletter available at the back of the church or on our diocesan website www.ossory.ie.

Feast of Christ the King

Today is the Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. It is the final Sunday of the Church's liturgical year. To mark the end of the year we will hold a traditional Holy Hour in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament at St. John's Church from 3.00pm to 4.00pm on Sunday. Jesus said to St. Peter: "Couldn't you watch with me even one hour? Keep watch and pray, so that you will not give in to temptation. For the spirit is willing, but the body is weak!" (Mt. 26:40-41). We are invited to spend an hour with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

First Holy Communion Programme

The programme for this year's First Holy Communion Classes continues in St. John's and Johnswell Churches this weekend. We look forward to welcoming the children and their parents to 6.00pm Mass at St. John's and 10.00am Mass in Johnswell. Let us continue to support them on their faith journey by our prayers and example.

November - Month of the Holy Souls

We had a very well attended Remembrance Mass at St. John's Church on last Thursday evening. Thanks to all who attended and to those who worked behind the scenes to provide a most fruitful evening. People in church and on webcam were very satisfied with our celebration.

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 November - let us do the same.

St. Vincent DePaul Society

We are living in challenging times: if you or your family or friends are struggling financially the parish Saint Vincent DePaul Society is here to help. Call our Helpline 086 895 1239.

Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

Recently Deceased: Noel (Dolly) Malone, Maudlin Street. Requiem Mass at St. John's Church at 11.30am on Sunday followed by interment in St. Kieran's Cemetery.

John Dowling Snr., Haughney Green and late of Ballybough Street. Requiem Mass at St. John's Church at 10.30am on Monday followed by private cremation.

Tony Melia, Ossory Park. Rosary and Vigil Prayers at Johnston's Funeral Home at 6.15pm on Monday followed by removal to St. John's Church. Requiem Mass at St. John's Church at 10.30am on Tuesday followed by interment in St. Kieran's Cemetery.

Fr Tom Murphy, The Rower/Ballyragget. **Fr Pat Comerford**, Mooncoin/Freshford.

Mary Kelly, Newpark. **Anne Rice**, Dublin & late of Conahy.

Tom Looby, Cuffesgrange and formerly St. Kieran's College.

Months Mind: June Tobin (10.30am Saturday 26th).

Anniversaries: Joseph and Alice Bambrick (6.00pm); Patrick Kavanagh (8.00am); Patrick & Ann Nolan (11.00am); Maura Leahy (11.30am); Stephen, Statia & Bosco Buckley (7.00pm); Dan McEvoy; Ned Lawless; Ned & Bridie Langton; Hannah Byrne; Jerry Tobin; Patrick J. Crotty; John Madigan. *"It is a holy and a wholesome thought to pray for the dead."* (2 Mac 12: 46).

Readers for Next Weekend

6.00pm	Bridget Ahearn
8.00am	Paula Rogers
10.00am	Teresa Dowling
11.00am	Nora Guilfoyle & Fiona McGeary
11.30am	Mary Hanafin
7.00pm	Josh McHugh



Weekly Attendance and Collections

Envelope Collection:		€1,580.00
<u>Mass</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Baskets</u>
6.00pm Vigil	129	228.00
8.00am	86	270.00
Johnswell	33	119.00
Dunmore	56	99.00
11.30am	183	341.00
7.00pm	114	167.00

Thanks to all who contribute.
Your support is greatly appreciated.

Walk and Talk

Next Wednesday 23rd November local historian Paddy Neary will lead a group to the World War I memorial and give an insight into the Kilkenny soldiers who lost their lives during the conflict. The walk will begin at 2.00pm from St John's Parish Centre and all are welcome. This community activity is free. Light refreshments will be served in the Parish Centre after the walk.

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. Tickets at €5 from the Parish Office.

Dunmore Cake Sale

Join us for our Christmas Bake Sale in Dunmore Hall on Sunday 4th December after the 11.00am Mass. Please drop baked goods and raffle prizes before Mass or to Catherine Peters beforehand. Everyone is most welcome to come along for a chat and refreshments.

Movement and Voice Workshops with Migrants

Kilkenny Arts Festival and acclaimed choreographer John Scott are hosting movement and voice workshops with migrants based in Kilkenny. Kilkenny Arts Festival is looking for participants for the first of these workshops on Tuesday, 22nd November. This workshop (2 hours max) will involve singing and movement, but absolutely no experience is necessary and participants of the workshops do not have to be involved in the final performance. Come along on Tuesday at 7.00pm to the John of God Primary School, Upper New Street and have a cup of tea with us.

Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 21st November

Monday:	(10.30am)	Funeral John Dowling Snr
Tuesday:	(10.30am)	Funeral Tony Milea
Wednesday:	(10.30am)	Ned Lawless
Thursday:	(10.30am)	Ned & Bridie Langton
Friday:	(10.30am)	Hannah Byrne
Saturday:	(10.30am)	Jerry Tobin, MM June Tobin
	(6.00pm)	Ann Stapleton & Family
Sunday:	(8:00am)	Helen Purcell
	(10.00am)	Jim Brophy
	(11.00am)	Kitty & Jack Hennessy & Family
	(11.30am)	John Holmes
	(7.00pm)	William Cooke

Please note we may transfer an anniversary Mass on the occasion of a funeral.

*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

Scripture Reflection Group

St John's Parish is commencing a new programme of reflections on the scriptural readings for each Sunday of the coming year. We will commence with the Readings and Gospel for the First Sunday of Advent. We will meet in St. John's Presbytery at 7.30pm each Wednesday, starting on this Wednesday, 23rd November, and duration will be about one hour each week. While desirable it is not required to sign up for every Wednesday. This programme is suitable for all interested in deepening their knowledge of the Bible and should prove very interesting for those who proclaim the Word of God in our churches.

If you are interested in joining with us, please contact Fr Dan, Fr Raymond or Paul McKiernan (paul.mckiernan@live.ie or 089 46 29 238) or turn up on this Wednesday evening.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Pre-covid there was a very strong programme of Exposition and Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament in our parish. Sadly this fell into unavoidable decline during the pandemic. In an effort to revive this very important ministry we are reintroducing Exposition in St. John's Church between 11.00am and 1.00pm on Wednesdays. In recent weeks some people have volunteered to attend and we hope to expand the number of adorers and the hours and days of adoration as we go forward. We invite those who are free to join us in church on Wednesday for some quiet time before the Blessed Sacrament.

Johnswell Choir

Johnswell Choir is planning to sing at the 10.00am Mass on each Sunday during Advent as well as for Christmas. Rehearsals are in Johnswell Church on Thursdays at 7.30pm. We would be delighted to welcome former and new members – contact Paul at 089 46 29 238 or Betsy at 087 202 7833.

Requiescant in Pace

We give thanks for the life and ministry of Fr. Tom Murphy and Fr. Pat Comerford who died during the past week. Fr. Tom, a native of The Rower, served in our parish from September 1967 until September 1985. He won a number of All Ireland Hurling medals with Kilkenny and was involved in the setting up of O'Loughlin Gaels GAA Club and the No Name Club. Among other places Fr. Pat served for many years in St. Canice's Parish. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.