

### Our New Bishop

Born on 25<sup>th</sup> August 1963 in Letterkenny, Co Donegal, Bishop-elect Niall Coll was ordained a priest on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 1988 for the Diocese of Raphoe, which covers most of Donegal. Over this time, he has taught at second level in Donegal, has lectured in Saint Patrick's College, Carlow and has served as Professor of Religious Studies and Religious Education, Saint Mary's University College, Belfast. In 2019 he returned to the Diocese of Raphoe and his most recent appointment has been as parish priest of Donegal and Clar.

Bishop-elect Coll's ministry has also included conducting retreats for clergy, and he has contributed to various publications, including *Doctrine and Life*, *The Furrow*, *The Irish Theological Quarterly* and *The Tablet*. In addition, he was the Editorial Director of the Catholic School ethos journal *Le Chéile*.

At Sunday's Ordination Mass, the Chief Ordaining Prelate will be Archbishop Dermot Farrell, Archbishop of Dublin, who will be assisted by Co-Consecrators Bishop Denis Nulty, Bishop of Kildare & Leighlin and outgoing Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Ossory, and by Bishop Alan McGuckian SJ, Bishop of Raphoe.

The Ordination Ceremony of our new Bishop, Fr. Niall Coll will take place at 3.00pm on this Sunday. The ceremony can be viewed on webcam at [www.stmaryscathedral.ie](http://www.stmaryscathedral.ie).

### Prayer for our Bishop-Elect Fr. Niall Coll

Father, Eternal Shepherd,  
you tend your Church in many ways and lead us in love.  
Help your servant Niall as pastor for Christ  
to watch over the Church in Ossory.  
Help him to lead with hope and vision for our future,  
understanding for our present and compassion for our past.  
Help him to be a faithful teacher, a wise pastor and a prayerful servant of the Gospel.  
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

St Kieran, St Canice, St Fiacre, St Fergal and all the Saints of Ossory, protect him. Amen.

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# Parish Of Saint John The Evangelist

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### MASS TIMES

**St John's – Sundays:** 6.00pm (Vigil); Sun: 8.00am, 11.30am & 7.00pm.

**Holy Days:** 6.00pm (Vigil); 8.00am, 10.30am & 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**

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2023**

### Bishops of Ossory

From 1884 to 1981 we had only three Bishops of Ossory. Bishop Brownrigg, from Wexford, was Bishop from 1884 to 1928, 44 years. He even outlived his co-adjutor, Bishop Downey, who was to succeed him but died before him.

He was succeeded by Bishop Patrick Collier, a native of Camross in the Slieve Blooms. He was bishop from 1928 until 1962.

In turn, he was succeeded by Bishop Peter Birch, a native of Conahy. Bishop Birch attended the Second Vatican Council. He died suddenly on 7<sup>th</sup> March 1981.

Bishop Laurence Forristal, a native of Thomastown parish and an auxiliary Bishop in Dublin, became our bishop to succeed Bishop Birch. Bishop Forristal served as bishop until 2007.

Upon his retirement Bishop Seamus Freeman became our bishop. A native of Callan, he was a member of the Pallottines. Due to ill health, he retired in 2016.



Bishop Dermot Farrell, from Westmeath and a priest of Meath diocese, became bishop on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2018. He was appointed Archbishop of Dublin in December 2020.

Since then, Bishop Denis Nulty, bishop of the neighbouring Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin, has been the Apostolic Administrator, appointed by Pope Francis to 'keep an eye' on us until a new bishop is ordained.

On this Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> January Fr. Niall Coll, from the Diocese of Raphoe, a staunch Donegal man, will be ordained as our new bishop.

And it all started with Saint Kieran, from Oilean Cleire, off the Cork coast, who came to the Kingdom of Ossory and founded a Church at Seir Kieran. When you are in Kilkenny and have some time to spare, call to St. Mary's Cathedral and see the list of all the Catholic Bishops of Ossory. Bishop-elect Niall said, on the day of his appointment, 'I come to Ossory at a time of great challenge to faith, a time when Irish society is increasingly secular and individualistic. The four-century and more long dominance of the Tridentine pattern has left Catholics almost everywhere unfamiliar with and thus unskilled in discerning and negotiating possibilities for change in Church life. But trusting in the power of the Holy Spirit, discern and change we must, in line with Pope Francis' emphasis on the need for 'synodality'. I look forward to working with the priests, people and religious of the diocese of Ossory to enhance the work already underway here to develop a sustaining theological and pastoral vision, one able to invite, inform and enthuse a new generation of Christian witnesses.'

### Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

**Recently Deceased:** Sr. Regina Keyes, Presentation Sisters, Parnell Street. Requiem Mass in St. Mary's Cathedral at 12.30pm on Monday.  
 Evan O'Shaughnessy, Derdimus, Callan Road.  
 Stephen Slattery, Assumption Place. Statia Byrne, Dinan, Dunmore.  
 Billy Walsh, Castlecomer Road. Tess Woolgar, (nee Ward), Norfolk formerly Kilkenny.  
 Pakie Galvin, Clara. Paul Cantwell, Clongowen.

**Anniversaries:** Betty Burke (6.00pm); Billy Malone (8.00am); Gemma Clancy (11.00am); Kitty Guidera (11.30am); Patrick & Hugh Meany (7.00pm); Lil Redmond; Maureen Fitzgerald; Ann Hawe; Bridie Kinsella; Nelly Clarke; Johanna McEneaney; Jim Byrne; Dick Brennan; Jimmy & Chrissie Bergin; Paddy Nolan; Ann Moynihan; Helen Ryan; Morris O'Sullivan; Teresa Hillman; William Burke; Brendan O'Brien; Bernie Kelly; Michael Cody.

*It is a holy and a wholesome thought to pray for the dead." (2 Macc 12: 46).*

#### Readers for Next Weekend

6.00pm Claire Coogan  
 8.00am Martin Blake  
 10.00am Teresa Dowling  
 11.00am Liam Maddock  
 11.30am Paula Rogers  
 7.00pm Eileen Kinane



#### Weekly Attendance and Collections

Envelope Collection:	€4,485.00	
Mass	Attendance	Baskets
6.00pm Vigil	134	151.00
8.00am	93	219.00
Johnswell	40	59.00
Dunmore	110	118.00
11.30am	253	251.00
7.00pm	100	128.00

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

#### Sunday of the Word of God

In 2019 Pope Francis established that the Third Sunday in the Liturgical year is to be the Sunday of the Word of God. It is a day devoted to the celebration, study and spreading of the Word of God. This weekend we reflect on how we honour the Word of God.

#### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

The public adoration of the Blessed Sacrament continues in St. John's Church between 11.00am and 1.00pm on Wednesdays. Thanks to all who are so faithful to this prayer ministry.

#### Johnswell National School

Johnswell National School is currently accepting enrolments for Junior Infants for September 2023. Forms are available from the school by calling 056 775 9895 or emailing principal@johnswellns.ie. Forms are also available to download from the school website at johnswellns.net. Closing date for receipt of forms is 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023.

#### Social Dancing in Johnswell

Social Dance Classes with Yvonne will take place every Tuesday night in Johnswell Hall from 8.00pm to 9.30pm. Come and try out the waltz, quickstep, jive and many more. €10 per class, pay as you go. For more information contact Yvonne 087 244 8535. All are very welcome.

#### Kilkenny Medjugorje Pilgrimage

From Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> May to Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> May. Day Flights from Dublin. Accommodation near Church. Early booking €50 discount. Cost: €725 if deposit is paid before 1<sup>st</sup> February, €775 after 1<sup>st</sup> February. For further details: Ann Fitzpatrick 086 199 1620 or 086 882 5622.

#### South Kilkenny Historical Society Lecture

Family at War: The Hales Brothers and the Irish Revolution. Speaker: Liz Gillis, Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> January. Time: 8.00pm. Venue: Mullinavat Parish Hall (opposite church).

### Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 23<sup>rd</sup> January

Monday: (8.00am) Lil Redmond  
 (10.30am) Maureen Fitzgerald  
 Tuesday: (10.30am) Ann Hawe  
 Wednesday (8.00am) Bridie Kinsella & Nelly Clarke  
 (10.30am) Johanna McEneaney  
 Thursday: (10.30am) Jim Byrne  
 Friday: (8.00am) Special Intention  
 (10.30am) Dick Brennan  
 Saturday: (10.30am) Jimmy & Chrissie Bergin  
 (6.00pm) Richard Grace  
 Sunday: (8.00am) Frank Walsh  
 (10.00am) Nancy Comerford  
 (11.00am) Michél Downey  
 (11.30am) MM Nancy Murphy  
 (7.00pm) Ann, Michael, Bridget & Michael Jnr O'Connor

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. May they rest in peace!*

### 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

### Catholic Schools Week 2023 - 22<sup>nd</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Catholic Schools Week 2023 begins on Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> January, the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, and the theme is 'Catholic Schools: Walking Together in Faith and Love'. The theme of walking together is especially important this year as the Church engages in a process of synodality. This term, which goes back to the early Church, means 'journeying together'. It means a moment when all of the Catholic communities gather together to listen to what the Holy Spirit wants for the Church. In this context, we can consider how the parish can work with their Catholic schools in journeying together and celebrating Catholic Schools Week this year.



**Catholic Schools Week 2023**

Through engagement with Catholic Schools Week 2023, our parish and school communities have an opportunity to reflect upon and celebrate the wonderful contribution made by our Catholic Schools at primary and post primary levels. Our Catholic schools support and give living witness to the Person of Christ in their ethos, values and characteristic spirit.

Over this special week, students will reflect on their own relationship with God, with their school community, and with their families. Our schools are encouraged to help bring joyful hope to our collective future through a relationship with Jesus.

#### Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

We celebrate this week annually from the 18<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> January. We join with Christians from all around the world praying that our hearts will be open to see and hear the many ways we as Christians can unite together in prayer and witness. During this Week of Prayer for Christian unity, it is appropriate that we make an effort to pray for unity not only among Christians but amongst all people and that we ask Christ to gather us together into the kingdom of heaven.

#### Society of St Vincent De Paul Says 'Thank You'

A sincere thank you for all your generous support at last weekend's collection. Remember the local conference can be contacted in writing through the Parish Office or on 086 895 1239.