

Envelope Distributors

We offer a sincere thank you to parishioners who have returned their Christmas contribution envelopes. The 'Christmas Offering Collection' goes towards the salaries of the priests of the parish as well as our parish's contribution towards the bishop's salary.

We are very conscious of the sacrifices that you make as you support these collections, and once again we take this opportunity to express our sincere gratitude to all who do so. Some of our envelope distributors have retired and we are currently looking for some new envelope distributors for a few areas in the parish.

We need further help with distributing envelopes on the Sion Road, New Orchard Estate, Lintown Area, Newpark Close and the Ballyragget Road. If you live in any of these areas and have an hour to spare, we would be very grateful for your assistance. You can speak with one of the priests or call into the Parish Office or Sacristy any day.

Pope's Intentions February 2023

For Parishes: We pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

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. Others are invited to come and join in prayer for any length of time.

Lent 2023

Wednesday week is Ash Wednesday and marks the beginning of Lent 2023.

Online Lenten Retreat

The Priory Institute is delighted to offer a free of charge online retreat 'Reflecting on the Sunday Gospels of Lent as Steppingstones on our Journey to Easter'. The Retreat Giver is Seán Goan, a retired teacher and biblical scholar who studied in Rome, Jerusalem and in the University of Chicago.

The course consists of four recorded presentations that will become available over the six Sundays of Lent ending on Palm Sunday, so on the first Sunday there will be access to one recording and on the second Sunday access to two recordings and so on. Participants can watch the films whenever suits them, and revisit films they have already viewed.

For more information visit our website: www.prioryinstitute.com

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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

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IF YOU HAVE A SAFEGUARDING CONCERN CONTACT

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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: 2nd Sat. Monthly, 7.00pm; **Weekdays:** 8.00am, 10.30am. (Sat. 10.30am only).

Johnswell - Sunday 10.00am

Dunmore - Sunday 11.00am

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 12th February 2023

St Valentine's Relics in Dublin

In 1835 an Irish Carmelite by the name of John Spratt was visiting Rome. Apparently, his fame as a preacher had gone before him, no doubt brought by some Jesuits who had been in Dublin. The elite of Rome flocked to hear him and he received many tokens of esteem from the doyens of the Church. One such token came from Pope Gregory XVI (1831-1846) and were the remains of Saint Valentine. On November 10, 1836, the Reliquary containing the remains arrived in Dublin and were brought in solemn procession to Whitefriar Street Church where they were received by Archbishop Murray of Dublin. With the death of Fr Spratt interest in the relics died away and they went into storage. During a major renovation in the church in the 1950s/60s they were returned to prominence with an altar and shrine being constructed to house them and enable them to be venerated. The statue was carved by Irene Broe and depicts the saint in the red vestments of a martyr and holding a crocus in his hand.

Today, the Shrine is visited throughout the year by couples who come to pray to St Valentine and to ask him to watch over them in their lives together.

Prayer to St Valentine

Saint Valentine, true servant, who shed his blood in defence of the sacraments and faith in Jesus Christ, intercede for us today, we pray.

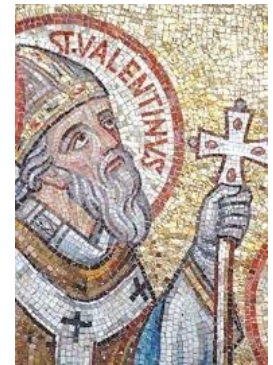
Gain for us the strength to be steadfast like you in witnessing to the true faith to the end of our days, and help us never to lose hope in the Lord who is always near us.

Intercede for those men and women who are preparing for marriage: help them to know one another and the true meaning of the sacramental bond they are preparing to enter.

Intercede for those who are joined together in the Sacrament of Marriage, that they may never give up when trials come their way but may remain faithful to each other, and to the Lord who blessed their union.

May your love for the Lord be an inspiration for our love for each other, for the love between husband and wife, and for the love and charity we extend to all whom we meet. Amen.

The feast of St Valentine falls on Tuesday of this week.



Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

Recently Deceased: Richard McDonagh, Kickham Street. Funeral Prayers at 5.45pm in Johnstone's Funeral Home followed by removal to St John's Church. Requiem Mass on Monday at 10.30am. Internment in St Kieran's Cemetery.

Elizabeth (Betty) O'Rourke, Blackmill Street
 Martina Parker, Pearse Street
 Fr Michael Bourke, New Jersey & late of the Dublin Road
 Esther Ryan, Cellarstown
 John Ryan, Ashleigh Court
 Josie Donohoe, Talbot's Inch

Anniversaries: Liam Kelly (6.00pm) Mary Butler (10.00am); Mick Loftus (11.00am); Geoff Doyle & Statia & Nicholas Power (11.30am); Paddy Fogarty (7.00pm); Ray Hanlon; Peter Long; Michael Cantwell; Francie Murphy; Cissy Rafter; Ann O'Neill; Noel Murphy; Theresa Roche; Eileen & John Maher; Catherine Ryan; Tomás Hackett; Catherine Fogarty; Nora & Noel Webster; Richard Walsh; Ellen Lanigan; Margaret & Abraham Anderson; Anne Fogarty; Catherine Foley.

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

Readers for Next Weekend	
6.00pm	Máirín Bergin
8.00am	Paula Rogers
10.00am	Betsy Rice
11.00am	Jim Kavanagh & Claire Hanrick
11.30am	Kay Purcell
7.00pm	Josh McHugh



Weekly Attendance and Collections			
Envelope Collection:	€1,569.00		
Mass	Attendance	Baskets	
6.00pm Vigil	210	308.00	
8.00am	84	357.00	
Johnswell	66	161.00	
Dunmore	66	217.00	
11.30am	191	334.00	
7.00pm	118	192.00	
Thanks to all who attend and contribute. Your support is greatly appreciated.			

Amazing Grace

A day of prayer and praise celebrating the anniversary of the Charismatic Renewal in the Catholic Church will take place at the Edmund Rice Chapel, Barrack Street, Waterford on Sunday, 19th February between 2.00pm and 5.30pm. All are welcome.

2023 Divine Mercy - National Conference

The Nation Conference will take place from Friday, 17th to Sunday, 19th February with a variety of guest speakers. The Conference will be available free on divinemercyconference.com or churchservices.tv or audio only on www.RadioMaria.ie. Bus leaving from Kilkenny on Saturday 18th February for details please call Kathleen on 089 245 8784.

Medjugorje - Evening of Prayer

Rosary, Mass, Adoration, Prayer for Healing will take place in St Fiacre's Church, Loughboy on Monday, 13th February at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

Cake Sale - Kilimanjaro Direct

A cake sale in aid of Kilimanjaro Direct will take place in the Day Centre on Sunday 26th February from 11.00am to 1.00pm. Kilimanjaro Direct helps to provide food, education and housing for impoverished children.

Modern Portrait Painting Techniques

A five week course at St Patrick's Parish Centre, Loughboy, Kilkenny. Thursdays, 10.00am - 12 noon starting 16th March 2023. Price: €150. This short painting course will provide you with a myriad of ideas, inspiration, and technical know-how that you can apply to your own portraits. We will examine the rapidly evolving styles and techniques in portrait painting over the last 150 years. For information and booking, please visit: www.adriancooke.ie or contact 087 660 9644.

Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 13th February

Monday:	(10.30am)	Ray Hanlon
Tuesday:	(10.30am)	Peter Long
Wednesday:	(10.30am)	Michael Cantwell
Thursday:	(8.00am)	Francie Murphy
	(10.30am)	Ann O'Neill
Friday:	(10.30am)	Noel Murphy
Saturday:	(10.30am)	Theresa Roche.
		Eileen & John Maher
	(6.00pm)	Ken Lynam
Sunday:	(8.00am)	John & Sheila Bergin
	(11.00am)	Jim & Kitty Rice
	(11.30am)	Joseph Lawless
	(7.00pm)	Michael Brennan

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!*

Turkey/Syria Appeal

We are all deeply troubled by the images and stories that are emerging from the terrible tragedy which unfolded in Turkey and Syria early last week. For people who were already in difficulty, this earthquake is a devastating blow.

During his recent general audience, Pope Francis invited all gathered with him to "pray together so that these, our brothers and sisters, can go forth in the face of this tragedy". Please continue to hold the people of these two countries in your prayers so that they may get the strength they need at this time.

Bishop Coll has asked all parishes to hold special collections on the weekend of the 18th and 19th of February. The money collected in this way will be returned to the diocesan office and will along with the other diocese which are undertaking this action, ensure that this money goes to Trócaire, and through their good offices, to those most in need at the sites of these earthquakes. Please offer every assistance next weekend.

Society of St Vincent De Paul Collection

The Monthly Collection for the local conference of the Society of St Vincent de Paul is scheduled to take place next weekend, 18th and 19th February. A sincere thank you for all your generous support. Please remember the local conference can be contacted in writing through the Parish Office or by telephone on 086 895 1239.

St Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund

This month's draw will take place on Wednesday, 22nd February. Tickets are available from the Parish Office, or any of the priests. We encourage your support for St. Mary's, our Diocesan Cathedral. Subscription is €120 per annum or €10 per month.

International Day of Prayer for the Sick

This special day was celebrated on the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, Saturday, 11th February. We marked the occasion with a special Mass at St John's Church at which many people celebrated the Sacrament of the Sick. Thanks to all who made the effort to come along and participate. Particular thanks to our organist, singer, reader, Eucharist minister and sacristan for their help on the day.

Our Lady of Lourdes and St Bernadette: pray for the sick.

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