

### 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. We suggest this might be a worthwhile exercise for the Wednesdays of Lent.

### Faith Renewal Events at Knock Shrine

On Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> February, we will welcome Fr Denis McBride for a Lenten workshop entitled 'Following in the Footsteps of Jesus to His Passion', taking place from 10.00am to 4.00pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Knock Shrine. Fee €30 and advance booking is required. See knockshrine.ie for further details and booking information.

### Temperance Sunday

Temperance Sunday Mass on RTÉ TV and Radio at 11.00am will include prayers for all who are in treatment for addiction, for their families and for those who are in recovery. The setting of the *Serenity Prayer* at the Mass today was composed by Ephrem Feeley. It's a prayer which is used at the conclusion of every AA and NA meeting. The Pioneer website [www.pioneers.ie](http://www.pioneers.ie) carries information.

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**Newsletter Deadline:** Thursdays 12.00 noon

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### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

**Fergal Brennan; Mary Brennan; Jo Browne; Alan Burke; Fr Dan Carroll;  
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### IF YOU HAVE A SAFEGUARDING CONCERN CONTACT

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**Counselling Services - Towards Healing Confidential Helpline**

1800 313 316 - [www.towardshealing.ie](http://www.towardshealing.ie)

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### Cian Buckley Memorial Fun Run / Walk

In Kilkenny Castle Park on next Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> February at 11.00am. Please wear purple. Registration on the morning from 10.15am to 10.45am at Switzer's Gate.

Proceeds to Group 174 of the Irish Pilgrimage Trust taking young people with special needs to Lourdes at Easter. Please support.

### Cake Sale - Kilimanjaro Direct

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

### St Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund

This month's draw will take place on this Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February. Tickets are available from the Parish Office, or any of the priests. Subscription is €10 per month.

### 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 this Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> February between 2.00pm and 5.30pm. All are welcome.

# Parish Of Saint John The Evangelist

*incorporating | St John's | Dunmore | Johnswell | church areas*

### 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

### Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - 19<sup>th</sup> February 2023

### Day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors of Abuse

#### Candle of Atonement

The annual Day of Prayer for Survivors of Abuse takes place on next Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> February. During the 10.30am Mass in St John's Church on next Friday the Candle of Atonement will be blessed and the Atonement Prayer will be recited. Prayer of Atonement is offered as we acknowledge the wrongs of the past and pray for the assistance and guidance of the Holy Spirit as we work to ensure they cannot be repeated. The Day of Prayer is an initiative of Pope Francis and was first marked in Irish dioceses and parishes in 2017.

#### Candle of Atonement Prayer

Lord, forgive us our many sins.

We grieve and repent with all our hearts for having offended you,  
for our great failings and neglect of the young and vulnerable.

We place all of those who have been hurt by the Church in any way  
into your loving hands and under the protection of Our Blessed Mother.

Lord, bring peace to their broken lives

and show us all the way out of darkness and into the light of your Word.

May we, as the people of God,

be more fully human, more fully Christ-like and more fully your people,  
that we may see the errors of the past

and go forward with renewed hope and faith in Christ and in our Church. Amen.

#### Turkey/Syria Appeal

Bishop Niall has asked all parishes to hold special collections this weekend for the victims of the recent earthquakes in Turkey and Syria. The money collected will go to Trócaire, and through their good offices, to those in need at the sites of these earthquakes. Please help.

#### Prayer for Syria and Turkey

• All our hearts are going out to the people of Syria and Turkey.

• May the people of these lands have the courage and strength to keep living each day.

• May they have all the supports, aid, love and compassion needed.

• Syria is suffering so much pain and turmoil from war and conflict.

• May leaders open all borders so that all resources can get through.

• May generosity and God's blessings bring strength and hope to everyone  
who has been affected.

• May minds and hearts be moved to remember loved ones who have died, those who are  
injured and missing. We hold them all in our hearts this day. Amen.

### Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

**Recently Deceased:** Christina Harding, Cellarstown. Requiem Mass in St. John's Church at 11.30am on Sunday.  
Genevieve Byrne, Blanchfields Park. Requiem Mass in Gowran Church at 2.00pm on Sunday.  
Michael Doyle, 31 Lacken Drive and formerly Johnstown.  
Wojciech Panek, Graignamanagh.

**Anniversaries:** Ken Lynam (6.00pm); John & Sheila Bergin (8.00am); John & Rita McKiernan (10.00am); Jim & Kitty Rice (11.00am); Joseph Lawless (11.30am); Michael Brennan (7.00pm); Mary (Moll) Jordan; Jim Cody; Frank Rodney McCormack; Jimmy Leahy; Peter & John O'Rourke; Bridie & Tommy Casey; Robert, Eileen, Denis & Jimmy Dowd; Hannah Heaney; Molly Cunningham; Kathleen & Charlie Bartholomew; Michael Brennan; Róisín; James Dooley; Seamus, Sadie & Therese McGrath; Thomas & Bridget Comerford; Martin Bosco Buckley; Andy O'Driscoll; Jimmy Gahan.

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

#### Readers for Next Weekend

6.00pm Mary Lynch  
8.00am Martin Blake  
10.00am Fiona & Sarah Manning  
11.00am Stephanie Butler & Roger Curran  
11.30am Kathleen Ferguson  
7.00pm Marie Fogarty



#### Weekly Attendance and Collections

Envelope Collection:		€1,130.00
<u>Mass</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Baskets</u>
6.00pm Vigil	126	246.00
8.00am	88	372.00
Johnswell	44	106.00
Dunmore	54	100.00
11.30am	192	482.00
7.00pm	125	276.00

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

### A Day of Fast and Abstinence

There are two days each year in the Catholic Calendar on which we are asked to fast and abstain: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting means that one full meatless meal can be eaten in the day. Two other meatless meals may be taken for health reasons but together they should not exceed one full meal. Those in good health between the age of 18 until 59 are asked to fast.

### St John's Homes for the Elderly

A vacancy has arisen at the Homes for the Elderly, St John's Court, located on the grounds of St John's Church. Application forms are available from the Parish Office during office hours 9.30am to 2.00pm Monday to Friday. Closing date for applications is Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> February.

### Getting Married in St. John's Parish

Since St Valentine's Day the Parish Office has had a number of enquiries from couples from outside the parish looking to have their marriage celebrated in our churches. While we are happy to welcome couples who are not parishioners, we are anxious that our own parishioners are not disappointed. It is important that local couples also give advance notice of their wedding plans. It is our policy that only one celebration of marriage takes place in our churches on any given day. Therefore, please let us know if you or someone in your family is thinking of getting married in the parish. In this way we will try to secure the date you want.

### Desert Fathers A Lenten Programme for Men

A Lenten programme for men has been developed by an Irish priest to help men make this Lent different. The programme contains 4 pillars - Prayer, Penance, Spiritual Reading and Charity. To find out more and join an online group a zoom information meeting is scheduled for this Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at 8.30pm. Meeting ID 494 625 9738. Password: 997298. Email: desert-fathers40@gmail.com for a copy of the programme.

### Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 20<sup>th</sup> February

Monday: (10.30am) Frank Rodney McCormack  
Tuesday: (10.30am) Jimmy Leahy  
Wednesday: (10.30am) Bridie & Tommy Casey  
Thursday: (8.00am) Peter & John O'Rourke  
(10.30am) Robert & Eileen Dowd & Denis & Jimmy Dowd  
Friday: (10.30am) Hannah Heaney  
Saturday: (10.30am) Molly Cunningham  
(6.00pm) Christina O'Connor & Dolores Dowling  
Sunday: (8.00am) John Dineen  
(10.00am) Catherine & Louie Brennan  
(11.00am) Josephine Burke  
(11.30am) Philomena Drohan  
(7.00pm) MM Statia Byrne

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,*

### 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

### Ash Wednesday

This Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February marks the beginning of the Season of Lent. Masses and distribution of Blessed Ashes in St. John's Church at 8.00am, 10.30am and 7.00pm. Evening Masses in our Pastoral Area at the Capuchin Friary (5.40pm) and St. Fiace's Church (6.15pm) on weekdays during Lent. Trócaire Boxes are available at the churches from this weekend.



### Society of St Vincent De Paul Collection

Because of the special collection in aid of the Turkey/Syria appeal the Monthly Collection for the local conference of the Society of St Vincent de Paul has been rescheduled to take place next weekend, 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> February. Please remember the local conference can be contacted in writing through the Parish Office or by telephone on 086 895 1239.

### Scripture Reflection Group

The St John's Parish Scripture Group will meet on Thursday evenings during Lent. We meet in the Presbytery at 7.30pm to read and discuss the Scripture passages for the following Sunday. All are welcome. This group is suitable for all interested in deepening their knowledge of the Bible and should prove very interesting for those who read at Mass in our churches.

### Ossory Adult Faith Development Lenten Programme

**Lent Tweets:** Follow @OssoryDiocese for a simple thought each day during this Lenten journey. Have your timeline prompt you to pause each day to be reminded of our Lenten journey.  
**Online Resources:** Online resources for Lent are available on the Ossory website. Download them at www.ossory.ie for use in your home.

**The Ethics of War in this Time of Conflicts:** Our world today is troubled by many areas of conflict. The ongoing war in Ukraine has impacted us all. Join us for a discussion of the Ethics of War at this time of many conflicts in our world. An open discussion led by Prof Tobias Winright, Professor of Moral Theology and Rev Dr Michael Shortall, Moral Theologian, both of St Patrick's Pontifical University. St Kieran's College, Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> March at 7.30pm.

**St Patrick - How would he speak to a modern Ireland?** Join with Dr Billy Swan for a reflection on what the Patron Saint of our country might say to us today. St Kieran's College, Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm.