

Online Resources for Lent

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Faith Renewal

Knock Shrine Lenten Reflections Weekly Talks with Guest Speakers

Taking place Online and at St John's Welcome Centre, Knock Shrine. Time: 8.15pm - 9.15pm each evening. Speakers include:

7th March – Kieran Cronin

'Laudato Si: St Francis and Prayer for Ecological Conversion.'

14th March – Jane Mellett

'Almsgiving: Responding to the Cry of the Earth and the Poor through Care for Creation.'

21st March – John Connell

'Living more simply in a complex world'

A Concert to Celebrate Saint Patrick

Celebrate Lá Fhéile Pádraig, Saint Patrick's Day at Knock Shrine by joining us for a special concert on Thursday, 16th March.

Celebrating Irish music, heritage and culture with many well-known Irish favourites performed on the night. The concert will take place in Knock Basilica at 8.30pm. Admission free and all welcome.

'Hallelujah' Concert

Fr. Ray Kelly (Britain's Got Talent Fame): Friday, 24th March 2023 @ 8.00pm. Bóthar na Naomh Church, Thurles. Tickets now on sale in the Thurles Parish Office and Bookworm, Liberty Square, also available in Holycross Abbey Shop and Cashel Parish Office, (Ticket Donation: €25).

Fr. Ray became a worldwide internet sensation when the video of him singing, 'Hallelujah' was highly successful on YouTube and Fr. Ray also reached the semi-final of Britain's Got Talent in 2018. We are delighted to welcome him to Thurles for this concert in aid of the Cathedral Reroofing Project. Special Guests on the night: Thurles Parish Youth Choir

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Jesus invites you to spend some time with him. 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.

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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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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

Second Sunday of Lent - 5th March 2023

Trócaire Needs Your Help

Somalia is in the grips of a devastating food crisis, as a prolonged drought grips the country. Trócaire has run the health services in Gedo region in south central Somalia, an area larger than the island of Ireland, for three decades.

Each year, we provide lifesaving healthcare, nutrition and support to over 200,000 people. But the worsening crisis is putting intolerable strain on medical resources in the area – and we are treating more and more severely malnourished children every day. Whatever you can give, your support will help us to continue the vital work we are doing every day in Somalia. Your generosity can provide families with a new hope for the future.

Trócaire's Lenten Campaign

This weekend we welcome at all Masses two speakers from Trócaire Headquarters who will inform us about the organisation's vital work in various parts of the world. Please welcome Miriam Donohoe, Head of Communications, who will speak at Masses in St. John's Church and Colm Hogan, Trócaire's Church Manager, who will speak in Johnswell and Dunmore.

Adult Faith Development - What St Patrick Might Say to a Modern Ireland.

As we enter March St Patrick is on the mind of many people. In preparing to celebrate our national patron saint the Adult Faith Development Group has asked Fr Billy Swan of Ferns Diocese to come to Ossory to deliver a reflection on *What St Patrick Might Say to a Modern Ireland*. Fr Billy did his doctorate on the writings of St Patrick and so this promises to be an interesting evening of reflection. This event will take place on this coming Tuesday, 7th March in St Kieran's College at 7.30pm. All are very welcome to attend.

St. Kieran - Our Diocesan Patron Saint

The feast of St. Kieran - patron saint of the Diocese of Ossory - is celebrated on, 5th March. His mother came from Cape Clear in Co. Cork, his father from Ossory. Kieran was one of the pre-Patrician saints of Ireland. Traditions say he went to Rome, was ordained by the Pope and was sent back to Ireland by Patrick. He is called 'the Elder' to distinguish him from St. Ciarán of Clonmacnoise.

After the penal times, in 1782, Bishop John Thomas Troy of Ossory (later Archbishop of Dublin) established a Catholic diocesan seminary, St Kieran's College, in Kilkenny. The motto he gave it was: *Hiems transiit*, a quotation from the Song of Songs which means Winter is Passed and applied it to the passing of the winter of the Penal Laws in Ireland. When the diocesan cathedral was built in 1843, although it was called St. Mary's, it also has Kieran as its secondary patron. This weekend we call upon St. Kieran to pray for our diocese and our new bishop.

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Working for a just world.

Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

Recently Deceased: Rafal Bednarczyk Jacyna, Meadow Way. Martin Rice, New Zealand and late of Ballyraftern. Pauline Brennan, Archers Court. Martin O'Shea, Kilcreene and late of Fr Murphy Square. Michael Shanahan, Bennettsbridge.

Months Mind: Maura Shortall (10.30am - Tuesday) Richard Mc Donagh (10.30am - Thursday) Fr Michael Bourke (12.00 noon - Saturday 11th)

Anniversaries: Paddy O'Brien (6.00pm); John McEnery (8.00am); Margaret Ryan (11.00am); Seán Connick (11.30am); Jim Kealy (7.00pm); Jack and Mary Parle; Bishop Peter Birch; Maura O'Keeffe; Seamus Campion; Mags Dineen; Sr. Teresa Landy; John and Noel Hodge; John Bolland; Peig and Paddy Callanan; Bridget and Bernard Taylor; Michael Dowling; Philomena Murray; Maura Delaney.

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

Readers for Next Weekend		Weekly Attendance and Collections		
6.00pm	Ann Daly	Envelope Collection:		€1,950.00
8.00am	Padraig O'Neill	Mass	Attendance	Baskets
10.00am	Seán Colgan	6.00pm Vigil	117	200.00
11.00am	Martina Brennan & Tom Keating	8.00am	97	182.00
11.30am	Anne Maria Walsh	Johnswell	54	98.00
7.00pm	Eileen Kinane	Dunmore	102	132.00
		11.30am	182	211.00
		7.00pm	109	231.00
		Thanks to all who attend and contribute. Your support is greatly appreciated.		



Examining the Floor Mosaic in the Sanctuary at St. John's Church

Local historian Mr. Micheál Brennan will present a talk entitled *Examining the Floor Mosaic in the Sanctuary at St. John's* at St. John's Church on next Saturday, 11th March at 12.00 noon. The intricate mosaic floor is the sanctuary of our parish church is renowned far and wide and this talk will give us an opportunity to find out more about its origins, design and significance. No admittance fee, just turn up on the day and learn more about our beautiful parish church.

St Joseph's Young Priests Society

The St John's branch of the St Joseph's Young Priests Society will hold a meeting in the Presbytery this Monday at 11.00am. All are welcome.

Scripture Reflection Group

The St John's Parish Scripture Group is growing and continues to 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.

Do You Remember?

On the 5th March 1965, the Feast of St Kieran, the first Mass with the priest facing the people was celebrated in St Mary's Cathedral. Bishop Birch presided at the Solemn High Mass. The *Kilkenny People* carried the news on the front page of the paper the following week with a photograph showing a temporary altar that was erected under the tower. The celebrant was Rev Timmy O'Connor, Dean, St Kieran's College; Deacon Rev Sean Doherty, Sub-Deacon, Rev Pierce Malone, Master of Ceremonies, Rev Pat Duggan.

Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 6th March

Tuesday: (10.30am) MM Maura Shortall
 Thursday: (10.30am) MM Richard McDonagh
 Friday: (8.00am) Maura O'Keeffe
 (10.30am) Seamus Campion
 Saturday: (10.30am) Mags Dineen
 (12.00pm) MM Fr Michael Bourke
 (6.00pm) Paul & Michael 'Icy' Lanigan
 Sunday: (8.00am) Eily & John P. Francis
 (11.00am) Neddy Phelan
 (11.30am) Margaret Dwyer
 (7.00pm) MM Ann Larkin

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

Confirmation Programme

The boys and girls in our parish schools who are currently preparing for Confirmation on Saturday, 25th March with their parents/guardians are invited to attend a special preparation programme on Tuesdays, 7th, 14th and 21st March. The special Service of Light will be held on Tuesday, 21st March. All events will begin at 7.30pm and last about 40 minutes. We appeal to parents/guardians and young people to be present.

St John's Senior School

St John's Senior School has launched their bright new and informative website. You can check it out on www.stjohnssenior.com and find lots of information about our school.

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, 14th March.

St John's Day Care Centre

The Centre is open on Mondays and Tuesdays from 9.30am to 2.30pm. It gives elderly people an opportunity to meet, socialise and have lunch together. Should you like to attend or if you require information about the Day Care Centre services, contact Marian on 087 372 0382.

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.

Women in the Church: Biblical Perspectives: Many voices in Synodal conversations are asking us to examine the involvement of women in our Church today. Professor Jessie Rogers, leads us in a reflection on the role of women in our Church today. St Kieran's College, Tuesday, 21st March at 7.30pm.

St Mary's Cathedral Bookshop

St Mary's Cathedral Bookshop is now open Monday to Friday 9.30am to 5.00pm. We have a large selection of Confirmation and Holy Communion Gifts, Prayer Books, Rosaries, Crosses.

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.