

Online Resources for Lent

Many online resources for Lent are available on the Ossory Diocesan website. Download them at www.ossory.ie for use in your home.

Ossory Adult Faith Development

Lent Tweets: Follow @OssoryDiocese for a simple thought each day during this Lent. Have your timeline prompt you to pause each day to be reminded of our Lenten journey.

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.

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. All are most welcome to come along for this interesting conversation.

An tOllsheisiún - "The Super Session" Irish Oral Exam Practice Session

Fantastic opportunity for Leaving Cert students to practise for their upcoming Irish Oral Exam with experienced múinteoirí. Tobar na Gaeilge will be running their annual practice session in Johnswell Community Hall on Saturday, 25th March. Each Session lasts one hour. Students will receive 3 Irish Oral Exams with comprehensive feedback. First Session Beginning at 9.00am. For more information contact: 087 667 3302 (Maria). tobarnagaeilge@yahoo.com

A Haven for Pollinators and Biodiversity

In response to the impending loss of nature to our world, the call of Pope Francis' encyclical letter, *Laudato Si'*, and the agreements made at the recent UN Conference on Biodiversity, the Irish bishops ask parishes, through their Parish Pastoral Councils and Diocesan Trusts, as a first step, to identify and care for 30% of parish grounds as a haven for pollinators and biodiversity, in order that it can be enjoyed in perpetuity by the whole community. What can we do in our diocese? What can we do in St. John's Parish?

More on this at a later date.

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Office: 056 772 1072; **Secretary:** Áine Butler; **Office Hours:** Mon-Fri 9.30 a.m. - 2.00 p.m.

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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

The Diocesan Designated Liaison Person, Ms. Kathleen Sherry, 085 802 1633 - dlp@ossory.ie

OUR PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES ARE:

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Counselling Services - Towards Healing Confidential Helpline
1800 313 316 - www.towardshealing.ie

Roman Catholic Diocese and Parishes of Ossory - Registered Charity No. 20015831

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

Johnswell - Sunday 10.00am

Dunmore - Sunday 11.00am

Third Sunday of Lent - 12th March 2023

Lá Fhéile Naomh Pádraig

Ceiliúraimid Lá Fhéile Pádraig ar an Aoine seo chugainn 17 Márta ní hamháin in Éirinn ach ar fud na cruinne. Tógadh Pádraig mar sclábháí go hÉirinn agus chaith sé sé bliana mar aoire ar Shliabh Mis i gContae Aontroma. Bhí sé mar nós aige guí chun Dé céad uair sa lá agus céad uair san oíche. D'éirigh leis filleadh ar an mBreatain agus as sin go dtí an Fhrainc. Oirníodh ina é shagart agus ina dhiaidh sin rinneadh easpag de. D'fhill sé ar Éirinn agus chraobhscaoil sé Soiscéal na Críostaíochta. Tugann an lá féile seo deis dúinn buíochas a ghabháil le Dia as an tseoid luachmhar seo a bhronn Naomh Pádraig orainn.

Gabhaimid buíochas chomh maith dóibh siúd idir chléir agus tuath a scaip an Creideamh ar fud an domhain. Sa *Confessio* cuireann Pádraig é féin in aithne dúinn "Mise Pádraig, peacach róthútach, an té is lú de na firéin go léir agus an té is mó a bhfuil dímhéas ag a lán..."

Tugaimis ómós dó mar ba chóir. Beannachtaí na Féile Pádraig orainn go léir sa bhaile agus ar fud na cruinne ar ár lá náisiúnta ceiliúrtha féin.

Slíocht as Lúireach Phádraig

Críost i gcróí gach duine a smaoiníonn orm,

Críost i mbéal gach duine a labhraíonn liom,

Críost i ngach súil a fhéachann orm,

Críost i ngach cluas a éistean liom.

Sr. Eileen

Mass Times - Lá Fhéile Pádraig

St John's: 6.00pm (Vigil Thursday);

8.00am, 10.30am and 7.00pm on Friday.

Johnswell: 10.00am and Dunmore: 11.00am on Friday.

St Paul's School Chorale Concert

St Paul's School for Boys from Baltimore, Maryland, USA will hold a concert in St Canice's Cathedral on Wednesday next the 15th of March at 2.00pm. The programme includes sacred, traditional, and popular songs by Mozart, Emerson, Arcadelt and many more. Conductor is Jack Rifkin. Free Entrance.

Pope Francis Celebrates a Decade as Pope

On Monday Pope Francis celebrates the tenth anniversary of his election as Pope. With people all over the world we join in prayers of thanksgiving for the Holy Father, for his pastoral leadership of the Church and for his intentions. May God continue to bless his leadership.



Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

Recently Deceased: Maura Gormely, Ossory Hill, Funeral prayers in Johnson's Funeral Home on Sunday at 6.30pm followed by removal of St John the Baptist Church, Johnswell. Requiem Mass on Monday at 11.00am followed by burial in the adjoining cemetery. **Paddy "Pa" Guidera**, Johnswell Road. Reposing at his home from 2.00pm to 7.00pm on Monday and Tuesday concluding with Rosary and Vigil Prayers at 7.00pm on Tuesday. Requiem Mass on Wednesday at 10.30am in St. John's Church followed by burial in St. Kieran's Cemetery.

John J. O'Neill, Callan. Reposing at his residence on Sunday from 4.00pm concluding with Rosary and Vigil Prayers at 7.00pm. Funeral arriving at The Church of the Assumption, Callan on Monday morning for Requiem Mass at 11.00am followed by burial in Kilbride Cemetery, Callan. **John Finnane**, Tramore and late of Talbott's Inch. Reposing in Johnston's Funeral Home on Tuesday from 6.00pm concluding with Rosary and Vigil Prayers at 7.30pm. Funeral Mass on Wednesday at 2.00pm in St. Joseph's Church, Foulkstown. Burial in the adjoining cemetery.

Paddy Duggan, Cedarwood Avenue, Loughboy. Reposing in Johnston's Funeral Home on Monday from 5.00pm concluding with Rosary and Vigil Prayers at 7.00pm. Funeral Mass on Tuesday at 12 noon in St. Joseph's Church, Foulkstown. Burial afterwards in the adjoining cemetery. **Emily Dunne**, St. Theresa's Terrace. Funeral on Sunday after 11.30a.m. Mass to St. Kieran's Cemetery. **Pat Marnell**, Huddersfield, England and formerly Newpark. Funeral in England on Thursday. **Fr Jim Hurley**, London & late of Foulkstown. **Ellen Greene**, Freshford Road. **Alice Moylan**, Deerpark. **Robert Culleton**, St Patrick's Close.

Month's Mind: Ann Larkin (7.00pm). Christina Harding (10.30am Sat. 18th March)

Anniversaries: Paul & Michael 'Icy' Lanigan (6.00pm); Eily & John P. Francis (8.00am); Eileen, Thomas & Nora Kinsella (10.00am); Neddy Phelan (11.00am); Margaret Dwyer (11.30am); Patrick Guidera; Benny Grogan; Dinny Brennan; Seán Byrne; Christina Barcoe; Dixie Comerford; Frank Donovan; Maureen Burke; Fr John Delaney; Danny McGrath; Patrick Kealy.

Readers for Next Weekend

6.00pm Bridget Ahearn
8.00am Paula Rogers
10.00am Betsy Rice
11.00am Nora Guilfoyle & Fiona McGeary
11.30am James Connolly
7.00pm Linda O'Leary



Weekly Attendance and Collections

Envelope Collection:	€
6.00pm Vigil	125
8.00am	91
Johnswell	44
Dunmore	72
11.30am	195
7.00pm	104

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

Decision to Remove the Ban on Evictions

At their Spring meeting last week, the Irish Catholic Bishops voiced their deep concern on the impact of the Government's decision to remove the ban on evictions on families and individuals, at a time of crisis in housing provision in Ireland, coupled with added pressures created by demand and the lack of supply.

The bishops' statement said, "Evicting people from their home resonates deeply in our national psyche and social history. Eviction will lead to a sharp increase in homelessness, which is already excessive. The Church – through our parishes, communities and pastoral agencies – witnesses on a daily basis the effects the housing crisis has on individuals and families. The anxiety that this decision is causing across Ireland is immense. There is a responsibility on the State to increase housing supply, to protect people, to ensure fair prices and security of tenure. Regarding Ireland's housing crisis, bishops recalled the words of Pope Francis that "there is no social or moral justification, no justification whatsoever, for lack of housing."

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.

Kilkenny Stroke Support Group

The Kilkenny Stroke Support Group is for survivors & carers. The Support Group is informative, caring and social. Meet the last Friday of the month. For information: Lynda 085 733 1522.

Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 13th March

Wednesday(10.30am)	Patrick Guidera
Thursday: (8.00am)	Benny Grogan
(6.00pm)	Dinny Brennan
Friday: (8.00am)	Seán Bryne
(7.00pm)	Christina Barcoe
Saturday: (10.30am)	MM Christina Harding
(6.00pm)	Seamus Cauty
Sunday: (8.00am)	Eamon Hennessy
(10.00am)	Patrica Gormely
(11.00am)	Billy, Jimmy & Edward McEvoy
	Claire & John Irwin
	Renee & Jarlath Walsh
(11.30am)	Mary Curran
(7.00pm)	Joe 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!

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 the next two Tuesdays, 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 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.

Befriending Group

Are you retired? Would you like to meet new people and make new friends? Have a chat and a cuppa, get involved in some light gardening, art classes or wherever the mood takes us. Why not join our Buds and Buddies Group. We meet up every Tuesday morning 10.00am – 12.30am at the Newpark Close Family Resource Centre for further information. Drop in and have a chat or contact Jimmy on 056 77 23309 Monday to Wednesday.

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

Medjugorje - Evening of Prayer

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

Divine Mercy – Healing Masses

Divine Mercy and Family Tree Healing Masses at St Brigid's Church Coon (R93 VK44) will take place on the following Fridays – 5th May, 7th July, 8th September, 3rd November. The celebrant is Fr John Walsh. Prayers and Hymns start at 6.30pm. All are very welcome.

Apostolate of Eucharistic Adoration Knock: A Call to Prayer & Adoration

National Adoration Pilgrimage to Knock will take place on Saturday, 22nd April from (7.00pm to 10.00pm) and Sunday, 23rd April (10.30am to 4.30pm). www.eucharisticadoration.ie