

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.

South Kilkenny Historical Society

The Annual General Meeting of the South Kilkenny Historical Society will take place on Thursday March 23rd in Mullinavat Parish Hall (opposite St. Beacon's Church) at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

An tOllsheisiún - "The Super Session"

Irish Oral Exam Practice Session: Fantastic opportunity for Leaving Cert students to practise for their 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. Contact: 087 667 3302 (Maria). tobarnageilge@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.

St Mary's Cathedral Bookshop

St Mary's Cathedral Bookshop, situated in the grounds of the cathedral, 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.

Kilkenny Stroke Support Group

The Kilkenny Stroke Support Group is for survivors and carers. The Support Group is informative, caring and social. The group meets on the last Friday of each month. Contact Lynda on 085 733 1522 for more information.

Address: St John's Presbytery, Dublin Road, Kilkenny. R95 ND2W

Email: stjohns@ossory.ie **Website:** www.stjohnskilkenny.com

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

Newsletter Deadline: Thursdays 12.00 noon **SVP Help Line:** 086 895 1239

Fr Dan Carroll: 087 907 7769. Fr Raymond Dempsey: 089 497 1924.

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:

Brenda Whitely; Marian Eardly.

Counselling Services - Towards Healing Confidential Helpline

1800 313 316 - www.towardshealing.ie

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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

Fourth Sunday of Lent - 19th March 2023

Parish Confirmations

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in our parish on next Saturday at 11.00am at St. John's Church. Please note: to facilitate the celebration of the sacrament there will be no 10.30am Mass on next Saturday. Having completed their school, home and parish preparations, the Confirmation Classes have just one more ceremony to complete, and that is the Ceremony of Light for Parents and Candidates in St John's Church on Tuesday at 7.30pm.

The parish would like to express gratitude to the parents, the schools and many others who helped in any way to bring these children to this stage of growth in their Catholic Faith. With all our help, prayer and encouragement, may they continue to grow in love of God and neighbour.



Prayer for Mothers

All-loving God, we give you thanks and praise for mothers young and old.

We pray for young mothers, who give life and tend to our every need; may they be blessed with patience and tenderness to care for their families and themselves with great joy.

We pray for our own mothers who have nurtured and cared for us; may they continue to guide us in strong and gentle ways.

We pray for women who are not mothers but still love and shape us with motherly care and compassion.

We remember mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Amen

Women in the Church: Biblical Perspectives

The topic of the role of women in the Church is something that remains to the fore of all conversations, and certainly, again so, in the recent synodal gatherings. What is the role of women in our Church? What was it in the past? What should it be today and into the future?

To explore these and similar questions Prof Jessie Rodgers, Dean of Theology and Lecturer in Sacred Scripture in St Patrick's Pontifical University will join with us on Tuesday next, 21st March at 7.30pm in St Kieran's College to reflect on this topic under the title "Women in the Church: Biblical Perspectives". All are most welcome.

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.

Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

Recently Deceased: Nicholas Halley, Wolfe Tone Street. Fr Michael Murphy, Cork.
Dan Carey, Galway. Brian Cody, Fatima Place.
Tom Maher, Stephen Street. Brendan Phelan, Kilmoganny.
Tony Teehan, Westfield and late of Kilcreene.

Anniversaries: Seamus Canty (6.00pm); Eamon Hennessy (8.00am); Patricia Gormley (10.00am); Billy, Jimmy and Edward McEvoy, Claire and John Irwin; Renee and Jarlath Walsh (11.00am); Mary Curran (11.30am); Joe Brennan (7.00pm); Ann Butler; Patrick Kealy; Bridget O'Driscoll; Michael Parkinson; Josephine Maher; Anne-Frances Meredith.

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 Martin Blake
10.00am Fiona & Sarah Manning
11.00am Liam Burke & Liam Maddock
11.30am James Connolly
7.00pm Anne Marie Grace



Weekly Attendance and Collections

Envelope Collection:		€1,060..00
Mass	Attendance	Baskets
6.00pm Vigil	125	349.00
8.00am	91	333.00
Johnswell	44	135.00
Dunmore	72	152.00
11.30am	195	390.00
7.00pm	104	263.00

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

Happy Mothers' Day

We wish all the mothers of our Parish a Happy Mothers' Day and thank them for all they do for us. We also remember our mothers who are no longer with us. They are still looking after us and thinking about us. Thank you for the memories and all the love you gave us.

How Blind Are We

To see well, good eyesight alone is not sufficient. We must not think that blindness is an illness that affects the eyes only. There are many forms of blindness besides physical blindness. In some ways these are just as crippling. Some examples: selfishness blinds us to the needs of others. Insensitivity blinds us to the hurt we're causing to others. Snobbery blinds us to the equal dignity of others. Pride blinds us to our own faults. Prejudice blinds us to the truth. Hurry blinds us to the beauty of the world around. Materialism blinds us to spiritual values. Superficiality blinds us to a person's true worth and causes us to judge by appearances. *(Flor McCarthy)*

Scripture Reflection Group

The St John's Parish Scripture Group is growing: 10 to 12 people meet in the Presbytery on Thursday evenings at 7.30pm to read and discuss the Scripture passages for the following Sunday. It has become an informative and interesting meeting at which people consider the readings 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.

Pope's Intentions March 2023

For Victims of Abuse: We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

Lenten Station Envelopes

The Lenten Stations for the support of the bishop and priests of the parish are being taken up at this time. Many thanks for your continued support. Many thanks to all who contribute weekly, monthly and yearly and to those who donate online and by standing order. Your support is very much appreciated!

Newsletter

Please help us by submitting anniversary notices and other items for the newsletter as early in the week as possible. Thank you.

Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 20th March

Friday: (10.30am) Ann Butler
Saturday: (11.00am) **Confirmations**
(6.00pm) **MM** Sheila Hamilton
Sunday: (11.00am) John, Agnes and Mick Stapleton
(11.30am) Harry Shine
(7.00pm) Seamus 'Scun' Donnelly
Richard and Mary Fanning

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

Pope Francis and a Synodal Church

What does Pope Francis intend by calling us to be a Synodal Church? We are hearing the words Synodal Church being used today. We know that Pope Francis has asked us to be a Synodal Church, but what does that mean? A Synodal Church is the Church of our time. Please join Bishop Niall Coll on Monday, 27th March at 7.00pm in St. Kieran's College as he leads us in a reflection on what this means for each one of us as members of the Catholic Church today.

Monster Table Quiz

Mayor Cllr David Fitzgerald's Spring Appeal in association with Kilkenny Lions Club. On Wednesday, 22nd March a Monster Table Quiz will take place at the Newpark Hotel starting at 7.30pm. Teams of 4, €40 per table. Raffle and prizes on the night. All proceeds to the Carlow Kilkenny Homecare Team. To book a table call or text Pat at 087 696 5970.

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 056 772 3309 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. Contact Marian on 087 372 0382

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

Music Generation Kilkenny

Music Generation Kilkenny is launching Kilkenny Youth Choir. This is a six-week pilot project open to children aged 8 to 12 years old, of all abilities. It is an after-school project and begins on the 18th April in the Friary Hall. Date and time: Tuesdays at 3:45pm - 4:45pm. Cost: €30 for six weeks (payable online through link sent to parents email). Link for parents to register their child: <https://forms.office.com/e/aTpgQa6LsQ>
Any queries can be directed to musicgenerationkilkenny@kcetb.ie