

Rosary at James Green

The Rosary will be recited on Thursday, 30th March at 6.30pm at St James Green. It is for the pro-life.

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.

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.

Conversations with Women in the Bible

A day to explore insights from their stories and God's transforming presence in their lives.

Speaker: Sr Therese Fitzgerald SND.

Venue: Ballyvaloo Centre, Blackwater, Co. Wexford on Friday, 12th May.

Pembroke Hotel, Kilkenny on Saturday, 13th May.

More details later or check out our website on www.ssjg.org

Johnswell Cemetery Clean-up

Thanks to the boys and girls of Johnswell National School and their teachers for organising a big clean up in Johnswell Cemetery and around the Village during the week. You did a wonderful job and the local community appreciates your thoughtfulness and hard work. Well done!

Music Generation Kilkenny

Music Generation Kilkenny is launching Kilkenny Youth Choir. This is a 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@kcteb.ie

Don't forget this weekend the clocks spring forward one hour. So an hour less in bed on Saturday!



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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.

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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

Fifth Sunday of Lent - 26th March 2023

Parish Confirmations

We are very pleased to congratulate the 71 girls and boys who received the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend. We pray that this Sacrament will help them to be more committed Christians and live out their Catholic faith.

We thank Mr Roche, Ms Dermody, Ms Neasa Murphy, Mr Kearns and Ms Bernadette Murphy of St John's Senior School; Ms Patterson and Mr Campion of Johnswell National School for all their work and co-operation in preparing these young people for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

We also thank Ms Kehoe, Mr Hickey and the SNAs who assisted the children, Ms Ann Marie Kenny and Ms Kathy Kenny and the Children's Choir for their musical input into our ceremony today.

Thanks to Jane our sacristan, Áine in the Parish Office and the many others who prepared the church so fittingly and to Helena and all the volunteers who prepared and fitted the candidates' albs. Many thanks to John Bolger for the excellent condition of the church grounds. Finally, we thank Fr Dan and Fr Raymond for conferring the Sacrament of Confirmation on the Class of 2023.

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 2023 at **7.30pm** (note time change) 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. Bishop Coll extends an invitation to all.

Has Catholic Education a Future in a Modern Ireland

Join with Prof Dáire Kehoe, President DCU; Dr Maire Griffin, Chair of the Catholic Education Partnership; Mr John Curtis, General Secretary, JMB/AMCSS and Bishop Niall Coll, Bishop of Ossory for a frank discussion on this topic. St Kieran's College Tuesday, 28th March at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2023

The Ossory Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2023 will be led by Bishop Niall Coll. Pilgrimage Director: Very Rev Anthony O'Connor. 23rd May for 5 Nights. €879 per person includes return flights and transfers, full board, taxes. Full religious programme facilitated in conjunction with the Diocese of Ossory. For information and bookings contact Joe Walsh Tours 01-2410800 or email info@joewalshstours.ie



Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

Recently Deceased: **Anne Rush**, Meadow Way and late of Barrack Street. Reposing in Johnston's Funeral Home on Monday with funeral prayers at 5.45pm followed by removal to St John's Church. Requiem Mass on Tuesday morning at 10.30am.

Catherine O'Brien (nee Leahy), Leapstown Lane, Ballyfoyle. Reposing in Johnston's Funeral Home on Sunday from 5.00pm with funeral prayers at 7.00pm. Requiem Mass on Monday at 11.00am in St Joseph's Church, Ballyfoyle with burial afterwards in the adjoining cemetery.

Tom O'Shea, Castle Road. Reposing at his home on Sunday with funeral prayers at 7.00pm. Requiem Mass on Monday at 11.30am in St Patrick's Church. Funeral to Foulkstown Cemetery.

Sean Leahy, College Road. Requiem Mass on Tuesday morning at 11am in St Patrick's Church
Sean Kelly, Ballycallan. **Michael Monagle**, Newpark Lawn. **Una Roche**, Ardnore. **Patrick (Musha) Maher**, Clonmel and formerly of Dublin Road, Kilkenny.

Months Mind: Sheila Hamilton (6.00pm)

Anniversaries: John, Agnes and Mick Stapleton (11.00am); Harry Shine (11.30am); Seamus 'Scun' Donnelly, Richard & Mary Fanning (7.00pm); Annie Dowling; Bridget Tallis; Aileen Deegan; Frank Beale; Paddy & Peg Hickey; Lar Hackett; Pat Grogan; Caiden Hennessy; Molly & Mick Doran; John O'Keefe; Mary Brophy; James & Margaret Burke; Josephine Maher; Alice Byrne; Frank Kavanagh. **May they rest in peace.**

Readers for Next Weekend

6.00pm Mary Lynch
 8.00am Jo Browne
 10.00am Teresa Dowling
 11.00am Christy Murray & Maise Powell
 11.30am Paula Rogers
 7.00pm Josh McHugh



Weekly Attendance and Collections

Envelope Collection:	€880.00	
Mass	Attendance	Baskets
6.00pm Vigil	60	185.00
8.00am	133	609.00
Johnswell	77	110.00
Dunmore	57	111.00
11.30am	174	364.00
7.00pm	110	263.00

Thanks to all who attend and contribute.

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.

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 final Wednesdays of Lent.

St Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund

The next draw will take place on Wednesday, 29th March in the Innovation Centre, Borris-in-Ossory. Draw Tickets are available from St John's Parish Office or any of the priests. The subscription is €120 per annum or €10 per month. Be in to win!

Table Quiz in Aid of The Irish Hospice Foundation – Nurses for Night Care

A Table Quiz in aid of the Irish Hospice Foundation will take place on Saturday, 1st April in The Orchard House, New Orchard Road at 8.30pm. Tables of 4 cost €40, €10pp. For further details please contact Martin on 086 394 4224. Come and enjoy a great evening with lots of fun, finger food, raffle, and prizes!



Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 27th March

Monday: 10.30am Áine Dowling
 Tuesday: 10.30am Requiem Mass
 Wednesday: 8.00am Aileen Deegan
 10.30am Frank Beale
 Thursday: 10.30am Lar Hackett
 Friday: 10.30am Paddy and Peg Hickey
 Saturday: 10.30am Bridget Tallis
 6.00pm Fintan Ryan
 Sunday: 10.00am Josie Manning
 11.00am Leahy Family, Dunmore
 11.30am Julia and Bill O'Keefe
 7.00pm Esther Ryan (MM)

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

Come Forth!

Pope Francis's talk on the raising of Lazarus describes the beginning of our resurrection. "Jesus calls to us as he called to Lazarus in his tomb: "Come forth!" This call is addressed to every human person because we are all marked by death. Christ is not resigned to the sepulchres that we have constructed with our choices of evil and death, with our mistakes, our sins. Jesus invites us, almost orders us, to come out of the tombs into which our sins have plunged us. This is where our resurrection begins: when we decide to obey the command of Jesus to come into the light, to life; when the masks fall from our faces ... and we rediscover the courage of our original faces, created in the image and likeness of God."

Annual Daffodil Cancer Prayer Service

The annual prayer service for those whose lives have been touched by cancer will take place in St. Fiacre's Church, Loughboy on Tuesday, 28th March at 7.30pm. The first-class relic of St. Peregrine and St. Peregrine's blessed oil will be available for blessing.

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. Please support our diocesan cathedral bookshop.

Pilgrimage to Knock – Sunday, 23rd April 2023

Apostolate of Eucharistic Adoration Pilgrimage to Knock, Coach leaves from Woodies' Carpark, Kilkenny at 7.00am. Cost: €25.00. Please contact: 086 166 6547. Main Programme

9.45 – 10.45am: Tea/Coffee courtesy of Apostolate
 11.00 – 12 noon: Guided Adoration led by the Franciscan Sisters
 11.00 – 2.30pm: Confessions in the Chapel of Reconciliation
 12.00 – 12.50pm: Lunch (bring a packed lunch) St John's Rest and Care
 1.00 – 2.30pm: Keynote Address for the Pilgrimage in Basilica: "The Eucharist and the Foundational Truths of the Christ Faith. Fr. Pat Collins CM International Author, Speaker and Preacher.
 3.00 – 4.30pm: Mass in the Basilica: Chief Celebrant: Most Rev. Kieran O' Reilly SMA, Archbishop of Cashel and Emlly. Followed by Benediction and Eucharistic Blessing