

First Friday Calls

In preparation for Easter and to mark the first Friday of April the priests will visit the sick and infirm with Holy Communion. Fr. Dan and Raymond will be in touch to arrange a suitable time for visits.

Please contact the Parish Office if you would like a priest to visit your home or the home of a loved one.

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.

Conversations with Women in the Bible

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

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

Pilgrimage to Knock – Sunday, 23rd April

Apostolate of Eucharistic Adoration Pilgrimage to Knock, Coach leaves from Woodies' Carpark, Kilkenny at 7.00am on Sunday, 23rd April 2023. Cost: €25.00.

Please contact: 086 166 6547 for information and booking.

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.

Theology Open Day

Is this for you? The Priory Institute provides online theology courses to degree level. Attend Saturday lectures in Tallaght or from the comfort of your own home. Click here or email enquiries@prioryinstitute.com to find out more about our Open Day on Saturday, 29th April. Register for the open day on <https://prioryinstitute.com/events/open-day-saturday-april-29>.

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

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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.

Counselling Services - Towards Healing Confidential Helpline

1800 313 316 - www.towardshealing.ie

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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

Palm Sunday - 2nd April 2023



Palm Sunday

Today is Palm Sunday, the day on which we mark the Lord's triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Palm branches will be blessed at all Masses in our parish.

Holy Week and Easter Ceremonies in Our Parish

Monday	Morning Mass	8.00am and 10.30am (St. John's Church)
Tuesday	Morning Mass	8.00am and 10.30am (St. John's Church)
	Penitential Service	7.30pm (St. John's Church)
Spy Wednesday	Morning Mass	8.00am and 10.30am (St. John's Church)
	Mass of Chrism	7.30pm (St. Mary's Cathedral)
Holy Thursday	Morning Prayer	10.30am (St. John's Church)
	Mass of the Lord's Supper	7.30pm (St. John's Church)
	Quiet time and Sacrament of Reconciliation afterwards	
Good Friday	Morning Prayer	10.30am (St. John's Church)
	Stations of the Cross	12 noon (St. John's Church)
	Celebration of the Lord's Passion	3.00pm (St. John's Church)
	Walk the Way of the Cross	7.00pm (St. John's to Capuchin Friary)
	Stations of the Cross	7.30pm (Dunmore and Johnswell)
Holy Saturday	Morning Prayer	10.30am (St John's Church)
	Blessing of Easter Food	12.30pm (St John's Church - Polish)
	Easter Vigil	9.00pm (St John's Church)
Easter Sunday	Mass	8.00am, 11.30am (St John's Church)
	Mass	10.00am (Johnswell)
	Mass	11.00am (Dunmore)
	Mass	1.00pm (St John's Church - Polish)
	Mass	7.00pm (St. John's Church)

Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

Recently Deceased:

Sammy Geoghegan, Lacken Drive. Dick O'Connell, Golf Links Road.
 Sr Veronica Doran, Presentation Sisters, Parnell Street. Sr Eucharia Ryan, California.
 Esther Kinearney, Kilbeggan, Co Westmeath

Months Mind: Esther Ryan (7.00pm).

Anniversaries: Fintan Ryan (6.00pm); Josie Manning (10.00am); The Leahy Family Dunmore (11.00am); Julia & Bill O'Keeffe (11.30am); Noel (Lou) Walsh; Bridie Herlihy; Lil Morris; Liz & Joe Whyte; Paddy & Peg Hickey.

*Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us every day,
 unseen, unheard, but always near!*

Readers for Next Weekend

6.00pm *To be Arranged*
 8.00am Padraig O'Neill
 10.00am Seán Colgan
 11.00am Jim Kavanagh & Claire Hanrick
 11.30am Mary Hanafin
 7.00pm Marie Fogarty



Weekly Attendance and Collections

Envelope Collection:		€665.00
Mass	Attendance	Baskets
6.00pm Vigil	115	185.00
8.00am	63	609.00
Johnswell	36	110.00
Dunmore	56	111.00
11.30am	173	364.00
7.00pm	129	263.00

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

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, 3rd April at 11.00am. All are welcome.

Scripture Reflection Group - Change of Day This Week

The St John's Parish Scripture Group is growing. This week's meeting will be at 7.30pm on Monday evening and all are welcome.

Castlecomer Golf Club - Clothing Collection

Castlecomer Golf Club is holding a textile recycling on Tuesday, 18th April. Bags can be dropped into the Golf Clubhouse any day between 10.00am and 5.00pm from Monday, 3rd April to Monday, 17th April. The bags will be collected from the Golf Club on Tuesday, 18th April. This is a great opportunity to do a bit of a clear out of all your unwanted clothes, duvet covers, sheets, blankets, towels, jeans, curtains, shoes, boots, and golf shoes. (No duvets or pillows).

Collection for the Upkeep of the Holy Shrines in the Holy Land

The Irish Bishops have asked that there be a collection on Good Friday for the support of Holy Places. Your contribution will be greatly appreciated.

Turkey/Syria Earthquake Appeal

Thank you for €5,586 collected recently in the parish for the Turkey/Syria Earthquake appeal. To-date €118,505 has been collected and sent to Trócaire from the Diocese of Ossory.

Trócaire Family Fast Boxes

It is time to return your Lenten Family Fast Box. Please remember to return your Trócaire envelopes or box to the Church on Holy Thursday. Thank you.

Volunteer with ALONE

Would you be willing to provide companionship to an older person locally? ALONE is seeking volunteers in your area. Full training and support provided. If interested, please contact Emma on 086 083 4393 or via email emma.heslin@alone.ie. If you are over 60 and would like to know more about the services ALONE can offer you, please call 0818 222 024.

Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 3rd April

Monday: 10.30am Paddy & Peg Hickey
 Sunday: 8.00am Helen Frayne
 11.00am Ken McDermott
 11.30am Seán & Alice Byrne
 7.00pm Bridie Murphy (MM)

Please note we may transfer an anniversary Mass on the occasion of a funeral.

May they rest in peace.

Parish Webcam

Masses and Services in St. John's Church are broadcast on stjohnskilkenny.com and on 106.8FM. Inform those who are unable to attend.

Weekdays

8.00am and 10.30am.

Saturdays

10.30am and 6.00pm.

Sundays

8.00am, 11.30am 7.00pm.

Penitential Service on Tuesday

In preparation for the celebration of Easter St. John's Parish will host a Penitential Service in St. John's Church at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 4th April. The Service will include scripture readings, reflections, music and time for quiet prayer. We expect to have a number of priests to help on the evening. You and your family members are invited to join with us.

The Chrism Mass on Wednesday

Bishop Niall invites all to the Chrism Mass which will be celebrated at St. Mary's Cathedral at 7.30pm on Wednesday, 5th April. The Sacred Oils to be used throughout the Diocese for Baptism, Confirmation, Anointing of the Sick and Ordination to Priesthood will be consecrated and blessed. All parishioners are encouraged and will be made feel welcome.

Morning Prayer on Thursday, Friday and Saturday

Matins or Morning Prayer from the ancient Prayer of the Church will replace Mass in St. John's Church at 10.30am on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of Holy Week. It is an ancient tradition that daily Mass is not celebrated during the Triduum and we invite our usual Mass goers to join us for Morning Prayer. There will not be Mass at 8.00am on these mornings.

Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday

On Thursday evening at 7.30pm all are invited to join the local community as we commemorate the Lord's Last Supper. Let us respond to the Lord's invitation: "Do this in memory of me." Following the Mass the Blessed Sacrament will be reposed in the side chapel and the church will remain open for silent personal prayer until 10.00pm.

The Passion of the Lord on Good Friday

The solemn celebration of the Lord's Passion and Death will take place in St. John's Church at 3.00pm on Good Friday. Come and celebrate the event by which we are saved. We will follow the Stations of the Cross in Dunmore and Johnswell Churches at 7.30pm on Friday evening. All are welcome to come and meditate on the Way of the Cross.

Annual Good Friday Walk

The 21st Annual Good Friday Walk will be led this year by Bishop Niall Coll. The walk will begin at **St. Johns Church at 7.00pm** walking down John Street, Rose Inn Street, High Street and finishing at the Friary Church for Prayer around the Cross. All are welcome.

Blessing of Easter Food

The traditional Polish blessing of Easter food will take place at St. John's Church at 12.30pm on Holy Saturday. All are welcome to drop in and join in the celebrations.

The Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday

The Solemn Easter Vigil will take place in St. John's Church at 9.00pm on Holy Saturday. We gather to watch and wait as we prepare to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. This is the highlight of the year in church and we hope as many as possible will come and join us as we bless the Easter Fire and the Easter Water.