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### Vocation Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> April 2023

Next Sunday marks the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the initiation of the annual World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

It is the fourth Sunday of Easter also known as 'Good Shepherd Sunday' or 'World Day of Prayer for Vocations' The Bishops' Conference has organised the coming year to promote vocations to the diocesan priesthood. The yearlong awareness campaign will open on 25<sup>th</sup> April, the Feast of Saint Mark the Evangelist. Over the twelve-month period, it is planned to host events in parishes and at pilgrim sites around the country, and to provide resources for homes and schools.

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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

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### OUR PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES ARE:

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# 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:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. Monthly, 7.00pm; **Weekdays:** 8.00am, 10.30am. (Sat. 10.30am only).

**Johnswell - Sunday 10.00am**

**Dunmore - Sunday 11.00am**

### Third Sunday of Easter - 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2023

### Church Leaders Unite in Prayer Around the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Belfast/Good Friday Agreement

The Agreement was signed on 10<sup>th</sup> April 1998, which that year was Good Friday. It was a political deal designed to bring about the end of 'the Troubles', which, after nearly thirty years of violence and conflict on the streets of Northern Ireland, had resulted in more than 3,500 deaths. This year marks twenty-five years since the historic agreement was signed but the reality is that people from different parts of the community will approach this anniversary with mixed emotions. We can all be thankful that many lives were no doubt saved as a result of the Agreement but the relative peace that it brought came at a cost. Prisoners, those serving time for murder, were released back into the community and were able to return to their families, while victim's families had to show tolerance and acceptance, despite the reality that their loved ones would never return home.

We must remember that the signing of the Agreement was not the end of the journey to peace in Northern Ireland. It marked simply the first faltering steps down a very long road to a new, brighter, and shared future. That road will continue to be shaped by tolerance and respect for our differences, and a recognition of the need for greater understanding and reconciliation. The principles of the Agreement were based on 'partnership, equality and mutual respect'. As we reflect on how far we have travelled, we must fully appreciate the sacrifices that were made as we capture a vision for what lies ahead.

In the journey from Good Friday to Easter, from death to new life, as people of faith we believe that love is stronger than hate and that the light of hope shines brightly in the darkness.

*Heavenly Father, grant to us a true sense of what it is to be your people in the world.*

*We ask you to guard and guide all who reflect on the past, all who lead us in the present, and all who shape our future, that we may model our society on the image of Christ and to his glory, in whom we trust and through whom we pray. Amen.*

*May the God of peace bless our memories, heal our divisions, and lead us into his light and love, and the blessing of God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with us and remain with us always. Amen.*

*Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint hearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honour to everyone; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; and the blessing of God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with us always. Amen.*

**The Most Reverend Eamon Martin - The Most Reverend John McDowell**  
**The Right Reverend Dr John Kirkpatrick - The Reverend David Nixon**  
**The Right Reverend Andrew Forster**

### Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

#### Recently Deceased:

Catherine Kavanagh, Radestown. Bill Larkin, Dunmore.  
 Joseph (Josie) Barry, Dean Cavanagh Place. Betty Davison, Newcastle, England.  
 Robert (Bobby) Culleton, Old Callan Road, Kilkenny. Derry McPhillips, Kilkenny.  
 Fr Michael Drennan, SJ, Dublin and late of Piltown. Kevin Murphy, Kilkenny.

**Months Mind:** Maura Gormley (10.00am).

**Anniversaries:** Joseph Galvin (6.00pm); Margaret (Mags) Smyth (11.00am); Joan and Larry Manning (11.30am); Bernadette Molloy (7.00pm); Martin Delaney; Brenda McGuinness; Molly Dowling; Bobby and Ellen Delaney; Jack Mulcahy; Dick, Matty and Bridget Corr; Mary Crotty; Patrick, Mary and Seán McGrath; Vera Walsh; Brigid O'Carroll.

*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!*

#### Readers for Next Weekend

6.00pm Bridget Ahearn  
 8.00am Jo Browne  
 10.00am Fiona & Sarah Manning  
 11.00am Martina Brennan & Tom Keating  
 11.30am Kathleen Ferguson  
 7.00pm Linda O'Leary



#### Weekly Attendance and Collections

Envelope Collection:		€2,447.00
Mass	Attendance	Baskets
6.00pm Vigil	121	142.00
8.00am	116	266.00
Johnswell	87	142.00
Dunmore	67	67.00
11.30am	157	214.00
7.00pm	136	203.00

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

#### 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 lunch together. Should you like to attend or if you require further information about the Day Care Centre services, please contact Marian on 087 372 0382.

#### Society of St Vincent de Paul Says 'Thank You'

A sincere 'thank you' for 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.

#### Trócaire Family Fast Boxes

Thank You to all who contributed to Trócaire. We appeal for any remaining Trócaire Contributions to be returned this week. You can return your contributions to the Church or the Office.

#### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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 important parish prayer ministry. Others are invited to come and join in prayer for any length of time.

#### Scripture Reflection Group

The St John's Parish Scripture Group continues to meet on Thursday evenings. 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.

### Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 24th April

Tuesday: 10.30am Martin Delaney  
 Wednesday: 10.30am Brenda McGuinness  
 Saturday: 10.30am Molly Dowling  
 6.00pm Michael Kelly  
 Sunday: 10.00am MM May Brophy  
 11.00am Peggy Tynan  
 11.30am May Butler  
 7.00pm Liam Maher

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.  
**Holy Days**  
 6.00pm (Eve)  
 8.00am, 10.30am 7.00pm

#### Roman Orthodox Choir Concert.

The Youth Choir of the Roman Orthodox Church of the Parish of St Thomas and St Kevin of Glendalough will host a concert in St Mary's Cathedral on Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April (The Sunday of St Thomas the Apostle) at 12.30pm. The choir "St. Roman the Melodist" will perform songs specific to the Pascal period. After the concert are all invited for some refreshments with Romanian/Moldovan specific Easter food. Looking forward to seeing you once again!

#### Local Book Launch

"Scéalta Sheáin", a book of short stories by the acclaimed Waterford author Seán Mac Sheáin Mac Eochaidh, will be launched in Loughboy Library at 6.00pm on Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup> by Mícheál Ó Máirtín. Tá fáilte roimh chách chuig an seoladh.

#### St Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund

This month's draw will take place on Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> April. Tickets are available from the Parish Office, or any of the priests. We encourage your support for St. Mary's, our Diocesan Cathedral. Subscription is €120 per annum or €10 per month.

#### Conversations with Women in the Bible - CANCELLED

It is with great disappointment that we have to cancel our Spring Conference this year due to unforeseen circumstances. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

#### St Catherine of Siena - Feast Day: 29<sup>th</sup> April

Born in Siena in 1347. Saint Catherine of Siena was a great philosopher and theologian and is considered a Doctor of the Church. She is the patron saint of fire prevention, illness, miscarriage, Europe and nurses. At the age of 6, a vision of the Lord came to her and she became very spiritual. At the age of 16 or 17 she joined a group of Dominican laywomen who lived in their homes while dedicating their lives to prayer and active works of charity.

Catherine's first years as a Dominican were spent in seclusion in her family home where she prepared for an active life of service to others. As the years went on, this service took the form of caring for the sick and poor, nursing plague victims and counselling others who wished to grow spiritually.

Catherine died in Rome in 1380 at the age of 33, having dedicated her life completely for the good of the Church.

