

Prayer for Vocations

Lord Jesus, we believe that you continue to scatter the seeds of vocation in the hearts of young people today. Help us to nourish those seeds with encouragement and support so that they will take root, grow, and bear fruit.

Give to all who are called the courage they need to take a first step on a journey of discovery which will lead them to that place where they will encounter you Lord and discern the road you invite them to follow.

Lord fill young hearts with a spirit of loving service, care and respect for themselves and others.

Provide your Church in Ossory with humble shepherds who will work with their sisters & brothers in a spirit of co-responsibility for your Church.

We ask this through the intercession of Mary the Mother of Jesus, St Kieran and all the Saints of Ossory. Amen

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. Marian on 087 372 0382.

South Kilkenny Historical Society

Coach Trip to Doneraile Court and Mallow on Saturday, 27th May. Cost - €65 for members and €70 for those who are not paid up members for 2023. The cost includes coach hire, a guided tour of Doneraile Court, a walking tour of Mallow and an evening meal at the Talbot Hotel, Clonmel. It does not include the cost of lunch. For further information on booking places for the Coach Trip please contact Brigid Barron, Blossom Hill, Kilmacow, Co. Kilkenny on telephone 087 950 7295 or brigidbarron@hotmail.com or Mary Ryan, 'Gort Glas', Aglish, Carrigeen, Co. Kilkenny 086 379 0655 or maryearyan@gmail.com.

A €20 non-refundable deposit, per person will apply.

St Mary's Cathedral Bookshop

St Mary's Cathedral Bookshop, situated in the grounds of our diocesan 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, Holy Water Fonts and other popular goods.

Please support our diocesan cathedral bookshop.

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

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

Fourth Sunday of Easter - Vocations Sunday - 30th April 2023

Message of Pope Francis for 60th World Day of Prayer for Vocations 2023

Vocation: Grace and Mission

“Our shared mission as Christians is to bear joyful witness wherever we find ourselves, through our actions and words, to the experience of being with Jesus and members of his community, which is the Church. That mission finds expression in works of material and spiritual mercy, in a welcoming and gentle way of life that reflects closeness, compassion and tenderness, in contrast to the culture of waste and indifference. By being a neighbour, like the Good Samaritan (cf. Lk 10:25-37), we come to understand the heart of our Christian vocation: to imitate Jesus Christ, who came to serve, not to be served (cf. Mk 10:45).”

To read the full message go to www.vatican.va



Ever Thought of being a Priest?

Have you ever thought of being a Priest? Did that thought stay with you even for the shortest time? Maybe you are being called to a way of life that is certainly different but is also a life worth living. The mission of a priest as Pope Francis often reminds us is to bring God's Love, Mercy, and Hope to People, to accompany them on their search for God, to help them discover their true mission to be active partakers in the life of the Church. You can only do this when you have discovered God's love for you and when Jesus Christ is at the centre of your life.

The journey to priesthood is first of all a journey of discovery - discovering who God really wants you to be and how your mission will unfold. So would you like to explore further... ask more questions....at your pace? Take a risk for Christ. Why not drop an email to Fr Kieran O' Shea, Diocesan Vocations Director for further information or to arrange a chat. vocations@ossory.ie Twitter [@vocossory](https://twitter.com/vocossory) facebook <https://www.facebook.com/vocationsossory21>

First Friday of May

Next Friday is the First Friday of May. The sick and housebound will be visited at the usual times. Please inform the Parish Office or one of the priests if you have a relative or neighbour who would like this service.

Ossory Times Magazine

Some copies of our diocesan magazine are available at the church doors. €2 donation invited.

No 8.00am Mass on Bank Holiday Monday, 1st May

Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

Recently Deceased: Catherine Carroll, Garringreen and Castlecomer (Fr. Dan's sister). Funeral prayers at her brother's home in Castlecomer at 8.00pm on Sunday. Requiem Mass in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Castlecomer at 11.00am on Monday followed by interment in the adjoining cemetery.

Molly Hennessy, Castlecomer Road
William Gorman, St John's Court
Tom Fitzgerald, Camp, Kerry
Sharon Dwyer, Garden Row
Michael Hogan, Shellumsrath

Margaret Hennessy, Bishop Birch Place
Jefferson Francisco Peres, London
Matty Brennan, Wallslough
Isabella Doyle, Thomastown

Months Mind: May Brophy (10.00am).

Anniversaries: Michael Kelly (6.00pm); Peggy Tynan (11.00am); May Butler (11.30am); Liam Maher (7.00pm); Tim Comerford; Danny O'Keeffe; Bea Orr; Fr Edmund Prendergast; James, Elizabeth Prendergast and Family; Patrick Price; Alice Hennessy; Michael O'Hara; Michael Foley.

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

Readers for Next Weekend

6.00pm Máirín Bergin
8.00am Padraig O'Neill
10.00am Teresa Dowling
11.00am Esther Comerford & Tom Comerford
11.30am Bobbie Lahart
7.00pm Anne Marie Grace



Weekly Attendance and Collections

Envelope Collection:		€1,875.00
Mass	Attendance	Baskets
6.00pm Vigil	86	142.00
8.00am	106	266.00
Johnswell	75	142.00
Dunmore	72	67.00
11.30am	190	214.00
7.00pm	114	203.00

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

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.

Irish Summer Camp

Campa Samhraidh Thobar Eoin - There will be an Irish Summer camp taking place in Johnswell this year. All camp activities are done through the medium of Irish in a fun and encouraging way. Activities include art, baking, sports, a ciorcal comhrá gach maidin, science experiments, table quiz, orienteering and a trip to "Siopa Ann" where the páistí can put their Gaeilge to use in a real life setting.

Dáta/Dates: 24th - 28th of July. Aois-ghrúpa/Age Group: 9-12yrs. Tuilleadh Eolais/More Information Contact: 087 700 6324, tobarnagaeilge@yahoo.com

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 – **May 5th**, July 7th, September 8th, November 3rd. The celebrant is Fr John Walsh. Prayers and Hymns start at 6.30pm. All are very welcome.

Rosary at the Black Abbey

For the Month of May in conjunction with coastal rosary Ireland | Global rosary for protection, there will be Rosary in the Black Abbey daily at 3.00pm. All are very welcome

Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 1st May

Monday: 10.30am Danny O'Keeffe
Tuesday: 10.30am Special Intention
Friday: 10.30am Bea Orr
Saturday: 10.30am Fr Edmund Prendergast
James, Elizabeth Prendergast & Family
6.00pm Jim Kelly
Sunday: 8.00am Paddy Brennan
10.00am Margaret & Martin Hanlon
11.30am Mary Lawless
7.00pm Michael Hayes

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

ALONE

ALONE is a national organisation that enables older people to age at home across Kilkenny. Our work is for all older people and aims to improve wellbeing. We have a national network of staff and volunteers who provide Support Coordination, Practical Supports, Befriending, a variety of Phone Services, Social Prescribing, Housing with Support and Assistive Technology. We use individualised support plans, to address health, financial benefits and supports, social care, housing, transport, and other arising needs using technology and harness other services.

There are many ways to volunteer with ALONE such as Visitation Support & Befriending, Telephone Support & Befriending, National Support & Referral Line Volunteer.

If you are interested in Volunteering with ALONE or to learn more, please visit www.alone.ie/volunteer/volunteers/. If you or an older person you know needs help of any kind, contact us on 0818 222 024, 7 days per week 8.00am - 8.00pm or email: hello@alone.ie

ACCORD

An information session for people interested in becoming a Facilitator with ACCORD will take place via zoom on Tuesday, 2nd May from 7.00pm to 8.00pm.

Please see the zoom link below and feel free to pass it along to anyone who is interested in this training and who wishes to find out more information about joining Accord. All information regarding selections and training will be outlined.

Topic: Information Evening - Becoming a Facilitator with Accord

Time: May 2nd, 2023; 07.00pm, Dublin

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84253401104>

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Meeting ID: 842 5340 1104, Passcode: 412023.

The Totus Tuus Women of Faith Conference 2023

This event will be live on Radio Maria Ireland on Saturday, 6th May from 2.00pm. Speakers include Siobhán Dunniece, Sr. Benedetta (Sisters of Merciful Jesus), Katie Ascough and Mary Anne Collins. You can follow the conference by:

1. Going online at www.radiomaria.ie.
2. Download the Radio Maria Ireland App to your smartphone or tablet.
3. Listen live via Facebook.
4. Listen through your TV on Saorview Channel 210

