

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. Contact Joe Walsh Tours 01 241 0800 or email info@joewalshstours.ie.

St Patrick's Brass and Reed Band

Next Sunday we have the pleasure of welcoming the St Patrick's Brass and Reed Band who will provide the sacred music at our 11.30am Mass. We look forward to an enhanced liturgy with sacred music provided by our neighbours from across the river.

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. Dátaí/Dates: 24th - 28th of July. Aois-ghrúpa/Age Group: 9-12yrs. Tuilleadh Eolais/More Information Contact 087 700 6324 or visit tobarna-gaeilge@yahoo.com

May is the Month of Mary

We encourage you to pray the Rosary, (even one decade), particularly during May.

Bring Flowers of the Rarest

Bring flowers of the rarest bring blossoms the fairest, from gardens and woodlands and hillside and dale;

Our full hearts are swelling, our glad voices telling the praise of the loveliest flower of the vale!
Chorus:

O Mary we crown thee with blossoms today!
Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May.
O Mary we crown thee with blossoms today,
Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May.

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.

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.

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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 Easter - 7th May 2023

Synod 2021-2024 For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission

In October 2021, the Catholic Church's synodal process on the theme of Synodality began. This was the first time that a worldwide listening process and consultation with parishes and dioceses was attempted and many people in Ireland took part in a listening process during the early months of 2022.

Did you take part? Have you been wondering what happened after that?

Much has happened since then. Your participation formed part of a national document that was sent to the Synod office in Rome in August 2022. It also formed part of a global document called Enlarge the Space of Your Tent, which was published last October and then formed part of a presentation given by the Irish delegation that travelled to Prague this February for the first ever Continental Assembly of the Catholic Church's synodal process. Please visit www.synod.ie/2023update to find out more.



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First Holy Communion Day – Next Week

On next Saturday the pupils from **St John's Junior School** will receive their First Holy Communion. We will have two celebrations at St John's Church: one at 10.30am and another at 12.30pm. Please note that the 10.30am Mass on next Saturday morning will include the First Holy Communion celebration - while welcome at this Mass regular members of the 10.30am congregation may prefer to seek Mass elsewhere.

We keep all the boys and girls, their families, and teachers in our prayers during this time.

First Holy Communion in **Johnswell** will take place on Saturday 20th May at 11.00am.

All the young people have been preparing over the past number of months, and we thank the teachers and volunteers who put in so much dedicated work into preparing them for the Sacrament.

Dear Friends,

My family and I would like to thank all who prayed for and supported us on the recent death of my sister Catherine. We were humbled by your support and the many kind words of appreciation, Mass cards and personal attendance at the wake and funeral.

Catherine was very special in our lives and will be sorely missed by us all.

Thank you very much for your acts of kindness, I will offer Mass for your intentions.

Fr. Dan

Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

Recently Deceased: Kathleen Kay Doyle, Francis McManus Square.
Paddy Walsh, Slieverue. Vincent Coyne, Melville Heights.
Eamonn Tynan, Lyrath. Kathleen Flanagan, Ferrybank.

Months Mind: Rose Marie Maher

Anniversaries: Jim Kelly (6.00pm); Paddy Brennan (8.00am); Margaret & Martin Hanlon (10.00am); Mary Lawless (11.30am); Michael Hayes (7.00pm); Margaret & Matt Deegan; Luke Murphy; P.J. Corum; Christopher Fahy; Mary Walsh; Tom Byrne; Bridie O'Connor; Steve Moynihan.

*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 Mary Lynch
8.00am Paula Rogers
10.00am Seán Colgan
11.00am Nora Guilfoyle & Fiona McGeary
11.30am Anne Maria Walsh
7.00pm Josh McHugh



Weekly Attendance and Collections

Envelope Collection:		€605.00
Mass	Attendance	Baskets
6.00pm Vigil	135	327.00
8.00am	124	403.00
Johnswell	52	157.00
Dunmore	60	122.00
11.30am	174	354.00
7.00pm	130	266.00

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 at 11.00am. All are welcome. The St Joseph's Young Priests Society promotes vocations to the priesthood and religious life. New members are always welcome to come and join this group.

St John's Parish Scripture Group.

This friendly and informal group meets in the Presbytery at 7.30pm each Thursday. All are most welcome to come along. We read the Scripture texts for the following Sunday's Mass, and then we have a relaxed chat about the meaning, message and relevance of each. It is an enjoyable way to spend an evening and helps us to better appreciate the Mass.

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.

Novena to our Lady of Fatima (Saturday, 13th - Sunday, 21st May)

Black Abbey, Kilkenny. Preacher: Fr Colm Mannion OP. Saturdays: 10.00am and 6.10pm; Sundays: 3.00pm. Monday - Friday: 10.00am and 7.00pm. All are welcome.

Ireland Needs Fatima - Rosary Rally

The Rosary will be recited on Saturday, 13th May at 4.00pm in James Green, Kilkenny. This is one of over 500 such Rosary Rallies to be held across the country next weekend.

Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 8th May

Monday: 10.30am Margaret & Matt Deegan & Luke Murphy
Friday: 10.30am P.J. Corum
Saturday: 10.30am First Communion
12.30pm First Communion
6.00pm Liam & Margaret Walsh
Sunday: 8.00am Nan, Willie & Noel Meany
11.00am Ellen, Martin, Martin Jnr, Paddy & Chirsty Brennan.
11.30am Damien Mahon
7.00pm Michael Malone

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

Summer at Knock Shrine - Programme of Ceremonies

Mass times: Sundays and Holy Days

9.00 am Parish Church
10.30am Basilica
12.00noon Basilica
3.00pm Basilica

Adoration: Sundays and Holy Days

11.30am – 6.30pm
Blessed Sacrament Chapel
7.00pm to 9.00pm Apparition Chapel

Sundays: Pilgrimage Ceremonies

2.00pm Rosary
2.30pm Anointing of the Sick
3.00pm Concelebrated Mass followed By Eucharistic Blessing

Mass times: Weekdays and Saturdays

9.00am Parish Church
12.00noon Basilica
3.00pm Basilica with Anointing of the Sick
7.30 pm Parish Church (Rosary at 7.00pm)

Adoration: Weekdays and Saturdays

9.00-6.30pm Blessed Sacrament Chapel
7.00pm to 9.00pm Apparition Chapel
2.00pm Stations of the Cross/Rosary

Our Lady of Fatima

On 13th May 1917, three children in a sleepy Portuguese village were blessed with a vision of Mary, Mother of Jesus. We recall Our Lady's words to the children: her direction to pray the rosary for peace, her mission to them from God.

Prayer to Our Lady of Fatima

O Most Holy Virgin Mary,
Queen of the most holy Rosary,
you were pleased to appear to the children of Fatima
and reveal a glorious message.

We implore you,
inspire in our hearts a
fervent love for the recitation of the Rosary.
By meditation on the mysteries of the redemption
that are recalled therein
may we obtain
the graces and virtues
that we ask, through the merits of Jesus Christ,
our Lord and Redeemer. Amen.

