

### 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.

### St Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund-

This month's draw will take place on next Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup> May. Tickets are available from the Parish Office, or any of the priests.

### 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: 7<sup>th</sup> July, 8<sup>th</sup> September, 3<sup>rd</sup> November 3rd. The celebrant will be Fr John Walsh. Prayers and hymns at 6.30pm. All welcome.

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

A sincere thank you for your generous support at last weekend's church door collection. Remember the St. John's Parish Conference can be contacted in writing through the Parish Office or on 086 895 1239.

**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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### A Prayer for Exam Students

Lord, I come before you in need.

Exams are approaching  
and I am worried.

Give me courage  
to face the coming weeks.

Concentrate my mind on my studies

Help me to use my time well.

May I work hard,  
but also rest and relax a little.

During each exam,  
may what I have studied  
appear on the paper.

May I read each question carefully,  
identify what is asked,  
and answer well.

When the results come,  
may I be satisfied that I did my best.

May whatever path I choose in life  
bring me happiness  
and give me opportunities  
to better the world. Amen.

### Remembrance

A Peace and Remembrance Conference will be held at the Kilford Arms Hotel on 13<sup>th</sup> June the Feast of St. Anthony and Yeats's Day. Featuring talks, music, poetry. Free admission. All welcome.

# 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**

### Pentecost Sunday - 28<sup>th</sup> May 2023

### Franciscan Missionaries of Mary

This weekend we are delighted to welcome the Sisters of the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary to all our parish Masses. The Sisters will speak about their missionary work throughout the world. They will also have a door collection for the missions after Masses.

Franciscan Missionaries of Mary are Sisters who live in international communities throughout the world especially in areas where Christ is least known and the Church least present. Like Mary, our lives are centred on Christ in daily Eucharist, Adoration, personal and community prayer. Christ sends us out to our brothers and sisters where we discover his hidden presence. In the spirit of Saint Francis of Assisi we journey with our brothers and sisters in the simplicity and joy of Gospel living, a sign of peace, hope and reconciliation.

Please welcome and support the sisters.

### Ossory Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2023

The Diocesan Pilgrimage 2023, which concludes on this Sunday, took place over five days. Travelling this year along with Bishop Niall were many front-line workers who did so much to care for people throughout the covid pandemic. Those who travelled took part in the usual moments of prayer and reflection in Lourdes and at the Grotto. They lit candles and prayed for the many intentions which they carried with them on our behalf.

### Ossory Adult Faith Development Holy Land Pilgrimage 2024

Ossory AFD Holy Land Pilgrimage - 19<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> February 2023. Led by Fr Dermot Ryan and Fr Kieran O'Shea. Cost - €1,615p.p. sharing.

Return flights from Dublin via London with BA - 23kg check-in luggage - In-flight catering - Three nights in Bethlehem - Three nights in Nazareth - Buffet breakfast and dinner daily - Extra breakfast included on day of arrival - all coaching and tours - Full religious programme organized. For Booking contact Kieran and Laura Troy, Newtown, Rahan, Tullamore, Co. Offaly on 057 935 5050 or info@myriam.ie. Fill out your booking form and return with a deposit of €300pp. Please note: this itinerary is not suitable for anyone with mobility issues.

### First Friday of June

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

### Dates For Your Diary

St Kieran's Cemetery Mass - Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> June - 7.30pm

Dunmore and Johnswell Cemetery Mass - Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> July - 7.30pm

Foulkstown Cemetery Mass - Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> July - 7.30pm

Keep the dates free and inform those who may not see this notice.

### Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

**Recently Deceased:** Paddy Dollard, Golf Links Road. Requiem Mass in St. John's Church at 10.30am on Monday followed by interment in St. Kieran's Cemetery.  
Maura Donnelly, College Road, Requiem Mass in St. Patrick's Church at 12.00 noon on Monday. Interment in Foulkstown Cemetery.

William Bolger, Bawnlusk, Kells Road  
Val Byrne, Brooklawn, Ballyfoyle Road  
Elaine Phelan, Dean Cavanagh Place

Sr Brigid Bolger, Loretto Convent  
Lizzy Fogarty, Bodalmore, Waterford Road  
Joe Manning, Butlers Hill

**Months Mind:** Patrick (Pa) Guidera (7.00pm) Jefferson Francisco Peres

**Anniversaries:** Philomena Campion (6.00pm); Joan Dempsey (8.00am); Barbara Teehan (11.00am); Fr Willie Meany (11.30am); Mary Gleeson; James & Catherine McGuinness; Robert O'Donnell; Nicholas & Nora Hoyne; The Cleary Family; Richard Walsh; Hannah & Patrick Dineen; Mary Lanigan; Peggy & Eamon Holohan; Agnes Dermody; Catherine Brennan; James Lanigan.

*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 Padraig O'Neill  
10.00am Fiona & Sarah Manning  
11.00am Christy Murray & Maise Powell  
11.30am Mary Hanafin  
7.00pm Eileen Kinane



#### Weekly Attendance and Collections

Envelope Collection:	€1,035.00	
	Mass	Attendance
6.00pm Vigil	87	110.00
8.00am	106	295.00
Johnswell	41	150.00
Dunmore	53	67.00
11.30am	166	274.00
7.00pm	156	248.00

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

#### All Ireland Rosary Rally in Knock

The All-Ireland Rosary Rally on Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June from 1.00pm in Knock includes Mass, the Rosary, the Stations of the Cross and a talk by Bishop Oliver Doeme. The principal celebrant for the Mass will be Archbishop Eamon Martin.

#### 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, facebook.com/vocationsossory21.

#### Praise be to you, Holy Spirit

Fill our hearts with your love and your zeal. Make us bearers of the Good News of Christ wherever we are. May we live in God's kinship, in God's love, in God's will, in expectation of God, in friendship with God, and in God's care. Amen.

### Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 29th May

Monday: 10.30am Funeral: Paddy Dollard  
Wednesday: 10.30am The Cleary Family  
Friday: 10.30am Richard Walsh  
Saturday: 10.30am Hannah & Patrick Dineen  
6.00pm Michael Owens  
Sunday: 8.00am: Mary Brennan & Mary Grogan  
10.00am Thomas Comerford  
11.00am Edward (Governor) Delaney  
11.30am Philip Drohan  
7.00pm: Patrick Fogarty

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

### Thought for the Day

We celebrate the Feast of Pentecost - the coming of the Holy Spirit - this weekend. The feast of Pentecost celebrates the unseen, immeasurable presence of God in our lives and in our Church - the *ruah* that animates us to do the work of the Gospel of the Risen One, the *ruah* that makes God's will our will, the *ruah* of God living in us and transforming us so that we may bring His life and love to our broken world. God 'breathes' His Spirit into our souls that we may live in his life and love; God ignites the 'fire' of his Spirit within our hearts and minds that we may seek God in all things in order to realise the coming of his reign.'



### Pentecost Sunday

A Word of God Outreach celebrating Pentecost on this Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May from 10.30am to 5.30pm in Edmund Rice Centre, Barrack Street, Waterford. Come and experience the power of the Holy Spirit to change our lives. Personal Testimony from Fr. Pat Scanlan (Cork). Praise, Worship, Scripture, Sharing, Testimonies, Healing Ministry and Celebration of Mass. Tea/Coffee available at Lunchtime.

### Lough Derg 2023 Pilgrimage Season

Three Day Pilgrimage - Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> June until Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> August - Admission €80 - Booking Advised - Concessions available for students, seniors and groups.  
One Day Retreat - 19<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> August and 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> September - Admission €45 - Booking Advised - Concessions available for groups.  
Residential Retreat - Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June and Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> August. €400 per person single room €325 per person sharing. Full Board - Booking Essential.  
Lakeshore Pilgrimage along the Pilgrim Path - Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> September - Admission €25 - Booking Essential. For further information go to www.loughderg.org - info@loughderg.org or telephone - 071 986 1518.

### Collections at Mass

We thank God that the pandemic is behind us and society is getting back to normal. With thanks to God for this blessing we intend reintroducing the collection bags at all weekend Masses in our parish from next weekend. Thanks to those who supervised the outdoor collections during the past number of years. Your assistance was greatly appreciated. We appreciate the service provided by the stewards in keeping us all safe and we appeal to them to remain with us in a role of greeting Mass goers, distributing the Mass leaflets, helping people find seats and ushering the congregation at Holy Communion time.