

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.

Lough Derg 2023 Pilgrimage Season

Three Day Pilgrimage – Thursday, 1st June until Monday, 15th August – Admission €80 Booking Advised, Concessions available for students, seniors and groups.

One Day Retreat – 19th, 22nd & 27th August and 2nd, 6th, 9th, 12th, 16th, 17th, 23rd, 24th September – Admission €45, Booking Advised – Concessions available for groups.

Residential Retreat – Sun. 11th to Thursday 15th June and Sun. 6th to Thurs. 10th August. €400 per person single room €325 per person sharing. Full Board – Booking Essential.

Lakeshore Pilgrimage along the Pilgrim Path – Saturday, 30th September – Admission €25 – Booking Essential. For further information go to www.loughderg.org – info@loughderg.org or telephone – 071 986 1518.

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 13th June the Feast of St. Anthony and Yeats's Day. Featuring talks, music, poetry. Free admission. All welcome.

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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

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IF YOU HAVE A SAFEGUARDING CONCERN CONTACT

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OUR PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES ARE:

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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

The Most Holy Trinity - 4th June 2023

The Feast of the Most Holy Trinity

Today, we are invited to see God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit Creator, manifestation of love, abiding presence and we are called into their loving communion.

As Creator, might we see God as the initiator, from where we might begin in our endeavours to know God, know God's nature and God's desire for all that is created.

As Son, and manifestation of love, more significantly divine love, wrapped up in God's willingness to give all to show the depth of that love, along the way reminding disciples, then and into the future, "What I have done for you, you too must do for one another."

As abiding presence, the promised Advocate, The Holy Spirit is the gift surely of a promised fulfilled ... "I will be with you always, yes, to the end of time."

First Holy Communion Class invited to Celebrate Corpus Christi

We invite the children who received their First Holy Communion this year to attend the Vigil Mass for the Feast of Corpus Christi in St John's Church at 6.00pm on next Saturday, 10th June. We invite them to dress in their First Holy Communion clothes. We look forward to welcoming them to this special feast of the Eucharist.

Cork City Choir to Visit St John's Church

Cór Cois Abhann, a Cork City choir, St John's Church next Saturday to sing at the 6.00pm Mass. They have a wide and varied repertoire and recently performed Fauré's Requiem at The Lough Church (for Easter) and they will perform Handel's Messiah this coming Christmas.

FMM Mission Appeal

We were happy to welcome Sr Nuala Glynn and Sr Mary Shanahan of the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary who made a mission appeal at all Masses in the parish last weekend. In a letter received during the week the sisters complimented the parishioners on "coming across as being warm and welcoming, not to mention generous. Giving us an amount of €4,909.67 speaks for itself."

On behalf of the sisters, we say thank you for your prayers and generous financial support for the mission of the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary. The sisters assure us of their prayers.

Cemetery Mass for 2023

St Kieran's Cemetery Mass - Friday, 30th June - 7.30pm

Dunmore and Johnswell Cemetery Mass - Friday, 7th July - 7.30pm

Rathcoole Cemetery (Celebrated in Johnswell Church) - Thursday, 29th June - 7.30pm

Templemartin Cemetery - Thursday, 8th June at 7.30pm

Foulkstown Cemetery Mass - Thursday, 27th July - 7.30pm

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

➤ No 8.00am Mass on Bank Holiday Monday, 5th June ◀

Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

Recently Deceased:

Seamus Rafter, The Sceilp, College Road, Kilkenny. Funeral arrangements later.
 Mary Kavanagh (nee Dunne), Tullow, Co. Carlow.
 Michael Griffin, Palmerstown and formerly of "OK House", High Street.

Anniversaries: Michael Owens (6.00pm); Mary Brennan, Mary Grogan (8.00am); Thomas Comerford (10.00am); Edward 'Governor' Delaney (11.00am); Philip Drohan (11.30am); Patrick Fogarty (7.00pm); Mary & Paddy Walsh; Lester Ryan; Angela & Martin Delaney; Charlie and Brigid Mallon; Tom O'Connor; Denis Brennan; Loughlin O'Keeffe; Bridget Culleton; David McGrath; Bridget Drennan; Eugene Jordan; Nora Barcoe; Joe & Mollie Bergin; William, Bridget and Liam O'Hanrahan; Dom Malone; Annie 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 Máirín Bergin
 8.00am Paula Rogers
 10.00am Teresa Dowling
 11.00am Jim Kavanagh & Claire Hanrick
 11.30am Mary Hanafin
 7.00pm Linda O'Leary



Weekly Attendance and Collections

Envelope Collection:	€1,780.00	
	Mass	Attendance
6.00pm Vigil	117	110.00
8.00am	115	295.00
Johnswell	37	150.00
Dunmore	89	67.00
11.30am	149	274.00
7.00pm	180	248.00

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

Points to Ponder

The Trinity is not something that we can understand and figure out with our reasoning, intellect or with our brain. We most certainly won't find the explanation to the Trinity by googling it! When we look at the news on our television or read the newspaper any day, we are often presented with news of violence, segregation and building walls. There is the reality of individuals and indeed come countries speaking about and defending their rights at the expense of dialogue and cooperation with other nations. People of different religions in the same country are often not only disagreeing with each other; they are actively fighting each other. Sadly, there is division where they could be unity, there is aggression where there could be understanding, and there is suspicion where there could be trust and mutual respect. The Trinity offers us a model of sharing, belonging and community. It also challenges our individualism and our demand that our rights be met all the time. The Trinity asks to be mindful of our responsibilities to those around us in our families, our neighbourhood and our parish community.

In the Christian tradition, when we begin our prayers, whether as individual or a community, we do so by making the sign of the cross and calling on the power and presence of the Trinity. When we pray glory be, we do the same. We deliberately and consciously ask the Trinity to be part of prayer and our daily life. Perhaps on the Feast of the Trinity we could say these prayers slower and let their meaning become part of us in a more intimate and personal way.

Prayer of St Columba (521-597AD) Feast Day 9th June

Be thou, O Lord, a bright flame before me,	be thou a kindly shepherd behind me,
be thou a guiding star above me,	today, tonight and forever.
be thou a smooth path below me,	Amen.

Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 5th June

Monday: 10.30am Mary & Paddy Walsh
 Tuesday: 8.00am Lester Ryan
 Wednesday: 10.30am Exam Students
 Friday: 10.30am Angela & Martin Delaney
 Saturday: 6.00pm Nicky & Daisy Purcell
 Sunday: 8.00am: Jake Brennan
 11.00am MM Catherine Kavanagh
 11.30am Matthew Redmond
 7.00pm: Loughlin O'Keeffe

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

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed 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

A Thought for Exam Students

Don't undermine your worth by comparing yourself with others;
 It is because we are different that each one of us is special.
 Don't set your goals by what other people deem important;
 Only you know what is best for you.
 Don't take for granted the things closest to your heart;
 Cling to them as you would your life, for without them life is meaningless.
 Don't let your life slip through your fingers by living in the past;
 By living your life one day at a time, you live all the days of your life.
 Don't give up when you still have something to give;
 Nothing is really over until the moment you stop trying.
 Don't be afraid to admit that you are less than perfect;
 It is this fragile thread that binds us to each other.
 Don't be afraid to encounter risks;
 It is by taking chances that we learn how to be brave.
 Don't dismiss your dreams;
 To be without hope is to be without purpose.
 Don't run through life so fast
 that you forget not only where you've been but also where you're going;
 Life is not a race, but a journey to be savoured, each step of the way.

Mass for Exam Students

On Wednesday next the 10.30am Mass in St John's Church will be offered for those beginning their Leaving Cert and Junior Cert exams on that day. We invite parents, grandparents, siblings and friends to come along and pray with us.

Candle for Exam Students

A candle will be kept burning in St John's Church from 8.00am on Wednesday for all those students who are sitting exams. We will keep the students in our prayers and Masses over the coming weeks.



Pilgrimage to the Holy Land led by Ossory AFD

Would you like to walk in the footsteps of Jesus, visit the places we hear of each time we read the Scriptures: Bethlehem, Nazareth, Garden of Gethsemane, Calvary? A pilgrimage, led by Fr Dermot Ryan and Fr Kieran O'Shea. Travelling February 19th - 26th 2024. €1,615 including return flights and accommodation and buffet breakfast and dinner daily. Book by calling Kieran and Laura Troy on 057 93 55050 or email info@myriam.ie