

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.

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

Anam Cara Tipperary

Anam Cara Tipperary the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding it's monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Monday 19th June at 7:15pm in the Horse and Jockey Hotel, Thurles. This event is free

and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. For more information, please contact us on info@anamcara.ie or 085 288 8888.

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.

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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

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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

Corpus Christi - 11th June 2023

Appointment of New Vicar General - Diocese of Ossory

During the week Bishop Niall Coll announced that he has appointed Fr Dan Carroll as the new Vicar General for the Diocese of Ossory. We congratulate Fr Dan on his appointment as VG. He takes on this role in addition to his responsibilities in St John's Parish and we pray God's blessings for him. Fr Dan will assist Bishop Niall in his pastoral ministry as he leads our Diocese on the Synodal Pathway inaugurated by Pope Francis. May the Holy Spirit guide and direct them.

First Holy Communion Class Invited to Celebrate Feast of *Corpus Christi*

This weekend we are delighted to welcome to our Masses some of those who received First Holy Communion this year. They come to celebrate the feast of *Corpus Christi* - the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ. A special 'Thank You' to the children and their families who made the effort to attend the Vigil Mass in St John's Church on Saturday evening and the 10.00am Mass in Johnswell this Sunday.

All of Us Together Form the Church

Who is the centre or head of the Church? Jesus is the centre. How is Jesus most present to us? In the Blessed Sacrament. Today's celebration of *Corpus Christi*, the Body of Christ, is the feast at the very centre and heart of our Church, the centre and heart of our faith, and the centre and heart of our parish. The centre and heart of the lives of each of us is Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

May Jesus in the Eucharist always be the very centre and heart of our Church, the centre and heart of our faith, the centre and heart of our parish, and the centre and heart of the lives of each of us.

O Sacrament most holy,
O Sacrament divine,
All praise and all thanksgiving
Be every moment thine.



Candle for Exam Students

A candle continues to burn in St John's Church for all those students who are sitting exams at the moment. As promised we continue to keep our students in our prayers and Masses over the coming weeks.

Why not drop into St John's Church at any time during the day? We invite you to come and light your own candle and pray for your special intentions.

Baptisms in St John's Parish

Baptisms are celebrated in St John's Parish on the First and Third Saturday on each month at 4.30pm and the Fourth Sunday at 12.30pm.



Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

Recently Deceased: Paul Mulcahy, Loughboy.
Margaret Minnock, Melville Heights and former teacher at St. Brigid's College, Callan.

Months Mind: Catherine Kavanagh (11.00am).

Anniversaries: Nicky & Daisy Purcell (6.00pm); Jake Brennan (8.00am); Mary & Patrick Campion (10.00am); Matthew Redmond (11.30am); Loughlin O'Keeffe (7.00pm); Peggy & Jackie Matthews; David (Blondie) Hanlon; Richard Bergin; Jim Maher; Brendan Conroy; Ellen Rowe; Margaret & Abraham Anderson; Joseph Maher; William, Bridget & Liam O'Hanrahan; Dom Malone; Mary Dermody; Tim Hickey; Rose Ryan; Msgr Martin Campion; Peter Donnelly.

*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		Weekly Attendance and Collections		
6.00pm	Mary Lynch	Envelope Collection:		€860.00
8.00am	Martin Blake	<u>Mass</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Baskets</u>
10.00am	Seán Colgan	6.00pm Vigil	73	198.00
11.00am	Stephanie Butler	8.00am	119	518.00
11.30am	Mary Lynch	Johnswell	52	163.00
7.00pm	Anne Marie Grace	Dunmore	72	232.00
		11.30am	172	523.00
		7.00pm	78	248.00
		Thanks to all who attend and contribute. Your support is greatly appreciated.		



Collections at Mass

We have now reintroduced the collection bags at all weekend Masses in our parish. We ask your help and patience as we reestablish this system. Please pass the bags swiftly through the pews. 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, handing out the Mass leaflets, helping people find seats and ushering the congregation at Holy Communion time.

St Joseph's Young Priests Society

The St John's Parish branch of the St Joseph's Young Priests Society will hold a meeting in the Presbytery on this Monday at 11.00am. All are welcome.

"An Hour with Divine Mercy"

In celebration of the Feast of The Sacred Heart, The Black Abbey has organized a series of meditations and prayers entitled "An Hour with Divine Mercy" commencing at 18.30 on June 16th and continuing the following three Fridays, 23rd, 30th June and 7th July. All are welcome.

Pope's Prayer Intentions for June

During this month Pope Francis asks us to pray especially for the abolition of torture. We are asked to pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.

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

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

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

Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 12th June

Monday: 10.30am Peggy & Jackie Matthews
Friday: 10.30am David (Blondie) Hanlon
Saturday: 10.30am: Richard Bergin
6.00pm Mary O'Driscoll, Bernard & Catherine Finnegan;
Mary & William O'Driscoll
Sunday: 8.00am: John Nolan
10.00am Kit, Oliver & Baby Bill Bennett
11.00am Joan Costigan
11.30am Michael Brett
7.00pm: Bridie & Dan Herlihy

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

Points to Ponder

'I would like to say Mass'. Dominic Tang, the courageous Chinese archbishop, was imprisoned for twenty-one years for nothing more than his loyalty to Christ and Christ's one, true Church. After he had spent five years of solitary confinement in a windowless, damp cell, he was told by his jailers that he could leave it for a few hours to do whatever he wanted. Five years of solitary confinement and he had a couple of hours to do what he wanted! What would it be? A hot shower? A change of clothes? Certainly, a long walk outside? A chance to call or write to family? What would it be? The jailer asked him. 'I would like to say Mass', he replied Archbishop Tang [*Mgr Timothy M. Dolan, Priests of the Third Millennium (2000)*].

The Vietnamese Jesuit, Joseph Nguyen-Cong Doan, who spent nine years in labour camps in Vietnam, relates how he was finally able to say Mass when a fellow priest-prisoner shared some of his own smuggled supplies 'That night, when the other prisoners were asleep, lying on the floor of my cell, I celebrated Mass with tears of joy. My altar was my blanket, my prison clothes my vestments.'

Today's feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus (*Corpus Christi*) constantly calls us beyond ourselves to sacrificial love for others. To die by becoming one with each other and to die by sharing ourselves are at the heart of the Eucharist.

Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus - Friday, 16th June 2023

A picture of the Sacred Heart hung in the living-room of Catholic homes for many generations. It speaks of the self-giving love of Christ, an unlimited love most totally shown upon the Cross. The pierced heart of Christ proclaims that greater love predicted by Jesus when he said: "No one can have greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends."

The image of the Sacred Heart offered the message of love in a very personal way, echoed in St Paul's words, "I live by faith in the Son of God who loved me and gave himself for me." St John gives us one of the shortest yet most profound statements about God in all of the Bible: "God is love." He adds that "God's love was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son."

Jesus is the supreme revelation of our Father-God whose very nature is love. All authentic love is life-giving and that is uniquely true of Jesus himself. He invites all who are burdened by life's cares and crosses to come to him and to find rest, peace and hope. If we glimpse the tremendous love of God for us it can transform our hearts. It can empower us to love one another as God has loved us.

