

St Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund

Please note that next month's Diocesan Draw will be held on Wednesday, 28th June in the **Parish Centre, Slieverue**.

Tickets are available from St. John's Parish Office or any of the priests. We encourage your support for St. Mary's, our Diocesan Cathedral. Subscription is €120 per annum or €10 per month.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

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 19th – 26th February 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

St Mary's Cathedral Bookshop

St Mary's Cathedral Bookshop, situated in the grounds of the cathedral, is open Monday to Friday 9.30am to 5.00pm. Offering a selection of Religious Gifts, Prayer Books, Rosaries, Crosses, Holy Water Fonts and other popular goods. Please support.

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Office: 056 772 1072; **Secretary:** Áine Butler; **Office Hours:** Mon-Fri 9.30 a.m. - 2.00 p.m.

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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

**Fergal Brennan; Mary Brennan; Jo Browne; Alan Burke; Fr Dan Carroll;
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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:

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Counselling Services - Towards Healing Confidential Helpline

1800 313 316 - www.towardshealing.ie

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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.

The Priory Institute

"The one who saw it has borne witness"

The Priory Institute's two-week online Summer School on the Gospel of St John will run from 14th to 28th August. The course includes eight recorded presentations and two on-line zoom discussions and is very flexible as it is delivered entirely online. Visit prioryinstitute.com.

St Patrick's Parish Pilgrimage to Knock

The annual St Patrick's Parish Pilgrimage to Knock will take place on Thursday, 29th June. Tickets €20, available at St. Patrick's Parish Office only. Telephone 056 776 4400.

Rally for Life 2023

Ireland's annual march for the human right to life will take place in Dublin on Saturday, 1st July. Assemble from 1.30pm, Parnell Square North, Dublin City Centre. Join thousands as pro-life people from across the country join together to stand for life.

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

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - 18th June 2023



St John's Senior School – Family Fun Day

St John's Senior School Parents' Association presents a Family Fun Day on the school grounds on this Sunday, 18th June from 2.00pm to 5.00pm. Activities on the day include Penalty Shootout, Coconut Shy, Inflatable Jump Shot, Taekwondo Demo, Music, Refreshments and more. 6 Activity tickets for €5. Also featuring "Plunge the Principal". Come along and support your local parish school!

Peter's Pence Collection

The second collection **next weekend** will be the annual Peter's Pence collection. Your contributions will be forward to the Vatican for the Pope's charities around the world.

The Nativity of St John the Baptist – Feast Day 24th June

One day an angel appeared to Zachary and announced that he was to have a son named John, who would prepare Israel for the messiah. Zachary doubted that Elizabeth, his aged wife, could bear a child.

He asked for a sign, and the angel obliged. Zachary was struck dumb until John's birth. When the baby was born, the old man cuddled him and celebrated.

St. John began his ministry thirty years later. He called people to repent and baptized them in water as a sign of purification. Jesus himself approached John for baptism "Behold the lamb of God," John declared to the crowds, "who takes away the sin of the world." He resisted baptizing Jesus but acquiesced when Jesus explained that he wanted to set an example of righteous behaviour.

Herod, the ruler of Galilee, arrested John because he feared the Baptist might foment a rebellion. John had also embittered Herod by condemning his marriage to Herodias, his half-brother's wife. While in prison, John was bothered with doubt about Jesus. He had expected the messiah to come more forcefully with a "winnowing fan in his hand to clear the threshing floor." Thus, he sent his disciples to ask Jesus if he was really the messiah.

Jesus responded that he fulfilled all the messianic signs, healing the blind, the deaf, the lame, and lepers, raising the dead, and preaching good news to the poor. Then Jesus praised John to the crowds as "more than a prophet" and as the greatest man who ever lived. One evening Herod threw a party for Galilee's upper crust. Herodias's daughter entertained, dancing so beautifully that Herod offered to reward her with anything she desired. Her mother told her to ask for John the Baptist's head on a platter. Herod kept his promise. Without even a pretence of a trial, he gave the order and a soldier beheaded John at the prison.



Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

Recently Deceased: Seán Geoghegan, Michael Street. Requiem Mass at St John's Church on Sunday at 11.30am.

Eoin Starr, Drakelands Middle. Funeral arrangements later.

Joe Connelly, Carlow Town James (Jim) Maher, Circular Road Patrick Hally, Larchfield
Liam Phelan, Ayrfield Green Henry (Harry) Wilson, Lismore House, Sion Road

Anniversaries: Mary O'Driscoll, Bernard & Catherine Finnegan, Mary & William O'Driscoll (6.00pm); John Nolan (8.00am); Kit, Oliver & Baby Bill Bennett (10.00am); Joan Costigan (11.00am); Bridie & Dan Herlihy (7.00pm); Michael Brett; Dan Carroll; Brigid, Terence, Paschal, Joe & Jim Doherty.

*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	Claire Coogan	Envelope Collection:		€1,120.00
8.00am	Jo Browne	<u>Mass</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Baskets</u>
10.00am	Elaine Bennett	6.00pm Vigil	174	291.00
11.00am	Bernard O'Gorman, John McGourty	8.00am	134	412.00
11.30am	Kay Purcell	Johnswell	53	204.00
7.00pm	Josh McHugh	Dunmore	92	269.00
		11.30am	134	523.00
		7.00pm	77	265.00
		Thanks to all who attend and contribute. Your support is greatly appreciated.		



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". These will continue at the Black Abbey at 18.30 on the following three Fridays, June 23rd, June 30th and July 7th. All welcome.

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.

Prayer for Those Sitting Exams

Dear God, as I approach the exams which are ahead of me,
Gift me with the skills that I need in order to do my best.

I bring before you my nervousness and my fears along with my hopes and dreams.

I invite you to be with me.

I pray that I may experience the calmness that the Holy Spirit brings.

And, whatever the outcome, I will truly believe in the unique person that I am.

Amen.

A Fathers' Day Prayer

God our Heavenly Father,
Bless all the fathers in the world.

Father, we ask that you guide them to be good role models and loving to their children.

We also ask that you help them to be a father like you are.

Give them grace and patience to handle situations in a loving way. Amen!

As we pray for them we wish all fathers a very happy Fathers' Day.

Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 19th June

Monday: 10.30am Brigid, Terence, Paschal,
Joe & Jim Doherty
Saturday: 10.30am **MM** Mary McHugh &
MM Paddy Dollard
6.00pm Earl Leroux
Sunday: 8.00am: Michael & Kitty McCarthy
10.00am **MM** Joe Manning
11.00am Michael Burke
11.30am Mary Connick
7.00pm: **MM** Madeline & Sammy
Geoghegan

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

Opportunity In Youth Ministry Leadership

The Diocese of Lancaster Youth Service are looking for a Senior Programme Leader to lead retreats and other programmes in their youth retreat centre, Castlerigg Manor, in the English Lake District. Castlerigg Manor is an innovative project which focuses on leading their volunteers into a closer relationship with God and in working with their volunteers to lead programmes for thousands of young people each year. The post is residential with an excellent salary package. For more information email the director, Jack Regan director@castleriggmanor.co.uk or checkout castleriggmanor.com and meet the team

Grandparents Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine - Sunday 23rd July 2023

Schedule of Ceremonies

2.00pm: Rosary

2.30pm: Anointing of the Sick at

Knock Basilica

3.00pm: Concelebrated Mass at

Knock Basilica followed by Benediction

& Rosary Procession

Explore Knock Shrine

Exposition in Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Self-Guided Audio Tours available

Guided Prayer Sessions in the Prayer Centre

100 acres of landscaped gardens to explore

Resources to inspire at Knock Bookshop

Cemetery Masses for 2023

We look forward to the celebration of our local cemetery Masses this summer - please God we will have weather favourable for the occasions. For parishioners at St John's Parish the important celebration will be at St Kieran's Cemetery on Friday, 30th June. Please consider preparing and decorating family graves in advance of the Mass. It is a corporal work of mercy to attend to the nearby graves of those who have no family members surviving or living in the area. A little effort in this matter could mean a lot. As we are reminded in the Scriptures: *It is a good and a wholesome thought to pray for the dead.*

We ask that you remind those who may not see this notice of the date and time of the Mass.

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

Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life

While all baptised Christians are called to spread the Gospel we should pray for vocations.

Compassionate God, your word calls labourers to the harvest.

Send us who are blessed with the gift of your kingdom

to announce its coming with gladness and to manifest its healing power.