

### St Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund

Please note that this month's Diocesan Draw will be held on Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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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### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

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### OUR PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES ARE:

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### 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 14<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> August. The course is very flexible as it is delivered entirely online. Visit [prioryinstitute.com](http://prioryinstitute.com).

### Prolife Rally Dublin - 1<sup>st</sup> July

A bus will leave at 9.30am from outside Loughboy Shopping Centre. This is an important rally. To book your seat (€20 hopefully), contact Ron 086 669 6632.

### Rosary at St. James's Green

The Rosary will be recited at St. James Green Statue on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> of June at 6.30pm. It is for a prolife intention.

### An Hour with Divine Mercy

The Black Abbey series of meditations and prayers entitled "An Hour with Divine Mercy" continues at 18.30 on the following two Fridays, June 30<sup>th</sup> and July 7<sup>th</sup>. All welcome.

### Serenity Prayer

God, grant me  
the **Serenity** to accept the things I cannot  
change,

**Courage** to change the things I can,  
and the **Wisdom** to know the difference.

# 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

### Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 25<sup>th</sup> June 2023

### Diocese of Ossory Clerical Appointments 2023

Bishop Niall Coll has announced the following clerical appointments for the Diocese of Ossory which are to come into effect on Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> July 2023.

Rev. Dan Carroll, Team Leader, St John's Parish, Kilkenny, is to be in addition Vicar General.

Rev. Thomas Norris, C.C., St. Canice's Parish to retire and reside in Thomastown Parish.

Rev. Peter Muldowney, Team Leader, St Patrick's Parish to retire and to be available to assist in parishes as needed.

Mgr. Michael Ryan, P.P., Castlecomer Parish to retire and reside at St John's Presbytery.

Rev. Richard Scriven, Adm., St Mary's Cathedral, Kilkenny, is appointed P.P. of Castlecomer Parish and Adm. of Clogh Parish.

Rev. Dermot Ryan, President of St Kieran's College is to be in addition Adm. Of St Mary's Cathedral and is to reside in the Cathedral Parochial House.

Rev. Kieran O'Shea, P.P., Ferrybank and Slieverue Parishes, is appointed Team Leader of St Patrick's Parish.

Rev. Roderick Whearty, Team Leader, St Patrick's Parish, is appointed P.P. Ferrybank and Slieverue Parishes.

Rev. William Hennessy, Adm, Conahy Parish is appointed P.P. of Conahy Parish.

Rev. Brian Griffin, Adm., Camross and Castletown Parishes, is appointed P.P. of Camross and Castletown Parishes, and also as Diocesan Director of Ecumenism.

Rev. Mark Condon, P.P. Danesfort Parish, to remain in that role and is appointed Diocesan Vocations Director.

Please keep in your prayers those priests who are involved in these appointments and the people and parishes where they will serve.

### St Kieran's Cemetery Mass 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 largest celebration will be at St Kieran's Cemetery on this Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> 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.*

### Choir Members – St Kieran's Cemetery Mass

We invite those who can sing to join the choir for the St Kieran's Cemetery Mass on next Friday evening. If you are able and prepared to sing, please attend at the choir area at 7.00pm. All singers, whether in a choir or not are very welcome to come and join in our annual liturgy on Friday evening.

### Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

**Recently Deceased:** Ann Smith, Bishop Birch Place Billy Rocket, Kilmacow.  
Fr. Frank Maher, Johnstown Florrie Nolan, Larchfield  
Fr Noel Brennan, OFM Cap Zambia & Kilkenny Margaret Fleming, Waterford Road  
Michael Quirke, Gowran & late of Johnswell Joe Connolly, Carlow Town  
Noel Burke, Liverpool & late of Michael Street Dolores Burke, Castle Road

**Months Mind:** Joe Manning (10.00am)  
Madeline & Sammy Geoghegan (7.00pm)

**Anniversaries:** Earl Leroux (6.00pm); Michael & Kitty McCarthy (8.00am); Michael Burke (11.00am); Mary Connick (11.30am); Eleanor Cantwell; Mary Hennessy; Eileen Kearney; Joe Neary; Kitty, John, Paddy, Billy & Ger Cleere; Joe Heffernan; Thomas, Bridget & Jimmy Grace; Paddy & Bridie McKillen.

*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!*

### Local Cemetery Masses 2023

Please remind those who may not see this notice of the date and time of the Masses  
Rathcoole Cemetery (Celebrated in Johnswell Church) - this Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> June - 7.30pm  
St Kieran's Cemetery Mass - this 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

### Readers for Next Weekend

6.00pm Ann Daly  
8.00am Padraig O'Neill  
10.00am Betsy Rice  
11.00am Martina Brennan & Tom Keating  
11.30am Kathleen Ferguson  
7.00pm Marie Fogarty



### Weekly Attendance and Collections

Envelope Collection:	€1,095.00	
Mass	Attendance	Baskets
6.00pm Vigil	92	274.00
8.00am	120	449.00
Johnswell	55	278.00
Dunmore	141	477.00
11.30am	204	531.00
7.00pm	108	285.00

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

### 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 until the last exam finishes on Tuesday.

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.

### Newpark Community Field Day

The Newpark Residents' Association is holding the Annual Community Field Day from 2.00pm to 4.30pm on this Sunday, 25th June on the Upper Green in Newpark. A great afternoon of fun and laughter promised. Open to all - come along and join the fun.

### Peter's Pence Collection

The second collection **this 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.

### 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.

### Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 26<sup>th</sup> June

Thursday: 8.00am Special Intention  
Friday: 10.30am Special Intention  
Saturday: 6.00pm **MM** Bill Larkin  
Sunday: 8.00am: Special Intention  
10.00am Mick Butler  
11.30am Thomas & Claire Drennan  
7.00pm: **MM** Margaret Hennessy

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](http://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.

### The Courage of The Martyrs

During these June days the Church celebrates the feast of several martyrs - 20<sup>th</sup> June the Irish Martyrs; 22<sup>nd</sup> June Saints Thomas More and John Fisher; 28<sup>th</sup> June St Irenaeus; 29<sup>th</sup> June Saints Peter and Paul; 1<sup>st</sup> July St Oliver Plunkett. What all of them have in common is the courage that Jesus asks of us in this Sunday's Gospel. In this extract from a homily given at the Colosseum in Rome in 2000, Pope John Paul II commended the example of martyrs today:

'In our century the witness to Christ borne even to the shedding of blood has become a common inheritance of Catholics, Orthodox, Anglicans and Protestant Christians... Countless numbers refused to yield to the cult of the false gods of the twentieth century and were sacrificed by Communism, Nazism, by the idolatry of State or race. Many others fell in the course of ethnic or tribal wars, because they had rejected a way of thinking foreign to the Gospel of Christ. In the century and the millennium just begun may the memory of these brothers and sisters of ours remain always vivid. Indeed, may it grow still stronger! Let it be passed on from generation to generation, so that from it there may blossom a profound Christian renewal! Let it be guarded as a treasure of consummate value for the Christians of the new millennium.'

*Pope John Paul II, 7<sup>th</sup> May 2000*

### Our Parish Church - Some Characteristics

Saint John's Church was built in the popular gothic style. The plan consists of the nave, sanctuary with an apse, two side aisles and side chapels and an organ gallery at the entrance end. There are six bays of column supported arcades separating the centre from the side aisles. Pinnacles, both outside and inside, the vaulted ceiling, and the decorative sculpture are notable features. The stone mullions and tracery of the windows have some echo of the original Saint John's Abbey. The splendid mosaic floor shows the influence of the Gaelic revival. William Hague, who by this period had designed many churches, mixed conservatism with extravagance. As an employer's wishes and funds have an influence on design, in St John's Hague's artistic abilities had an opportunity to flourish. The church is built in a combination of rock-faced and ashlar-dressed Kilkenny limestone.

On approaching the main entrance of the church, one is struck by the unusual flat top of the tower, height 74ft, which some consider has an unfinished appearance. Though a flat tower can be seen on some churches, as for example at St Edmundsbury Cathedral, Suffolk, in St John's there was a designed steeple that was never erected. It is believed locally that this omission was possibly due to a deterioration in the ground conditions and fears that the stability of the building might be affected by the additional weight and, perhaps more realistically, that so much had already been spent on the church, the cost would be too much. Undoubtedly the planned steeple of 234ft would have been both very heavy and costly. The church measures approximately 130ft by 54ft inside. The interior enclosed porch was an added extra by William H. Byrne, during the construction of the church.