

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?

Why not join a pilgrimage, led by Fr Dermot Ryan and Fr Kieran O'Shea, priests of the Diocese of Ossory?

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.

Designer Minds

Designer Minds have 2 upcoming Summer Camps running in Kilkenny. Choose a Science Design & Technology Camp OR Art Camp (or try out both and receive a discount). For all boys and girls currently in Senior Infants up to 6th Class.

Check dates and register online at designerminds.ie or call 087 631 0411.

An Hour with Divine Mercy

The last of The Black Abbey series of meditations and prayers entitled "An Hour with Divine Mercy" takes place on Friday, 7th July at 6.30pm. All are welcome.

South Kilkenny Historical Society

Members of the society will join locals and others, on July 9th, for the annual climb of Tory Hill on Fraochan Sunday. This ancient tradition pre-dates Christianity and is associated with the ancient festival of Lughanasa. Michael Fortune of Folklore.ie will give a talk, on the summit of the hill, on the traditions associated with Fraochan Sunday at 2pm. Climbing/walking to the summit takes, on average, one hour. The society would like to thank Kilkenny County Council for financial assistance received for this event.

Kilkenny Medjugorje Group

7 night pilgrimage from 27th September – 4th October 2023. €795pps. Includes return direct day flights from Dublin, 7 nights air-conditioned accommodation near St. James' Church. Breakfast and dinner each day, luxury coach transfers accompanied by local guide. Travel insurance up to 84 years of age. All airport and local taxes. Only €100 deposit to secure your place. Contact Ann Fitzpatrick on 086 1991620 or 086 8825622

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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.

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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

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 2nd July 2023

St Kieran's Cemetery Mass 2023

Amidst the uncertain weather conditions, huge crowds of people flocked to St Kieran's Cemetery on last Friday evening for our annual Mass for deceased family and friends. We wish to thank everyone who joined in celebrating this great Annual Memorial and Thanksgiving Mass for all our deceased relatives, friends and for those who have no one to remember or pray for them.

We thank especially the priests, sacristans, readers, choir, Eucharistic ministers, helpers, county council workers, public address operatives, parking assistants, O'Loughlin GAA and collectors for making the occasion so meaningful, helpful and appropriate for those assembled who came from far and near to pray for the dead.

Dunmore Cemetery Cleanup

Volunteers are invited to attend for a clean-up of the surrounds of Dunmore Church. The cleanup is planned for Wednesday, 5th July at 7.00pm so that the area will be at its best for the Cemetery Mass on Friday, 7th July. We are looking forward to having a good turnout.

Peter's Pence Collection

A sincere thank you for all your generous support at last weekend's annual Peter's Pence collection of €1,307. Your contribution will be forward to the Vatican for the Pope's charities around the world.

Healing Service

A Healing Service will take place next Tuesday, 4th July at 6.30pm in the Church of Assumption, Paulstown. Prayer, Scripture, Mass and Blessing. The Service is led by Fr Prince Panachithara S.J.

"Be watchful, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong." (1 Corinthians 16:13)

Parish Choirs

Our parish Choirs have taken a well-deserved break for the Summer months. We wish them well and we look forward to their return in early September. Thanks to all our musicians and singers for their commitment to enhancing our parish liturgies. Your contribution adds greatly to our community celebrations. We look forward to your return in the Autumn.



Schools Out for Summer!

Our parish schools have wrapped up another school year last Friday. Congratulations to all the pupils who have graduated and are moving on to Secondary School. Best wishes to all pupils, families, teachers, and staff and we wish you all a good, safe and enjoyable holiday.



Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

Recently Deceased: **Breda Fogarty**, Newpark Drive. Requiem Mass in St John’s Church on Sunday at 11.30am. **Alice Duggan**, Glenmore. Requiem Mass in St James’s Church, Glenmore at 12.00 noon on Monday. **Pierce (Sonny) Griffith**, SOS House, The Sycamores. Requiem Mass in Church of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Jenkinstown at 10.30am on Tuesday. Michael Deevy, Jenkinstown Park. Requiem Mass in St Colman’s Church Conahy at 11am on Monday. Msgr Kevin O’Neill, Abbeyleix and Carlow Marianne Fitzpatrick, Bennettsbridge Road Geraldine Heffernan, Loughboy Bridie O’Shea, Conahy Ann Coyne, Bishops Meadows Eileen Murtagh, Troy’s Court

Months Mind: Bill Larkin (6.00pm) Margaret Hennessy (7.00pm).

Anniversaries: Special Intention (8.00am); Mick Butler (10.00am); Thomas & Claire Drennan; Theresa Magnier Lindsay; Tom & Mary O’Neill; Michael Wall; Paddy & Mary Walsh; Tom McDonald; Bridget Marrinan; John & Mary Green; Mary Harris; Julia Carroll; Renee Murphy.

*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

Dunmore and Johnswell Cemetery Mass - Friday, 7th July - 7.30pm
Foulkstown Cemetery Mass - Thursday, 27th July - 7.30pm

Readers for Next Weekend

6.00pm Bridget Ahearn
8.00am Paula Rogers
10.00am Fiona & Sarah Manning
11.00am Esther Comerford & Tom Comerford
11.30am Bobbie Lahart
7.00pm Joan Galwey



Weekly Attendance and Collections

Envelope Collection:		€880.00
	<u>Mass</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
6.00pm Vigil	75	121.00
8.00am	87	290.00
Johnswell	49	137.00
Dunmore	52	97.00
11.30am	126	298.00
7.00pm	124	207.00

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

First Friday of July

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

Scam Calls and Scam Texts - Kilkenny Community Policing

Join us in the City Library next Tuesday, 4th July at 11.30am for an information session with Garda Aidan Fitzpatrick. Topics covered will be – How to protect yourself from scam calls and texts – Burglary prevention tips and any questions you may have. Refreshments provided. All are welcome.

Chime - The National Charity for Deafness and Hearing Loss

If you find it hard to hear or use a hearing aid, come along to our free, confidential support service about aspects of deafness and hearing loss. We’ll have information and resources, tinnitus advice, assistive technologies, minor repairs and hearing aid batteries for only €2. Drop in and visit us in our outreach clinic which takes place in St Patrick’s Parish Centre, Loughboy on the third Wednesday of every month from 10am to 1pm. Contact Patrick Buckley on 086 788 9746 or Brian Doyle on 086 608 9096.

Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 3rd July

Thursday: 10.30am Special Intention
Saturday: 10.30am Teresa Maginer Lindsay.
6.00pm Peggy Lanigan & Michael Tosh O’Connor
Sunday: 8.00am: Richard Hennessy
10.00am Martin Manning
11.00am Mary & Dan Hanlon
11.30am Mary Nolan & Stephen Kelly
7.00pm: **MM** Rose Phelan

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.

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Missionaries with Warm Hearts

“Unless we train ministers capable of warming hearts, of walking with people in the night, of dialoguing with their hopes and disappointments, of mending their brokenness, what hope can we have for our present and future journey? It isn’t true that God’s presence has been dimmed in them. Let us learn to look at things more deeply. What is missing is someone to warm their hearts”.

Pope Francis, 28th July 2013

Youth 2000 Summer Festival

Join young people between 16 and 35 this August at the [Youth 2000 Summer Festival](#). The festival takes place in Clongowes Wood College, Clane, Co Kildare from Thursday 10th August to Sunday 13th August 2023. The festival includes inspiring talks, music, prayer, concert, workshops, dramas, share groups, reconciliation and healing service and Mass. Donation only and we have buses going from all over Ireland. For more information and to book your place go to [www.youth2000.ie](#).

Scripture Reflection Group

The St John’s Parish Scripture Group is taking a break for the summer and will return in September Thank you to all who have participated.

Beatitudes of life

Blessed are the faithful:
they are like safe anchors in a world of broken moorings.
Blessed are the just:
they are to society what leaven is to bread.
Blessed are the generous:
they keep alive our faith in the essential goodness of people.
Blessed are the caring:
they shine like beacons in a world darkened by indifference.
Blessed are the genuine:
they glow like gems in a world of falseness.
Blessed are those who are not afraid of sacrifice:
on the day of the harvest they will sing for joy.
And blessed are those who refuse to look back:
they will be found worthy of the Kingdom of Heaven.

