

### Kilkenny Medjugorje Group

Seven night pilgrimage from 27<sup>th</sup> September – 4<sup>th</sup> 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 086 199 1620 or 086 882 5622

### 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 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)

### Medjugorje Group - Evening of Prayer

Rosary, Mass, Prayer for Healing will take place in St Fiacre's Church, Loughboy on Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm.

All are welcome.

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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 - [dip@ossory.ie](mailto:dip@ossory.ie)

### OUR PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES ARE:

Brenda Whitely; Marian Eardly.

### Counselling Services - Towards Healing Confidential Helpline

1800 313 316 - [www.towardshealing.ie](http://www.towardshealing.ie)

**Roman Catholic Diocese and Parishes of Ossory - Registered Charity No. 20015831**

### Chime

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 10.00am to 1.00pm. Contact Patrick Buckley on 086 788 9746 or Brian Doyle on 086 608 9096.

### Golf Classic Fundraiser

#### Little Sisters of the Poor, Waterford

Waterford Golf Club €100 a line (4 Players) Fabulous prizes, golf and raffle. Goodie bag for all players. To book: Call WGC shop at 051 876 748.

Please support this worthy cause.

### An Irish Blessing

*May the road rise up to meet you.  
May the wind be always at your back.  
May the sunshine warm upon your face;  
the rains fall soft upon your fields and  
until we meet again,  
may God hold you in the palm of His hand*



# 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**

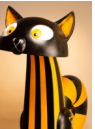
**Dunmore - Sunday 11.00am**

**Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 9<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

### Go Cats Go!

Best wishes to both the Kilkenny Senior Hurling Team and Kilkenny Senior Camogie Team in their respective matches at Croke Park on Sunday.

Special wishes to our O'Loughlin Gaels Club members Mikey Butler, Huw Lawlor, Paddy Deegan, Conor Heary; Laura Murphy, Laura Greene, Danielle Quigley, Brian Dowling (Camogie Manager).



### Well Done - Johnswell and Dunmore

Great numbers assembled in the Cemeteries at Johnswell and Dunmore on last Friday evening to honour and pray for their dead. Thank you for coming along. Great credit is deserved by all who cleaned and decorated their family graves and those who look after the cemeteries in general. We thank the choirs, the sacristans, stewards, public address people and those who assisted with the various parts of the Liturgy. Thanks to those who provided refreshments following the Mass. Thank God the rain stayed away and we enjoyed a good evening.

### Come to Me

Our Gospel reading for this Sunday is both arresting and appealing. Who is not drawn by the words: *Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest.* Who is not pulled up short by the claims of Jesus in the words: *no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.*

We are left with a good question: what do I do, on a daily basis, so that I may "shoulder his yoke and learn from" him? Usually it involves a combination three things: practical living of Gospel values; time "wasted" in prayer; time spent reading the Gospel to become familiar "again for the first time" with the person and teaching of Jesus. Perhaps the summer might provide a little more time for these life-giving practices.

### Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for July

Pope Francis' prayer intention for July is that the Eucharist be at the heart of every Catholic Christian's life. He begins with the question - Why go to Mass on Sunday? Certainly not just to follow a ritual.

As Pope Francis says, "If you are the same at the end of Mass as you were at the beginning, something is wrong." This is because "the Eucharist is the presence of Jesus," who "comes and must transform you." What's more, the Pope continues, "it is a way of opening ourselves to the world as He taught us." By going to Mass, we find the courage "to go out of ourselves, and to open ourselves to others with love." Let us join the Pope in prayer so

that "Catholics place at the centre of their lives the Eucharistic Celebration."



## Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

### Recently Deceased:

Dermot Nolan, Danville. Requiem Mass at St. Fiacre's Church at 10.30am on Monday.  
 Margaret O'Shea, College Road. Requiem Mass at St. Patrick's Church at 12 noon on Monday.  
 Lynda Mahoney, Bennettsbridge Road. Requiem Mass at Foulkstown at 2.00pm on Monday.  
 Eileen Delaney, Belfast & late of Kilkenny John Freeman, Darrow  
 Mary Quigley, Newtown, Kells Michael Feighery, Offaly  
 Jackie Horgan (nee Doherty), Foxrock & late of Callan John Mulloney, Freshford Road  
 Pierce Griffith, The Sycamores & late of Jenkinstown Margaret Geraghty, The Sycamores

**Months Mind:** Rose Phelan (7.00pm)

**Anniversaries:** Peggy Lanigan and Michael 'Tosh' O'Connor (6.00pm); Richard Hennessy (8.00am); Martin Manning (10.00am); Mary and Dan O'Hanlon (11.00am); Mary Nolan and Stephen Kelly (11.30am); Culleton and Ward Families; Catherine Fitzpatrick; Paul Reade; Lilly Grace; Nicholas, Bridget and Jim Kavanagh; David Gaffney; Christy, Bridget and Pat Murray; Bridie Walsh; Bridget Ward; Dermot Delaney; Mary and Thomas Fry; Jim, Ken and Theresa Foley; Dermot Delaney; Mary Carey; Michael Ryan.

*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

Foulkstown Cemetery Mass - Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> July - 7.30pm

### Readers for Next Weekend

6.00pm Máirín Bergin  
 8.00am Martin Blake  
 10.00am Teresa Dowling  
 11.00am Nora Guilfoyle & Fiona McGeary  
 11.30am Anne Maria Walsh  
 7.00pm Eileen Kinane



### Weekly Attendance and Collections

Envelope Collection:		€790.00
Mass	Attendance	Baskets
6.00pm Vigil	106	258.00
8.00am	97	438.00
Johnswell	56	259.00
Dunmore	56	178.00
11.30am	454	1,239.00
7.00pm	106	283.00

Thanks to all who attend and contribute.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

### Society of St Vincent De Paul Collection

The Monthly Collection for the local conference of the Society of St Vincent de Paul will take place next weekend, 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> July. A sincere thank you for all your generous support. Please remember the local conference can be contacted in writing through the Parish Office or by telephone on 086 895 1239.

### The Annual Pioneer Pilgrimage

The Annual Pioneer Pilgrimage to Knock will take place next Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> July. Mass in the Basilica at 3.00pm with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick beforehand at 2.30pm.

Newsletters and Emblems available at PTAA stand in St John's Rest and Care Centre or via [www.pioneers.ie](http://www.pioneers.ie)



### 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, 10<sup>th</sup> August to Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> 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 information and booking go to [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie).

## Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 10th July

Wednesday: 8.00am Special Intention  
 10.30am Culleton & Ward Families  
 Thursday: 10.30am Michael Ryan  
 Saturday: 6.00pm Larry Nolan & Aaron Molloy  
 Sunday: 8.00am Brenda Flynn  
 11.00am MM Kay Doyle  
 11.30am Paddy Bergin  
 7.00pm: Mary Power O'Shea

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.

## A Night for Aoife Cahill

On the 18<sup>th</sup> of November last a young girl, Aoife Cahill, suffered life changing injuries following a tragic road accident. A cabaret, with music by Eoghan Bergin will be held in Co-nahy Shamrocks GAA club next Friday evening, 14<sup>th</sup> July which will allow the local community the opportunity to give support to Aoife as she continues on her road of recovery and rehabilitation. This will be a no ticket event. Donations may be given on the door or to any Co-nahy GAA committee member or on [gofund.me/6acb3084](http://gofund.me/6acb3084).

## St Benedict (480 - 547)

Benedict was born in Nursia, Umbria, Italy in 480 AD and died in Monte Cassino in 547 AD. His feast day is celebrated on Tuesday of this week. In 1964, in view of the work of monks following the Benedictine Rule in the evangelization and civilization of so many European countries in the Middle Ages, Pope Paul VI proclaimed him the patron saint of all Europe.

Benedict studied in Rome; but he was unable to stomach the disolute life of the city, and he became a solitary hermit at Subiaco. His reputation spread, and some monks asked him to be their abbot; but they did not like the discipline he imposed and tried to poison him. Benedict organised various small communities of monks and nuns in various places, including the great monastery of Monte Cassino.

He drew up a set of rules to guide the communal life of monasteries. Although this was not the first monastic rule ever, the Rule of St Benedict has proved so wise and balanced that it has served as the foundation of practically every attempt at communal living ever since – and not only in religious communities. The Rule of St Benedict recognises that people aim at perfection but often fall well short of it and aims to be a “rule for beginners” in which even the least perfect and least able can grow in spiritual stature.

To visit a Benedictine monastery of almost any kind is to find oneself spending time among a group of people who, by their strivings to live and grow together, have become increasingly themselves, as God intended them, instead of being crushed into false uniformity by some idealistic and authoritarian regime.

For those of us in the world, too, the Rule of St Benedict has much to say: it drags our eyes up to the stars but keeps our feet firmly on the ground; it calls us to perfection but keeps us sane. St. Benedict and his twin sister, St. Scholastica, are buried at the Benedictine monastery on Monte Cassino in Cassino, Italy.

