

### Welcome Monsignor Michael Ryan

This weekend Monsignor Michael Ryan will retire as Parish Priest of Castlecomer where he has led the parish for the past 29 years. For years previously he worked in St. Kieran's College and for a number of shorter periods in various parishes.

During the coming week he will come to live in St. John's Presbytery and we are delighted to welcome him in retirement to his native parish. Please make him welcome and help him to settle in his new situation. Welcome home Fr. Michael - we hope you will have many happy years here.

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

The public adoration of the Blessed Sacrament continues in St. John's Church between 11.00am and 1.00pm on Wednesdays. Thanks to all who are so faithful to this important prayer ministry. Others are invited to come and join in prayer for any length of time.

### St Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund

This month's draw will take place on Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> July. Tickets are available from the Parish Office, or any of the priests. We encourage your support for St. Mary's, our Diocesan Cathedral.

### Pope Benedict's Prayer for Grandparents

Lord Jesus, you were born of the Virgin Mary, the daughter of Saints Joachim and Anne. Look with love on grandparents the world over.

Protect them! They are a source of enrichment for families, for the Church and for all of society.

Support them! As they grow older, may they continue to be for their families strong pillars of Gospel faith, guardians of noble domestic ideals, living treasuries of sound religious traditions.

Make them teachers of wisdom and courage, that they may pass on to future generations the fruits of their mature human and spiritual experience.

### Prayer for a Blessing of a Long Life

God of mercy, you have given your children the gift of long life and they ask for your blessing.

Let them feel the tenderness and strength of your presence as they look back to the past, let them rejoice in your mercy.

As they look to the future, may they persevere in hope that does not fade.

To you be praise and glory forever. Amen.

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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:** 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**

### Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2023

### World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly

On Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July we celebrate the Feast of St. Joachim and St. Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary and grandparents of Jesus. The Sunday before this feast is now designated as World Day of Grandparents and our Elderly.

Grandparents are the greatest treasure in a family. Filled with countless stories, long-held traditions, and cherished life lessons, our favourite elderly figures hold a special place in our lives. All families have a unique history comprised of milestone events and peopled by a diverse cast of characters. This history of a family is passed on in the telling of its stories.

Grandparents, more than anyone else, are the keepers of the family stories. They are a living bridge between the past and the future of a family. Their intimate connection with the two generations that preceded them and the two that follow gives them a remarkable knowledge and view of the landscape of five generations. The family stories teach the faith, ethics and values of a family. Our faith stories help us to see how God has worked in the family story and brought us to where we are today. Children need heroes with whom to identify and they are greatly enriched if they can find people in their own families to inspire and give them direction. Maintaining and passing on the family stories is a precious gift that grandparents can give to their grandchildren.

### St Anne and St Joachim - Feast Day: 26<sup>th</sup> July

Joachim and Anne were the parents of Jesus' mother, Mary. Everything we know about them comes down through tradition - the stories people told about them. We believe that they were respected members of the Jewish community and that they wanted to become parents so much that Joachim went into the desert to fast and pray that God would hear their prayer. It is said that an angel told them that they would soon have a daughter who would become famous throughout the world. Months later, Mary, our Blessed Mother, was born.

Tradition tells us that when Mary was three years old, Anne and Joachim took her to the temple in Jerusalem to consecrate her for special service to the Lord. We call this celebration the "Presentation of the Virgin Mary." It means that Mary was to play an important part in God's loving plan for the world.

We honour Mary's parents, Joachim and Anne, as saints and we celebrate their joint feast day on 26<sup>th</sup> July. Their love for one another and for Mary is an example to us of how God calls us to live. They also remind us to honour our own grandparents and to thank them for the blessings they have passed down to us in love.

There is a church of St. Anne in Jerusalem, and it is believed to be built on the site of the home of Saints Joachim and Anne when they lived in Jerusalem. St. Anne is the patron of grandmothers, among many other things, and St. Joachim of grandfathers and grandparents.

### Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

#### Recently Deceased:

Nicky McCullagh, Ballyfoyle and late of Ossory Park. Reposing at Johnston's Funeral Home from 5.30pm on Sunday pausing for Vigil Prayers at 6.15pm. Requiem Mass at St. John's Church at 10.30am on Monday followed by interment at St. Kieran's Cemetery.

Henry Murphy, The Sycamores. Requiem Mass at St. Canice's Church at 11.00am on Monday.

T.J. Tallent, Grovine West

Joan Knaggs, Bishops Meadows

Peter O'Connor Phelan, Hebron Park

John McCabe, Freshford Road

Frank Duggan, Castlecomer Road

Martin Broaders, Outrath Road

**Months Mind:** Veronica Wall (7.00pm)

**Anniversaries:** Frank Power (6.00pm); Clare & Thomas Drennan (8.00am); Noeline Foley (10.00am); Mary McEnery (11.30am); Derek Shealy; Mary Walsh; Catherine Moriarty; Milo Butler; John Joe Dowling; Clare Maynard;

*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

6.00pm Claire Coogan  
8.00am Padraig O'Neill  
10.00am Elaine Bennett  
11.00am Eddie Holohan & Liz Holohan  
11.30am Mary Hanafin  
7.00pm Anne Marie Grace



#### Weekly Attendance and Collections

Envelope Collection: €660.00

Mass	Attendance	Baskets
6.00pm Vigil	98	146.00
8.00am	95	224.00
Johnswell	36	120.00
Dunmore	57	70.00
11.30am	160	280.00
7.00pm	101	191.00

Thanks to all who attend and contribute.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

#### Society of St Vincent De Paul Says 'Thank You'

A sincere thank you for all your generous support at last weekend's collection. Remember the local conference can be contacted in writing through the Parish Office or on 086 895 1239.

#### Rosary in St James's Green

Rosary will be recited on Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> of July in St. James Green at 6.30pm. It is for Pro-Life.

#### Hello God

Hello God,  
I called tonight to talk a little while.  
I need a friend who'll listen to my anxiety and trial.  
You see, I can't quite make it through a day just on my own....  
I need your love to guide me, so I'll never feel alone.  
I want to ask you please to keep my family safe and sound.  
Come and fill their lives with confidence for whatever fate they're bound.  
Give me faith, dear God, to face each hour throughout the day,  
And not to worry over things I can't change in any way.  
I thank you God, for being home and listening to my call,  
For giving me such good advice when I stumble and fall.  
Your Number, God, is the only one that answers every time.  
I never get a busy signal, never had to pay a coin  
So, thank you, God, for listening to my troubles and my sorrow.  
Good night, God,  
I love you, too, and I'll call again tomorrow!



#### Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 24<sup>th</sup> July

Tuesday: 8.00am Derek Shealy  
10.30am Mary Walsh  
Saturday: 10.30am Catherine Moriarty  
6.00pm Bríd Maher  
Sunday: 11.00am Tony & Eileen McEvoy  
11.30am Clive Carroll  
7.00pm: Nicola Kirwan

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.

#### C'mon the Cats

All Ireland fever is all around this week. Special good wishes go to our O'Loughlin Gaels Club members Mikey Butler, Huw Lawlor, Paddy Deegan and Conor Heary who feature on the Kilkenny Senior Hurling Team. Best wishes also to Derek Lyng and all involved with the Kilkenny team as they prepare to renew acquaintances with Limerick in Croke Park on Sunday. To all who are travelling to match we hope you have a safe journey and an enjoyable day.



#### Annual Camino Walk

On next Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July at 2.30pm the annual Camino walk will take place in Jenkinstown Park. The walk will start in the carpark of Jenkinstown Church and will stop at different points to remember the themes and pointers of the Santiago de Compostela walk. Pilgrim reflections and thoughts from Santiago will be read and a stop at St. Colman's well will be part of the annual walk. This year's walk will coincide with the Camino gathering in the Cathedral of Santiago De Compostela. Blessed medals from Santiago will be given to each walker.

#### "Words for the Curious Mind" - by Pat Shortall

The first launch of Pat Shortall's new book coincides with the beginning of Kilkenny Arts Festival and takes place at 12 noon on Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> August at Ormonde College. The main launch is on Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> August in the Concert Hall, Thomastown at 8.00pm. Cheese and wine reception half an hour prior to each launch. For further information phone 086 314 9795.

#### Flowers in Church

We thank a number of kind parishioners who donated flowers to St. John's Church this weekend. Jane is always able to make good use of such gifts to enhance our beautiful church.

#### Foulkstown Cemetery Mass

The annual Foulkstown Cemetery Mass will take place on next Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm.

#### Out in the Fields

The foolish fears of what may happen,  
I cast them all away,  
Among the clover-scented grass,  
Among the new-mown hay;  
Among the husking of the corn  
Where drowsy poppies nod,  
Where ill thoughts die and good are born,  
Out in the fields with God.

The little cares that fretted me  
I lost them yesterday  
Among the fields above the sea,  
Among the winds at play,  
Among the lowing of the herds,  
The rustling of the trees,  
Among the singing of the birds,  
The humming of the bees.

(Anon)



