

**Official Prayer for World Youth Day 2023
Lisbon, Portugal - 1st -6th August**

Our Lady of the Visitation,
you who left in haste towards the mountain to
meet Elizabeth,
lead us also to meet all those who await us
to deliver them the living Gospel:
Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord!

We will go in a hurry, with no distraction or
delay, but with readiness and joy.

We will go peacefully, because those who
take Christ take peace, and well-doing is the
best wellbeing.

Our Lady of the Visitation,
with your inspiration, this World Youth Day
will be the mutual celebration of the Christ we
take, as You once did.

Make it a time of testimony and sharing,
fraternisation, and giving thanks,
each of us looking for the others who always
wait.

With you, we will continue on this path of
gathering, so that our world
will gather as well,
in fraternity, justice and peace.

Help us, Our Lady of the Visitation,
to bring Christ to everyone,
obeying the Father, in the love of the Spirit!

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
The public adoration of the Blessed Sacra-
ment continues in St. John's Church be-
tween 11.00am and 1.00pm on Wednes-
days. 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.

**"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, 12th August at Ormonde Col-
lege. The main launch is on Thursday,
17th August in the Concert Hall, Thomas-
town at 8.00pm. Cheese and wine recep-
tion half an hour prior to each launch. For
further information phone 086 314 9795.

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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

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 30th July 2023

World Youth Day

This is the largest youth event in the world, and it will be held in Lis-
bon, Portugal this week from Tuesday 1st August to Sunday 6th Au-
gust. Since the beginning of World Youth Day in 1986 by the late
Pope John Paul II, it has been held in cities across the world such as
Buenos Aires, Paris, Toronto, Rome, Sydney and most recently in
Panama City. The purpose of World Youth Day is to take up the main
concern of Pope John Paul II, a renewal of faith that will reach young
people. Throughout the past 25 years of WYD, huge numbers across
the globe have come together to pray and worship in a festive atmos-
phere of music, song and more.

The World Youth Day cross was entrusted to the youth as they were given the commission to
"carry it throughout the world as a symbol of Christ's love for humanity and announce to eve-
ryone that only in the death and resurrection of Christ can we find salvation and redemption."
The cross set out with the young people from St. Peter's in 1984 and has been carried around
the world, making a pilgrimage from diocese to diocese, and country to country.
The theme for this week is '*Mary arose and went with haste*'. Pope Francis will attend the
event. The Pope's main message is: 'If we wish to follow Christ closely, we cannot choose an
easy, quiet life. It will be a demanding life, but full of joy. The measure of greatness of a soci-
ety is found in the way it treats those most in need, those who have nothing apart from their
poverty. The only war that we must all fight is the one against evil'.

Fr. Joseph Lubula

On Wednesday last we welcomed Monsignor Michael Ryan to our parish on his retirement.
Thanks for the welcome and Fr. Michael is settling in well. This week we welcome Fr. Joseph
Lubula back to our parish. Fr. Joseph is a priest of the Diocese of Lugazi in Uganda. He will
be with us until the end of September. Please give him a warm Kilkenny welcome.

National Novena at Knock Shrine - 14th - 22nd August

The National Novena to Our Lady of Knock offers you the opportunity to step away from eve-
ryday life and immerse yourself in prayer in the beautiful, peaceful grounds of Knock Shrine.
Our theme for this year is 'Caring for Creation'. Family Day will take place on Sunday,
20th August from 11.00am - 3.00pm. Find out more at www.knockshrine.ie

Parish Pilgrimage to Knock

Join us on our Parish Pilgrimage to Knock on Monday, 21st August - the anniversary of the
apparitions. Coach leaves St. John's at 7.15am with a stop for breakfast on the way and for
dinner on the return journey. Tickets must be purchased from the Parish Office or Sacristy
beforehand.



Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

Recently Deceased: PJ Hennessy, Bennettsbridge Road. Requiem Mass in St. Patrick's Church at 12.00 noon on Monday
Larry McMahon, Connolly Street. Requiem Mass in St. Canice's Church at 11.00am on Tuesday
Margaret Hennessy, Talbot's Inch. Requiem Mass in St. Canice's Church at 1.00pm on Tuesday
Breda Robbins, Pockocke Valley

Months Mind: Patrick Denieffe (Saturday 10.30am)

Anniversaries: Bríd Maher (6.00pm); Martin Hanlon (10.00am); Tony & Eileen McEvoy (11.00am); Clive Carroll (11.30am); Nicola Kirwin (7.00pm); Charlie & Katie Gorman; Katie Numan; Tom Watson; Richard & Mary White; Davy, Jim & Peggy Gaffney; Linda Reade; Ivan Power; Nicky Purcell; Billy O'Brien; Martin Hanlon.

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	Ann Daly
8.00am	Paula Rodgers
10.00am	Betsy Rice
11.00am	Christy Murray & Maise Powell
11.30am	Mary Hanafin
7.00pm	Josh McHugh



Weekly Attendance and Collections

Envelope Collection:		€790.00
	<u>Mass</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
6.00pm Vigil	131	313.00
8.00am	118	458.00
Johnswell	61	229.00
Dunmore	34	167.00
11.30am	124	372.00
7.00pm	130	477.00

Thanks to all who attend and contribute.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

First Friday

Next Friday is the First Friday of August. Fr. Dan will attempt to visit the sick and housebound at the usual times. Fr. Raymond hopes to visit next week. Please inform the Parish Office or one of the priests if you have a relative or neighbour who would like a visit.

Annual Camino Walk

This Sunday 30th 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. 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.

Mary's Meals Walk to Knock from St John's Church in Kilkenny

Mary's Meals are walking to Knock from St John's in Kilkenny over 9 days, 7th to 15th August to raise funds to feed starving children. We would love some local support either for walking or collections (permits provided by us). We begin on 7th August. (Monday) Kilkenny - (Tuesday) Clogh - (Wednesday) Portlaoise - (Thursday) Killeigh - (Friday) Clara - (Saturday) Athlone - (Sunday) Roscommon - (Monday) Ballymoe - (Tuesday) Ballyhaunis - Knock. If anyone would like to walk all, a day, 5k or 1k or assist in collections, contact Josephine 087 203 7173 or Fr Eamonn 087 907 7985. Details: www.marysmeals.ie/ or Facebook page, Mary's Meals Ireland.

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. 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 booking go to www.youth2000.ie

Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 31st July

Monday:	10.30am	Charlie & Katie Gorman & Katie Numan
Wednesday:	10.30am	MM Eileen Delaney
Thursday:	10.30am	Stephen & Richard Cassin & Paddy Foley
Saturday:	10.30am	MM Patrick Denieffe
	6.00pm	MM Ann Smith
Sunday:	8.00am	Richard Dempsey
	10.00am	Evelyn Hennessy
	11.00am	Tony Teehan
	11.30am	Fr Lorcan Moran

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

Feast day of St. John Vianney, Patron of Priests

Thursday, 4th August



John Vianney, also known as the Holy Curé de Ars, was born on 8th May 1786 in Dardilly, near Lyon, France to a family of farmers. He was ordained a priest in 1815 and became curate in Ecully. He was then sent to the remote French community of Ars in 1818 to be a parish priest.

Upon his arrival, the priest immediately began praying and working for the conversion of his parishioners. Although he saw himself as unworthy of his mission as pastor, he allowed himself to be consumed by the love of God as he served the people. Vianney slowly helped to revive the community's faith through both his prayers and the witness of his lifestyle. He gave powerful homilies on the mercy and love of God, and it is said that even staunch sinners were converted upon hearing him. In addition, he restored his church, formed an orphanage, "La Providence," and cared for the poor.

His reputation as a confessor grew rapidly, and pilgrims travelled from all over France to come to him in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Firmly committed to the conversion of the people, he would spend up to 16 hours a day in the confessional. Plagued by many trials and besieged by the devil, St. John Vianney remained firm in his faith, and lived a life of devotion to God. Dedicated to the Blessed Sacrament, he spent much time in prayer and practiced much mortification. He lived on little food and sleep, while working without rest in unflinching humility, gentleness, patience, and cheerfulness, until he was well into his 70s.

John Vianney died on 4th August 1859. Over 1,000 people attended his funeral, including the bishop and priests of the diocese, who already viewed his life as a model of priestly holiness. The Curé de Ars was canonized by Pope Pius XI in 1925. He is the patron of priests. Over 450,000 pilgrims travel to Ars every year in remembrance of his holy life. In 2009, Pope Benedict XVI, commemorating the 150th anniversary of St. John Vianney's death, declared the Year for Priests. The Pope wrote a Letter to clergy, encouraging all priests to look to the Curé of Ars as an example of dedication to one's priestly calling.

St John Vianney, pray for us and for our priests!