

### Prayer for Fine Weather

All-powerful and ever-living God,  
we find security in your care and love for us.  
Give us the fine weather we pray for and need.  
May the harvest be secured  
and the hard work and efforts  
of so many of our people come to fruition.

May the holidays of our children and adults,  
our tourists and visitors,  
be enriched and enhanced  
through seasonal weather  
so that they may rightly return to you  
all honour and glory and praise.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you and  
the Holy Spirit,  
one God, forever and ever. *Amen.*

### 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 quiet prayer for any length of time.

**Interested in Theology or Philosophy**  
Postgraduate Programmes in Theology and Philosophy at St Patrick's Pontifical University, Maynooth. Applications will be accepted up until 14th August. For more information contact [pgadmissions@spcm.ie](mailto:pgadmissions@spcm.ie) or call 01 708 3391. Visit [sppu.ie/postgraduate](http://sppu.ie/postgraduate) for more details.

**My dog is dead could you say a Mass**  
*Pat lived alone in the Irish Countryside with only a pet dog for company. One day the dog died, and Pat went to the Parish Priest and asked, "Father, my dog is dead. Could ya' be saying' a Mass for the poor creature?"*  
*The Parish Priest replied, "I'm afraid not; we cannot have services for an animal in the church. But there are some Baptists down the lane, and there's no tellin' what they believe. Maybe they'll do something for the creature."* *Pat said, "I'll go right away Father. Do ya' think €5,000 is enough to donate to them for the service?"* *The Parish Priest exclaimed, "Sweet Mary, Mother of Jesus! Why didn't ya tell me the dog was Catholic?"*

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# 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**

## The Feast of the Transfiguration - 6<sup>th</sup> August 2023

### Parish Pilgrimage to Knock

Join us on our Parish Pilgrimage to Knock on Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> 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. The trip is €20 for the coach and your place must be purchased from the Parish Office or Sacristy beforehand.



### National Novena at Knock Shrine

14<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> August. Daily Ceremonies 3.00pm and 8.00pm (Anointing of the Sick at 2.30pm)

The National Novena to Our Lady of Knock offers you the opportunity to step away from everyday life and immerse yourself in prayer in the beautiful, peaceful grounds of Knock Shrine. Over the course of the nine-day Novena, we will hear from guest speakers each day who will offer insights on a variety of topics, from personal faith stories, to how we are responding to a changing world. You are invited to take this time to reflect and explore within yourself on how to embrace the challenges we face in our faith.

Our theme for this year is 'Caring for Creation'. Workshops will take place at 12 noon and daily walking tours (organised by Knock Museum) will take place at 10.30am throughout the Novena. The Family Day will take place on Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> August from 11.00am – 3.00pm. See the full programme at [www.knockshrine.ie](http://www.knockshrine.ie)

### Mary's Meals – Walk to Knock

Mary's Meals, named in honour of Our Lady, feeds 2,429,182 children in 18 countries every day at their schools, using local produce. It costs just €22 to feed a child for a year, and administrative costs are kept to a minimum at less than 7c in the Euro.

Starting on Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> August, Irish volunteers will begin to walk to Knock, from a number of starting points around the country, and they are all due to arrive in Knock on 15<sup>th</sup> August, the Feast of the Assumption. Two volunteers will begin from Kilkenny via Castlecomer.

To learn about the history of Mary's Meals you might like to look at these videos [Child 31 - The Story of Mary's Meals - YouTube](#) and a more recent film of the work in Haiti and Liberia featuring the actor Gerard Butler [Love Reaches Everywhere: New film featuring Gerard Butler! - YouTube](#). The Irish website is [www.marysmeals.ie](http://www.marysmeals.ie). Collectors in bright blue t-shirts will be in Kilkenny and Castlecomer on Monday and we would appreciate any contribution that you can spare. If you are interested in organising or helping in a fund-raising event the Kilkenny contact is [paulmckiernan@live.ie](mailto:paulmckiernan@live.ie) Phone 089 46 29 238.

\* No 8.00am Mass in St. John's Church on Bank Holiday Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> August \*

### Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

**Recently Deceased:** Peadar Malone, Larchfield and late of Maudlin Street. Requiem Mass on Monday at 12 noon in St. Patrick's Church. Funeral afterwards to St. Kieran's Cemetery.  
 Rose Mary Francis Rodgers, Dublin Martin Kelly, Glendine.  
 Maeve Sullivan, Castlecomer Road Nicholas Kinsella, Larchfield  
 Larry McMahon, Connolly Street Sylvana Micklewright, England (7.00pm)  
 Margaret Hennessy, Freshford Road Catherine Duffy, Fr Delahunty Terrace  
 Kevin Brennan, Piltown.

**Months Mind:** Ann Smith (6.00pm).

**Anniversaries:** Richard Dempsey (8.00am); Evelyn Hennessy (10.00am); Tony Teehan (11.00am); Fr Lorcan Moran (11.30am); Kathleen Butler Treacy; John Browne; Jim Langton; Michael Walsh; Eileen Roche; Kathleen Butler Treacy; Joe O'Connor; Michael, Phyllis, Pat & Fiona Fitzgerald; John Joe Brennan; Paul Mahony.

*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 Bridget Ahearn  
 8.00am Martin Blake  
 10.00am Fiona & Sarah Manning  
 11.00am Jim Kavanagh & Claire Hanrick  
 11.30am Paula Rogers  
 7.00pm Marie Fogarty



#### Weekly Attendance and Collections

Envelope Collection:		€855.00
Mass	Attendance	Baskets
6.00pm Vigil	106	296.00
8.00am	91	330.00
Johnswell	67	287.00
Dunmore	54	212.00
11.30am	116	355.00
7.00pm	109	311.00

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

#### Prayer at the Heart of our City

We hope to establish a group for adoration in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel in St Mary's Cathedral. It would be beautiful to have a constant presence of prayer for our Diocese and world at this time. The number of days and hours of this adoration will be determined by the people involved.

If you would like to be part of this group please call - 056 772 1253 or send an email to [adoration@ossory.ie](mailto:adoration@ossory.ie) to leave your name and contact details. In a few weeks time we will hold a meeting of all involved in the hopes of establishing this gathering of prayer. With thanks. Fr Dermot (St Mary's Cathedral).

**"The one who saw it has borne witness" (John 19:35)**

#### Johannine characters and their voices in the Fourth Gospel

The Priory Institute two week online Summer School on the Gospel of John will run from 14<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> August. The course includes eight recorded presentations and two on-line zoom discussions and is very flexible as it is delivered entirely online. Please visit our website to find out more and to register [prioryinstitute.com](http://prioryinstitute.com).

#### 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, games, activities, a concert, workshops, reconciliation and healing services and Mass. It is Donation only and we have buses going from all over Ireland. For more information and to book your place go to [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie) or follow us on social media at youth2000ireland.

### Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 7th August

Thursday: 10.30am John Browne  
 Friday: 10.30am Jim Langton  
 Saturday: 10.30am Michael, Phyllis, Pat & Fiona Fitzgerald & John Joe Brennan  
 Sunday: 6.00pm MM Breda Fogarty  
 10.00am Derek Butler  
 11.00am Paddy Tynan  
 11.30am Michael Geoghegan  
 7.00pm Nancy Deevy

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.

#### Holy Days

6.00pm (Eve)  
 8.00am, 10.30am 7.00pm

### The Feast of the Transfiguration

After the Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus, three of the Apostles Peter, James, and John shared their experience of the Transfiguration, fortifying others in the faith. This story is still shared today to strengthen us as we bear our own crosses.

The Feast of the Transfiguration is strategically placed forty days before the Feast of the Triumph of the Cross. Thus, the Transfiguration should be seen as a preparation for both the Cross of Christ and our participation in that triumph. According to the Gospel, we are called to take up our crosses and follow Jesus for the glory of the Father, the fulfilment of His will, and the good of the Church, which will always prevail against the gates of hell.

As you celebrate the Transfiguration today, look at this event as a foretaste of the reward awaiting you, and a source of encouragement to endure all sufferings for the final victory of Christ. The Christian life, as stated by Jesus Himself, is about suffering and dying out of love and with unwavering hope. By uniting our trials with Christ's Cross, we share in His glorious victory for all eternity.



### Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross – Feast Day 9<sup>th</sup> August

Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein). Virgin and Martyr Edith Stein, born in 1891 in Breslau, Poland, was the youngest child of a large Jewish family. She was an outstanding student and was well versed in philosophy with a particular interest in phenomenology. Eventually she became interested in the Catholic Faith, and in 1922, she was baptized at the Cathedral Church in Cologne, Germany. Eleven years later Edith entered the Cologne Carmel. Because of the ramifications of politics in Germany, Edith, whose name in religion was Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, was sent to the Carmel at Echt, Holland. When the Nazis conquered Holland, Teresa was arrested, and, with her sister Rose, was sent to the concentration camp at Auschwitz. Teresa died in the gas chambers of Auschwitz in 1942 at the age of fifty-one. In 1987, she was beatified in the large outdoor soccer stadium in Cologne by Pope John Paul II. Out of the unspeakable human suffering caused by the Nazis in western Europe in the 1930's and 1940's, there blossomed the beautiful life of dedication, consecration, prayer, fasting, and penance of Saint Teresa. Even though her life was snuffed out by the satanic evil of genocide, her memory stands as a light undimmed in the midst of evil, darkness, and suffering. She was canonized on 11<sup>th</sup> October 1998.