

## Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

### Recently Deceased:

Mary Cleere, The Bungalow, Newpark      Phyllis Butler, Waterford  
 Sylvia Hillier, Threecastles

**Months Mind:** Breda Fogarty (6.00pm)

**Anniversaries:** Derek Butler (10.00am); Paddy Tynan (11.00am); Michael Geoghegan (11.30am); Nancy Deevy (7.00pm); Margaret Brett; Eoin O'Donovan; Danny Cassidy; Brigid and Martin Keane; Nance O'Neill; Michael Murphy; Philip Owens.

*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 Máirín Bergin  
 8.00am Joe Browne  
 10.00am Teresa Dowling  
 11.00am Stephanie Butler & Roger Curran  
 11.30am Mary Lynch  
 7.00pm Joan Galwey



### Weekly Attendance and Collections

Envelope Collection:		€1,492.00
Mass	Attendance	Baskets
6.00pm Vigil	138	297.00
8.00am	85	325.00
Johnswell	49	238.00
Dunmore	62	241.00
11.30am	204	635.00
7.00pm	110	322.00

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

### Vocation to Priesthood

“The call to diocesan priesthood is radical, counter-cultural, and means taking the risk for Christ. Wherever he is called, the diocesan priest serves his people and Church with generosity and a total trust in God. He, like Mary with the heart of a missionary, brings Christ into the lives and hearts of those placed in his care. Personally, I feel my vocation to be a blessing and I am humbled on a daily basis by the level of support that I receive in my ministry.”

*(Fr. Willie Purcell, Clara)*

### 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, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> August. 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.

### Mary's Meals - Thank You So Much!

A huge thanks to everyone who supported the Step by Step Walk to Feed the Next Child last weekend. Thanks also to all those volunteers who helped out. Remember just 11c will feed a child for a day, €22 for a whole school year. Ninety children will be fed for a full school year from the generosity of the people of Kilkenny. Thank you for your support to Feed the Next Child at School. [www.marysmeals.ie](http://www.marysmeals.ie) Kilkenny contact paulmckiernan@live.ie; 089 46 29 238.

### Irish Patchwork Society

An exhibition of patchwork quilts by the Irish Patchwork Society will take place in The Chapter Room of St Mary's Cathedral from Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> August from 10.00am to 5.00pm.

### Welcome to Our City

All in St. John's Parish join in welcoming our Kilkenny Arts Week visitors.

## Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 14th August

Monday: 8.00am Margaret Brett  
 Saturday: 10.30am Eoin O'Donovan  
 6.00pm Jim & Betty Canty  
 Sunday: 11.30am Ollie Doran  
 7.00pm Mary O'Dwyer

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

### 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 cost is €20 per person for the coach and your place must be purchased from the Parish Office or Sacristy beforehand. Only ten tickets remain at the time of printing. A great parish and community day is in store.

### Bishop Séamus Freeman RIP

Bishop Niall Coll will celebrate the first anniversary Mass for Bishop Séamus Freeman, on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2023, in St Mary's Cathedral at 5.30pm. May Bishop Seamus's soul rest in peace.

### Spirit Alive Radio Programme

Join Fr. Willie Purcell on "Spirit Alive", a faith based religious programme on Community Radio Kilkenny City 88.7fm on Saturday morning, 19<sup>th</sup> August from 10.00am to 11.00am. Listen to inspirational interviews, stories, reflections and music to inspire and encourage our faith lives. Programme podcast is also available on [crkc.ie](http://crkc.ie).

### Report from World Youth Day 2023 in Lisbon

CNS reports "Before a sea of waving flags representing countries large and small from across the globe, Pope Francis told some 500,000 singing, shouting and swaying young people that God has called each person to him by name, not their social media handle.

"You are not here by mistake," he told the mass of people in Lisbon's Eduardo VII Park on 3<sup>rd</sup> August for the welcome ceremony for World Youth Day. "You, you, you, over there, all of us, me, we were all called by our names."

While social networks know young people's names, tastes and preferences, "all this does not understand your uniqueness, but rather your usefulness for market research," he said at his first World Youth Day event.

The "illusions" of the virtual world "attract us and promise happiness" but later show themselves to be "vain, superfluous things, substitutes that leave us empty inside," the pope said. "I'll tell you something, Jesus is not like that; he believes in you, in each one of you and us, because to him each one of us is important, and that is Jesus."

### St. Maximilian Kolbe (1894 - 1941)

A Franciscan who worked in the apostolate of the press in Poland and Japan died in Auschwitz. His feast day is celebrated on Monday.

### 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.

In Lisbon last week, Pope Francis reflected on the urgency of taking up again "the prayer of adoration" before the tabernacle to recover "the taste and passion for evangelization" in a message addressed to bishops, priests, deacons, consecrated women religious, and seminarians. "Curiously, the prayer of adoration - we have lost it. We have lost it, and everyone - priests, bishops, consecrated men and women, laypeople - has to recover it. It's to be in silence, before the Lord," Francis urged.

### Summer School on John's Gospel

The Priory Institute, Tallaght two week online Summer School on the Gospel of St. 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 feel free to visit our website ([www.prioryinstitute.com](http://www.prioryinstitute.com)) for information and booking details.

### 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 a gathering of prayer.

### 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... Amen.

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Monsignor Michael Ryan (Retired)

### 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](mailto:dlp@ossory.ie)

### OUR PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES ARE:

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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**

**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 13<sup>th</sup> August 2023**



**Nothing is free in life; everything requires payment. There is only one thing that is free: the love of Jesus.**

**Therefore, with this freely-given love that we have received and with our desire to walk, let us walk in hope, look to our roots, and strive ahead fearlessly, fearlessly.**

**Do not be afraid!**

*Pope Francis to Young People at World Youth Day, last weekend.*

### The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

This Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> August is the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a holy day of obligation and Masses will be celebrated in St. John's Parish Church at 6.00pm on Monday evening and at 8.00am, 10.30am and 7.00pm on Tuesday. Please note the times! We look forward to celebrating this great occasion with you.

There will be no Mass in Johnswell and Dunmore Churches on the feast day.

### Prayer to Our Blessed Mother

Take my hand O Blessed Mother,  
Hold me firmly lest I fall,  
I am nervous when I am walking,  
And to thee I humbly call.



Bring me to my destination,  
Safely every single day,  
Help me with my understanding,  
As the hours pass away.

Guide me over every crossing,  
Watch me when I am on my way,  
Let me know you are beside me,  
Listen to my frequent prayers.

And when evening falls upon me,  
And I fear to be alone,  
Take my hand O Blessed Mother,  
And once again guide me home.