

Johnswell Road Hurling

Come and join us for an exciting and entertaining evening at Johnswell on Saturday, 2nd September.

BBQ to follow the events.

Registration at 5.00pm.

Adults: €10. Children U14: €5.

Come and join us.

Ossory AFD Holy Land Pilgrimage 19th to 26th February 2024

Led by Fr Dermot Ryan and Fr Kieran O'Shea. Cost - €1,615p.p. sharing. Return flights from Dublin via London with BA - 23kg check-in luggage - In-flight catering - Three nights in Bethlehem - Three nights in Nazareth - Buffet breakfast and dinner daily - Extra breakfast included on day of arrival - all coaching and tours - Full religious programme organized. For Booking contact Kieran and Laura Troy, Newtown, Rahan, Tullamore, Co. Offaly on 057 935 5050 or info@myriam.ie. Fill out your booking form and return with a deposit of €300pp. Please note: this itinerary is not suitable for anyone with mobility issues.

Rosary at St James's Green

Rosary will be recited at St James's Green on Thursday, 31st of August at 6.30pm for the Pro -Life cause.

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Email: stjohns@ossory.ie **Website:** www.stjohnskilkenny.com

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.

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

OUR PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES ARE:

Brenda Whitely; Marian Eardly.

Counselling Services - Towards Healing Confidential Helpline

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St Patrick's Mass Schedule (Revised)

Please note a reduction and change of Mass times in St. Patrick's Parish.

Saturday

Vigil Mass. 6.15pm St Fiacre's Church

Sunday

9.30am St Patrick's / 10.30am St Joseph's

Foulkstown / 12 pm St Fiacre's

Weekdays

Monday 9.30am St Patrick's

Tuesday 9.30am St Patrick's

Wednesday 10.30am St Fiacre's

Thursday 10.30am St Fiacre's

Friday 10.30am St Fiacre's

Saturday 11.00am St Patrick's

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. The 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 email adoration@ossory.ie to leave your contact details. Shortly we will hold a meeting of all involved in the hopes of establishing a gathering of prayer.

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: 2nd Sat. Monthly, 7.00pm; **Weekdays:** 8.00am, 10.30am. (Sat. 10.30am only).

Johnswell - Sunday 10.00am

Dunmore - Sunday 11.00am

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time - 27th August 2023

The Season of Creation 2023

The Season of Creation 2023 runs from 1st September (the World Day of Prayer for Creation) to 4th October (the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi). This Season is a wonderful opportunity to respond to the call of Pope Francis to listen to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. As the ecological crisis worsens our newsfeeds are filled with stories of devastation, particularly in the most vulnerable parts of the world. Creation cries out as forests burn, animals flee, lives are lost, and people are forced to migrate. The theme for this year's Season is inspired by the Prophet Amos who cries out: "Let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!" (Amos 5: 24).

The symbol is that of a 'mighty river': "Listen carefully, I am about to do a new thing, now it will spring forth; will you not be aware of it? I will even put a road in the wilderness, rivers in the desert." (Isaiah 43:19). As we join the river of justice and peace with others then hope is created instead of despair, "for we know that things can change!" (*Laudato Si'*, 13). We are delighted to share with you an extensive set of resources, provided by the Irish Bishop's Conference and Trócaire. All of these resources are available by going to trocaire.org/our-work/working-in-ireland/parishes/season-of-creation-2023/

We are also delighted to announce that a new 'Care for Our Common Home' webpage has been launched on the Irish Bishop's Conference website which contains a suite of resources for the Season of Creation, a "Returning to Nature" section for parishes who wish to 'go wild' and much more. You can find them by going to <https://www.catholicbishops.ie/laudato-si/>

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St. Fiacre – Feast Day Wednesday 30th August

Gardeners and taxi cab drivers have a patron saint in St. Fiacre. Fiacre was raised in County Kilkenny at Kilfearagh monastery (Kilfera on the Bennettsbridge Road). He developed a local reputation for healing and herbal remedies.

Finding notoriety unsettling, Fiacre went on a quest for solitude to France eventually ending up in a deep woods cell. St. Faro, bishop of Meaux, offered him land for a farm. Instead, St. Fiacre built a small hut surrounded by a garden. Fiacre honoured the Blessed Virgin with an oratory. He built a hospice that became Saint-Fiacre at Seine-et-Marne. Known for great charity, he attended to travellers and the poor alike. Not uncommon for monasteries then, he banned women from entering.

Fiacre's feast day is celebrated on 30th August. He often is shown in a garden setting holding a shovel in one hand and bible in the other. The annual Mass at St. Fiacre's Well, Kilfera will be held on this Sunday, 27th August at 3.30pm. Access to Well via Sheastown Avenue only.



A Mighty River
Amos 5: 24

Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

Recently Deceased: Baby Gabriella Rose Rochford, Rosewood, Johnswell Road. Rebecca Fox, William Street and formerly Castlecomer. Requiem Mass at St. Patrick's Church at 11.00am on Tuesday followed by cremation in Cork.

Brigid Hickey, Lord Edward Street. Mass at St. Canice's Church at 11.30am on Sunday.

Bridgeena Nolan, Ballinaboola, Co. Wexford and late of Danville, Kilkenny.

Turlough Kelly, Bennettsbridge

Breda DeLoughry, Castle Road

Thomas Cash, Urlingford

Dom Godefroy Ragueneau, France

Bobby Falsey, Troyscourt

James O'Beirne, Kells Road

Sarah Ryan, Bennettsbridge Road.

Months Mind: Peter O'Connor Phelan (7.00pm) Maeve Sullivan (Thursday 10.30am)

Martin Kelly (7.00pm Saturday, 2nd September in Dunmore)

Joan Knaggs

Anniversaries: Fr William Meany (6.00pm); Tom Ryan (11.00am); Joe Doherty (11.30am); Eileen Cleere; Eva Morova; Patrick Culleton; Martin Ward; Noreen & Michael Maher; Jim Doherty; John & Mary Brennan; Ellen Brophy; Jack Shortall; Richard & Dixie Leahy; Jack, Anna & Maurice Nolan; Muggers Larkin.

Readers for Next Weekend

6.00pm Claire Coogan
8.00am Paula Rodgers
10.00am Elaine Bennett
11.00am Martina Brennan & Tom Keating
11.30am Kathleen Ferguson
7.00pm Linda O'Leary



Weekly Attendance and Collections

Envelope Collection:		€780.00
Mass	Attendance	Baskets
6.00pm Vigil	88	147.00
8.00am	96	264.00
Johnswell	55	143.00
Dunmore	59	76.00
11.30am	208	453.00
7.00pm	96	148.00
	602	€1,231.00

Your support is greatly appreciated.

First Friday

Next Friday is the First Friday of September. The sick and housebound will be visited at the normal times. Please inform the Parish Office or one of the priests if you have a relative or neighbour who would like this service.

Congratulations to the Leaving Certificate Students

Heartiest congratulations to those who received Leaving Certificate results on Friday. We hope you are pleased with your achievements and find yourself in a position to acquire the college place or work placement for which you wished and worked.

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.

French Classes

The Alliance Francaise will be offering French classes at all levels (beginner, intermediate and advanced). The classes will be run in the Club House Hotel or online. It is time to learn, relearn or refresh your French! Enrolment is on Tuesday 5th September from 7.00 to 8.30pm in the Club House Hotel. Further detail on the website: www.afkilkenny.org or from info@afkilkenny.org or telephone 087 253 9734.

St. Vincent de Paul Society Pilgrimage to Knock

Did you miss the opportunity to travel to Knock this year? The St. Vincent de Paul pilgrimage to Knock will take place on Saturday, 9th September. Coach leaving Kilkenny at 7.30am. Limited places. Cost €20. Contact Geoff on 087 255 9820 before Friday, 1st September.

Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 28th August

Tuesday 10.30am BR Asher Coutinho
Wednesday: 10.30am Eileen O'Connor
Thursday: 10.30am MM Maeve Sullivan
Saturday: 10.30am Eva Morova
6.00pm Jimmy O'Neill
Sunday: 8.00am Sheelagh Lynch
11.30am Theresa Byrne
7.00pm Seamus Murphy

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. Amen.

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

Higher Diploma Theological Studies

St Patrick's Pontifical University, Maynooth, is running a one-year, evening/weekend, Level 8, 65 ECT credits programme, which gives a foundation in Theological Studies to students who hold a primary degree in another discipline. This Higher Diploma meets all the Teaching Council of Ireland's Requirements for the teaching of Religious Studies at post-primary level. It entitles teachers holding Department-recognised degrees and teacher training qualifications to teach up to 15 hours' Religious Education per week in a secondary school.

This programme combines online modules with on-campus attendance to fit around your other life commitments. Visit sppu.ie/courses or contact pgadmissions@spcm.ie or 01 708 3391.



St Patrick's
Pontifical University

Higher Diploma/Diploma in Pastoral Liturgy

St Patrick's Pontifical University, Maynooth, is currently running a blended learning course in Pastoral Liturgy. Applications close 10th September. For more information please go to sppu.ie/courses or contact us at cmadmissions@spcm.ie or 01 708 4778.

Blood Donation Clinic in Kilkenny

3,000 units of blood are required each week to fulfil the demands from the hospitals. Our upcoming Blood Donation Clinic in Kilkenny will take place in O'Loughlin Gaels GAA Club on the below dates:-
Monday, 28th – Thursday 31st August 2023
Monday, 4th and Tuesday, 5th September 2023
From 15.45pm to 20.00pm each day.



St John's Parish Pilgrimage to Knock

A big thank you to all who travelled on our Pilgrimage to Knock on last Monday. A great day was had by all. We convey our heartfelt thanks to Frank Cody for organising the day and also to Fr Dan and Fr Joseph for leading the Pilgrimage.

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.

Back to School

Best wishes to all the boys and girls from our parish who start or return to school this week. We wish them health, happiness and wisdom.