

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: afkilkenny.org or from info@afkilkenny.org or 087 253 9734.

Blood Donation Clinic in Kilkenny

Our upcoming Blood Donation Clinic in Kilkenny will take place in O'Loughlin Gaels GAA Club on the below dates:- Monday, 4th and Tuesday, 5th September. From 15.45 to 20.00 each day.



Higher Diploma/Pastoral Liturgy

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

Watch Found

A watch was found in the church during the week. Please contact Jane in the sacristy if you have mislaid your watch.

Polish Mass

Mass in the Polish language is celebrated in St. John's Church at 7.00pm on the second Saturday of each month. Please note there will be no Polish Mass in September.

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. Visit sppu.ie/courses or pgadmissions@spcm.ie or 01 708 3391.

Anam Cara Southeast

Anam Cara Southeast will host its monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Tuesday, 12th September at 7.15pm in the Brandon House Hotel, New Ross. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age at which your child died. Contact: info@anamcara.ie or 085 288 8888. All welcome.

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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

1800 313 316 - www.towardshealing.ie

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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

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - 3rd September 2023

Season of Creation: 1st September - 4th October

"Let Justice and Peace Flow" is the theme chosen for the Season of Creation 2023, the ecumenical celebration we hold each year from 1st September, World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, to 4th October, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi.

The prophet Amos cries out, "But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!" (Amos 5: 24), and so we are called to join the river of justice and peace, to take up climate and ecological justice, and to speak out with and for communities most impacted by climate injustice and the loss of biodiversity.

The Nativity of The Blessed Virgin Mary - Feast Day 8th September

The Catholic Church celebrates Mary's birthday on 8th September, nine months after the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, celebrated on 8th December. The feast, like the Assumption of Mary, originated in Jerusalem. It began in the fifth century as the Feast of the "Basilica Sanctae Mariae Ubi Nata Est", now called the Basilica of St. Anne. In the seventh century, the feast was celebrated at Rome as the Feast of the Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We as Catholics, celebrate the birth of Mary, as this is truly the "Birth of Salvation". We know that Mary went on to give birth to Jesus, our Savior. Many faithful throughout the world hold a birthday party for Mary and commemorate that beautiful event.

St Patrick's Mass Schedule (Revised)

St. Patrick's Parish has recently changed their Mass times. Please note a reduction and change of Mass times.

Saturday

Vigil Mass. 6.15pm St Fiacre's Church

Sunday

9.30am St Patrick's
10.30am St Joseph's Foulkstown
12 noon 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

Kilkenny Choir Seeks New Members

The Kilkenny Choir is returning to rehearsals on 6th September. We are a mixed four-part choir whose repertoire is classical. We meet on Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm in the Presentation Primary School and perform two concerts a year, in December and April, accompanied by professional soloists and musicians. We are holding open rehearsals for September so why not come along and try it out?

Social Dance Classes

Jive, waltz, quickstep and many more with Yvonne. €10 pay as you go. Every Tuesday night continuing from Tuesday, 5th September at Johnswell Hall from 8.00pm to 9.30pm. For more information contact Yvonne at 087 244 8535.

Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

Recently Deceased: Liam Duggan, The Weir. Mary O'Brien, Assumption Place.
Sr. Agnes O'Shea OCSO, St. Mary's Abbey, Glencairn and formerly Windgap.
Maureen Brannigan, Drakelands Middle.

Months Mind: Maeve Sullivan (11.00am); Martin Kelly

Anniversaries: Jimmy O'Neill (6.00pm); Sheelagh Lynch (8.00am); Theresa Byrne (11.30am); Seamus Murphy (7.00pm); Elizabeth & Stella O'Rourke; Jimmy Dowd; Anne McDermott; Mary Barry; George Dowling; Pat Wood; Fran Phelan; Catherine Carroll; Fr. Liam Holohan; Br. Damien Brennan; Bridget & Denis Guilfoyle; Geraldine O'Grady Maher; Tom & Ger Malone; Michael & Pauline Delaney; William Burke; Billy O'Brien; Bernard & Bridget Taylor; Louise Kealy.

*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 Martin Blake
10.00am Betsy Rice
11.00am Esther Comerford & Tom Comerford
11.30am Bobbie Lahart
7.00pm Anne Marie Grace



Weekly Attendance and Collections

Envelope Collection:		€860.00
Mass	Attendance	Baskets
6.00pm Vigil	105	272.00
8.00am	82	361.00
Johnswell	32	195.00
Dunmore	74	257.00
11.30am	190	468.00
7.00pm	122	317.00
	605	€1,870.00

Your support is greatly appreciated.

St Joseph's Young Priests Society

The St. John's branch of the St Joseph's Young Priests Society will hold a meeting in the Presbytery on this Monday at 11.00am. All are welcome.

Side by Side Club

The Side by Side has resumed after the summer break. The Club meets every Thursday from 2.00pm to 5.00pm. For further information please contact Helen on 083 406 8148.

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.

Thought for the Day

By telling us to 'take up' our cross, Jesus isn't saying that we have to meekly endure unfair treatment and suffering or embrace a blind, 'offer it up' sort of spirituality. And, while they may be opportunities for grace, illness, sad events, and even disasters aren't the cross. 'There is nothing particularly Christian about many of the challenges we face in daily life. We can never silently or blindly accept abuse or injustice as being the will of God. Jesus rejected these and so should we. Instead, 'the cross' that we are to carry is the sacrifices, trials, and hardships that can be a consequence of placing our faith and hope in him and living according to his teaching.

The Pope's Monthly Intention for September

For people living on the margins: We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 4th Sept

Thursday: 8.00am Elizabeth & Stella O'Rourke
Friday: 10.30am Jimmy Dowd
Saturday: 10.30am Anne McDermott & Mary Barry
6.00pm Mary Marnell
Sunday: 8.00am William Lynch
11.00am Carmel Hickey
11.30am Michelle & Michael Reynolds
7.00pm Edward Ryan

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.

Baptism: A Time for celebration and Joy!

Your baby's baptism is a time for celebration and joy. At St. John's Parish we want to help you plan and prepare for your child's baptism in the best possible way. Baptisms take place on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month at 4.30pm and on the 4th Sunday of each month at 12.30pm. Please call the Parish Office, 056 772 1072 9.30am – 2.00pm to make a booking. At least one month's notice is required.



Praying the Rosary

A small group of parishioners join in reciting the Rosary before 10.30am Mass at St. John's Church each weekday morning. We invite others to come along at 10.15am and join in this wonderful prayer.

Points to Ponder

If Peter, the rock on which the Church was built, struggled to do what God wants, to think and speak in God's way, the rest of us will certainly do likewise. Being a faithful follower or Jesus' won't always come easy to us. As Jesus goes on to say in the Gospel reading, it will often involve renouncing ourselves, just as Peter had to renounce his desire that Jesus take a less demanding path.

In that second reading Paul is clear that doing what God wants will often put us at odds with what he calls 'the behaviour of the world around you'. Putting on the mind of Christ, what Paul calls in that reading, 'your new mind' and thinking and speaking and acting out of that mind-set of Christ will often leave us at odds with the world we inhabit, and that will often involve an element of self-renunciation. The Christian vocation can be costly. Yet, living as disciples of Jesus in today's world isn't just a question of constantly climbing us a steep cliff face under our own strength.

In the first reading, Jeremiah is struggling to keep faithful to his vocation, recalling how he used to say of the Lord, 'I will not think about him I will not speak in his name anymore'. Then, he says, he became aware of a burning in his heart driving him on. That same fire of the Holy Spirit empowering us to do what wants, to follow way of Jesus, even when it is costly.

International Literacy Awareness Day is the 8th September

Do you know in Ireland that almost one in five adults have difficulty with reading and writing? One in four have difficulty with maths? One in two have difficulty with digital devices? If you or a family member would like support or upskilling, please contact KCETB (Kilkenny Carlow Education and Training Board) or for a free and confidential service for all adults. Contact details: Kilkenny Adult Learning Service 056 776 3149, Carlow Adult Learning Service: 059 913 5544