

### Prayer in Advance of the Synod

On this Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> September, we are invited to attend the 5.30pm Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral united with the People of God across the world to pray for the Universal Synod which opens in Rome next month. People from all across the diocese are invited to attend.

### Ossory Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2024

The 2024 Ossory Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, led by Bishop Niall Coll, will take place from Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> to Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May inclusive. The organising committee is confident in offering places to pilgrims in need of assistance, youth helpers, support staff and able-bodied pilgrims.

### Youth Ministry Internship Scheme

The Catholic diocese of Lancaster in England is looking for young people aged around 18 to 25 to join their Youth Ministry Internship scheme, based at Castlerigg Manor in the English Lake District. The scheme lasts for one or two years and offers comprehensive training and experience as well as recognised qualifications. Participants get free accommodation and food as well as £75 (€85) pocket money each week. Contact Jack Regan (jack@castleriggmanor.co.uk) for more information and an introductory pack.

### Poor Clares' Monastery Carlow

The Poor Clare Sisters in Carlow invite women from the age of 22 to 40 years for a cuppa and a chat to find out more about their way of life. The event will take place on Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> September from 2.30pm to 4.30pm. If interested please contact poor-claresvoc@gmail.com to find out more about their way of life.

### St Vincent De Paul Society Says 'Thanks'

A sincere thank you for all your generous support at last weekend's collection. Remember the local conference can be contacted in writing at St. John's Presbytery or on 086 895 1239.

### The Season of Creation

"Let Justice and Peace Flow" is the theme chosen for the Season of Creation 2023, the ecumenical celebration we hold each year from 1<sup>st</sup> September, World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, to 4<sup>th</sup> October, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. During this time we make a special effort to pray for our home and to do all in our power to save it from destruction.

### Songs of Faith, Hope and Love at Knock

An Evening of Songs of Faith, Hope and Love in Knock Basilica - Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> December at 8.00pm. Tickets from Ticketmaster.ie

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**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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# Parish Of Saint John The Evangelist

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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:** 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**

### Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 24<sup>th</sup> September 2023

### The Month of the Rosary



Have you ever considered how the greatest Marian prayer – the Rosary – actually leads us closer to Jesus? At the heart of every mystery of the Rosary is Jesus. As we pray, we walk through his entire life. We begin with his conception and early years, travel through his public ministry, watch with horror the brutal end of his life, and end in awe at the heavenly events that followed his death.

We are not alone on this journey, however. Accompanying us is our Blessed Mother, who encourages us to come closer to her Son by meditating upon his life.

As October – the month of the Rosary – approaches, will you commit to praying the Rosary more often this month? If you already pray it frequently, can you commit to praying it every day? If you don't pray it very often, if at all, can you commit to praying it once or twice a week? Consider a particular important intention for which you could offer your October rosaries. The rosary can be prayed alone or with family and friends. A small group of people gather to recite the rosary at 10.10am at St. John's Church each morning – feel welcome to join with them in prayer.

### The Universal Synod of the Church

In October 2021 Pope Francis convened the whole Church in Synod. Since that time there have been gatherings of the faithful at parish, national and continental levels. The next move will be a Universal Synod on Synodality, which will take place from 4<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> October in Rome, on the theme: 'For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission'. Bishop Brendan Leahy of Limerick, and Bishop Alan McGuckian of Raphoe, will represent the Irish Church at this global assembly.

Following next month's assembly in Rome a second universal gathering of this Synod will take place during October 2024. The aim of the Synodal Process is to provide an opportunity for the entire People of God to discern together how to move forward towards being a more synodal Church in the long-term.

This is an important time for our Church and you are invited to pray for the success of the process. In a statement this week the Irish Bishops said:

"The Synodal Process is about conversion, and we pray that all participants will be open in mind and heart to what the Holy Spirit wants of each individually, and collectively. In light of Pope Francis' comment that 'without prayer there will be no Synod', we encourage people of faith to unceasingly pray to God over the coming weeks at daily and weekend Masses, at home, and in religious communities, to intercede for Pope Francis and for all members of the Synodal Assembly."



### Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

**Recently Deceased:** Tony Cooper, Jenkinstown Eamon Kenny, Castlecomer  
May O'Donnell, Kilmanagh and late of Larchfield Tomás Mullins, Killenale  
Frances Dowling, Park View. Requiem Mass in St. Canice's at 11.30am on Sunday  
Jim Costelloe, Cashel Downs. Requiem Mass in St. Joseph's, Foulkstown at noon on Monday

**Month's Mind:** Liam Duggan  
Thomas Cash.

**Anniversaries:** Michael Denieffe (6.00pm); Sheila Bergin (8.00am); Michael Roche (11.00am); Elizabeth Brett (11.30am); Kathleen Maher (7.00pm); Frank Coyne; Sr. Gerard Forristal; Joe Daly; Eleanor Molloy; Alan Bergin; Laurence and Ann Morrissey; Dan Butler; Marie Delaney; Niamh Lawless Costigan; Fr. Liam Holohan; Dick, Kit and Ann Holohan; Fr. Nicholas Flavin; Elizabeth and Seamus Connick; Catherine O'Keeffe;

*Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us every day.  
Unseen, unheard, but always near!*

### Readers for Next Weekend

6.00pm Mary Lynch  
8.00am Paula Rodgers  
10.00am Seán Colgan  
11.00am Eddie Holohan & Liz Holohan  
11.30am Deirdre Dowling  
7.00pm Joan Galwey



### Weekly Attendance and Collections

Envelope Collection:		€1,355.00
Mass	Attendance	Baskets
6.00pm Vigil	112	116.00
8.00am	87	212.00
Johnswell	42	79.00
Dunmore	56	101.00
11.30am	187	316.00
7.00pm	76	187.00
	<b>545</b>	<b>€1,812.00</b>

Your support is greatly appreciated.

### Reflect on This Weekend's Gospel

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us the strange parable of a landowner who hired laborers at five different times during the course of one day to work in his vineyard but paid the same living wage for a full day's work to all of them. This story presents God (the landlord), whose love and generosity to all of us demonstrates the difference between God's perspective and ours. God looks at us, sees our needs and meets those needs generously and mercifully. His provisions for our spiritual lives will never run out, and when we share our blessings with others, we tap into the inexhaustible Divine supply.

The parable also shows the mercy, compassion, and generosity of a gracious and forgiving God in allowing the later-called Gentiles as well the first-called Jews, His Chosen People, to enjoy the same eternal bliss of His Heavenly Kingdom.

### Prayer Before the Blessed Sacrament

Come and join us for prayer and singing in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament in Dunmore Church at 7.00pm every Friday. All are welcome to come and join in prayer.

### Dunmore Hall Car Park

New directional signs have been erected in the Dunmore Hall Carpark. Entry to the carpark is via the entrance at the Castlecomer end while exit is via the exit point at the City end of the car park. These new signs are as a result of a Traffic Management Study undertaken by Kilkenny County Council in preparation for the car park being utilised when the Biodiversity Park opens in Dunmore.

### Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Grants now available for Third Level students. For all enquiries and further information, please email stthomaskilkenny@svp.ie.

### Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 25th Sept

Monday: 10.30am Frank Coyne  
Tuesday: 10.30M Joe Daly  
Thursday: 10.30am Eleanor Molloy  
Friday: 10.30am Alan Bergin  
Saturday: 10.30am Laurence & Ann Morrissey  
6.00pm Eamon Morrissey  
Sunday: 8.00am Aine & Tom Dooley  
11.30am Marie Holohan  
7.00pm Tom & Carmel 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.

### Holy Days

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

### St. Mary's Cathedral Draw

St. Mary's Cathedral is our diocesan cathedral, a beautiful house of prayer and worship. It is a true adornment to the religious and cultural landscape of Kilkenny City and the wider diocese.

Work continues to maintain and enhance its beauty.

To help defray the cost of the on-going work the well-established monthly draw in being re-launched for the coming year. Over the past eight years the draw has raised €700,000, a sum which testifies to the spirit and commitment of so many people in the Diocese of Ossory. We now appeal for your continued support for the cathedral. Tickets for the first draw in the new series, which takes place on this Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September, cost €120 per year or €10 per month and are available from St. John's Parish Office (056 772 1072) or any of the priests. Thanks for your support to date and we appeal for your continued support.

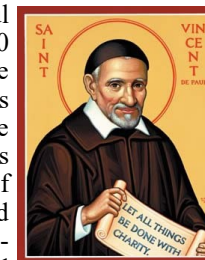


### Coffee Morning in Aid of Bosnia Food Appeal

The Kilkenny Medjugorje Youth Group will be holding a Coffee Morning, Bake Sale, and Raffle in St. John's Day Centre on Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> October from 11.00am to 1.00pm. Donations of cakes would be much appreciated and may be dropped into the Centre before the 10.30am Mass. Your support for the Coffee Morning would be greatly appreciated.

### Feast Day of St. Vincent de Paul - Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> September

It is amazing to see that centuries later, the work of St. Vincent de Paul continues to flourish in our world today. There are more than 18,000 Daughters of Charity serving the needs of the poor in 94 countries and the Vincentians, (the Congregation of the Mission) have over 4,000 members in 86 countries. We also see his work through the practical charity of the Society of St. Vincent De Paul, which is active in thousands of parishes worldwide, including our own parish here in Kilkenny. The members of the Society of St. Vincent De Paul give so generously of their time and energy in helping those in need and they are truly following in the footsteps of this wonderful saint whose life still bears much fruit in our world today.



*'Charity is the cement which binds persons to God and persons to one another' –*

*St. Vincent De Paul*

, featuring Dana, John McNicholl, Margo, Philomena Begley and Marc Roberts with Úna Nolan and the Schola Cantorum Basilicae Choir. A fundraising concert for Victim Assistance Charity. Tickets from Ticketmaster.ie. Tickets also available from head office - for details contact Mary McNicholas, Victim Assistance Head Office, Aiden Street, Kiltimagh, Co. Mayo 094 900 0251 or by email on [support@victimassistance.ie](mailto:support@victimassistance.ie)