

Dunmore Hall Car Park

New directional signs have been erected in the Dunmore Hall Carpark. Entry to the car-park 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.

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.

Songs of Faith, Hope and Love at Knock

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

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.

The Season of Creation

"Let Justice and Peace Flow" is the theme chosen for the Season of Creation 2023. World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation will come to an end this Wednesday 4th October, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. Since the 1st September we have made a special effort to pray for our home and to do all in our power to save it from destruction.

When nature is viewed solely as a source of profit and gain, this has serious consequences for society.

This has engendered immense inequality, injustice and acts of violence against the majority of humanity.....completely at odds with this model are the ideals of harmony, justice, fraternity and peace as proposed by Jesus.

Pope Francis - *Laudato Si'*

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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

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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-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 1st October 2023

Farewell Fr. Joseph

This weekend we say a sad farewell to Fr. Joseph Lubula as he returns to Uganda. Fr. Joseph lived and worked in our parish since the end of July, and he was certainly a breath of fresh air. We learned a lot from him, and we hope he picked up a few tips from us. We wish him well on his return to ministry in his native diocese and hopefully he will come and visit us again.

Synod On Synodality 2023 & 2024

Catholic clergy and laypeople will gather at the Vatican Oct. 4-29 for a synod, or summit of bishops and lay people, to discuss synodality, with an emphasis on communion, participation and mission.

What is the Synod on Synodality?

The synod is the result of a two-year process that started in September 2021, when the Vatican released a preparatory document and instructions on how to prepare for the summit. Catholic faithful around the world then met in their parishes to discuss the questions posed by the synod. The syntheses of those conversations were then sent to their respective bishops' conferences.

The bishops then sent their conclusions to the Vatican, where a group of some 30 experts, theologians and pastoral workers met in the town of Frascati near Rome in September 2022 to draft a document that would guide the next phase. This document, entitled 'Enlarge the Space of your Tent' was sent to the bishop's throughout the world for further reflection. Their reflections have become another document, *Instrumentum Laboris*, that will guide discussions at the upcoming synod.

When is the synod?

Pope Francis will celebrate the inauguration Mass for the synod on Oct. 4. The Vatican announced in April that the synod will be extended, meaning participants will convene again for a second time in the fall of 2024.

Where is the synod?

The meetings will take place in the Pope Paul VI Hall, which can hold over 6,000 individuals.

Who will attend the synod?

There will be 464 participants at the synod and 365 will have the right to vote. For the first time, laypeople will be full voting members of the synod, compared with earlier synods where only bishops had the right to vote. An unprecedented number of women, 54, will also be attending.



Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

Recently Deceased:

Seamus Brennan, Meadow Way, *Requiem Mass in St Johns, Sun. 11.30am. Internment in St Kieran's Cemetery.*

Jean Murphy, Walkin Street & late of Hebron Road. *Rosary in Johnston's Funeral Home at 7pm on Sun. Requiem Mass in St Johns Mon. at 10.30am. Internment in St. Kieran's Cemetery.*

Michael Hayden, Carrick-on-Suir & late of Assumption Place.

Peter Raggett, Stoneyford.

Eileen Conroy, Rothe Terrace.

Charles Digney, Newry.

Maria Shefflin (nee Condon). Waterford

Madge Comerford, Stephen Street

Anniversaries: Eamon Morrissey (6.00pm); Áine & Tom Dooley (8.00am); Tom & Carmel Ryan (7.00pm); Marie Holohan; Eleanor Molloy; Derek Groves; Thomas Gormley; Anthony Mahony; Michael & Thomas O'Connor; Bridget O'Keeffe; Philip Walsh; Margaret Dowling; Frances McDonagh; Fr Jim Forristal; Christine Mak; Maureen Delaney; Kate & Christy Burke Snr.

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	Claire Coogan
8.00am	Martin Blake
10.00am	Elaine Bennett
11.00am	Christy Murray & Maise Powell
11.30am	Paula Rogers
7.00pm	Eileen Kinane



Weekly Attendance and Collections

Envelope Collection:	€630.00		
<u>Mass</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Baskets</u>	
6.00pm Vigil	118	326.00	
8.00am	85	331.00	
Johnswell	45	165.00	
Dunmore	85	236.00	
11.30am	176	481.00	
7.00pm	120	296.00	
	629	€1,835.00	

Your support is greatly appreciated.

First Friday

Next Friday is the First Friday of October. 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.

The Eastern Environs Group

The Eastern Environs Community Group will recommence activities in the Parish Centre at 2.00pm next Wednesday 4th October. New members welcome.

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 this Saturday, 7th Oct. from 11.00am to 1.00pm. Donations of cakes can be dropped into the Centre before the 10.30am Mass. Your support for the Coffee Morning would be greatly appreciated.

Cobh Tyburn Convent - Vocations weekend

Are you called to help spread the Kingdom of the Sacred Heart through a life of Eucharistic Worship and Monastic Stability, Conversion of Life and Obedience? The Church needs you! Vocations Weekend will take place from 28th to 29th October in St Benedict's Priory, Cobh. For more information please contact Mother Prioress on 021 4811354 or email cobhtyburnconvent@gmail.com

Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 2nd Oct.

Monday:	10.30am	Funeral - Jean Murphy
Tuesday:	8.00am	Special Intention
Wednesday:	10.30am	Philip Walsh & Margaret Dowling
Saturday:	10.30am	B.R. Rose Marie Maher
	6.00pm	June & Jerry Tobin
Sunday:	8.00am	MM Imelda McPhilomy
	11.30am	O.N.E.
	7.00pm	Joe Cleere

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

'Thank You' From Fr Joseph

I wish to convey my heartfelt gratitude to the Christians of this Parish of St John's for the wonderful welcoming experience I have had. I'm also sorry to all for the '**Complicated Kilkenny Accent**' which could not be understood by all. As I travel back home, I pray you will keep me in your prayers.....I too promise to do the same.

First Eucharist Dates 2024

The young people from St. John's Junior School will make their First Holy Communion on 18th May 2024 while those attending Johnswell National School will receive First Holy Communion on 11th May 2024. Pupils will be invited to enrol shortly.

Parish Confirmation 2024

Date for the Parish Confirmations haven't been formalised yet. We will publish them as soon as receive them from the Diocesan Office.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

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

Pope's Intention for October - For the Synod

We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

St. Mary's Cathedral, Chapter House Bookshop

St. Mary's Cathedral, Chapter House Bookshop welcomes you to visit the shop now opened 5 days a week. We stock a wide range of religious gifts for any occasion and selection of Parish supplies. We have a large variety of Candles, Holy water fonts, Crosses, pictures and statues of the saints. Monday - 9:30 am till 1:00 pm. Tuesday - Friday 9:30 am till 5:00 pm. You will find a present for Baptism, Communion, Confirmation and many other occasions. We have now in stock a great choice of Prayer Books, gospel reflections and calendars for the next liturgical year.

Radio Maria Ireland

Hail holy queen conference 2023 is live on Radio Maria Ireland from 2pm on Saturday 7th October. Speakers include Fr. Seán Maguire, Fr. Colum power, Catherine McGowan, Fr. Freddy Warner. Radio Maria Ireland can be listened to by downloading the Radio Maria Ireland app, Saorview channel 210 or listen live at (01) 437 3277