

### The Synod of Bishops

As the Synod continues in Rome this week, we pray for all participants and an openness to the Holy Spirit.

Prayer for the Synod

Loving Father, Lord of all ages,  
God of all peoples, through your Son,  
Jesus Christ you have called us by name.

You have gathered  
us into the family of the Church.  
Send forth your Holy Spirit upon us.  
Inspire Pope Francis and all those  
who are assembled in Rome at this time.

Open their hearts to your voice.  
Help them to recognise how best  
to respond to your call.

Give us a new spirit and a new heart.  
Strengthen our faith, renew your Church,  
Inspire us to work for the world  
where love abounds,  
justice reigns and peace prevails  
with Mother Mary by our side,  
all this we ask of you. Amen.

### Parish Collection Envelopes

The envelopes are now prepared and are ready for collection at the Presbytery during the coming week. We appeal to our usual distributors to pick up and distribute their envelopes as soon as possible.

### Chapter House Bookshop

The Chapter House Bookshop at St. Mary's Cathedral welcomes you to visit the shop now opened 5 days a week. We stock a wide range of religious gifts for all occasions and selection of parish supplies. We have a large variety of candles, holy water fonts, crosses, pictures and statues of the saints.

Monday - 9.30am until 1.00pm.

Tuesday - Friday 9.30am until 5.00pm.  
You will find a present for Baptism, Communion, Confirmation and other occasions. Call in and view our large range of stock.

### 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 28<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> October in St Benedict's Priory, Cobh. For more information please contact Mother Prioress on 021 481 1354 or email [cobhtyburnconvent@gmail.com](mailto:cobhtyburnconvent@gmail.com).

### Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Grants now available from the Society for Third Level students. For all enquiries and further information, please email [stthomaskilkenny@svp.ie](mailto:stthomaskilkenny@svp.ie).

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**Email:** [stjohns@ossory.ie](mailto:stjohns@ossory.ie) **Website:** [www.stjohnskilkenny.com](http://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](mailto:dlp@ossory.ie)

### OUR PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES ARE:

Brenda Whitely; Marian Eardly.

### Counselling Services - Towards Healing Confidential Helpline

1800 313 316 - [www.towardshealing.ie](http://www.towardshealing.ie)

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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

## Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - 8<sup>th</sup> October 2023

### Synod Update

This past week saw the much-awaited Synodal gathering start in Rome. Normally reserved to the bishops this Synod, at the request of Pope Francis, invited lay faithful, priests and religious from around the world to come together to discern the promptings of the Holy Spirit for the Church today. This is a continuance of the Synodal gatherings we had in Ossory and in every diocese throughout the world. Our ideas are carried there by the Irish delegation.

With such a variety of voices from every part of the world it was recognised that at this Synod tensions will exist - as each one tries to make their views heard. The Dominican priest Fr Timothy Radcliffe has preached to all gathered in these opening days - he noted, in one of these addresses, that in English we say that "we fall in love but we make friends" reminding those gathered for the Synod that difference is ok, variance is to be welcomed and that we won't fall into agreement, we will have to work to make it happen.

We pray for the Synod as the first week concludes, may they make harmony happen.

### Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for October

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

### October - Month of the Missions

October and World Mission Sunday are times for the faithful of the world to show their appreciation towards the work of overseas' missionaries. The generosity offered will be used to support missionary activities in over 1,100 struggling dioceses; mostly in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. You can help right now.

World Mission Sunday is the Holy Father's annual appeal for spiritual and financial support so that the life-giving work of overseas mission and missionaries can continue. It always falls on the second last Sunday in October, meaning this year it will be celebrated over the week-end of Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October. Please donate €4 by texting the word 'Mission' to 50300. Alternatively donate at [www.missio.ie](http://www.missio.ie) or call Missio Ireland on 01 497 2035. To learn more go to [www.missio.ie](http://www.missio.ie).

### Taizé Youth Programme 2024

A youth trip to Taizé in France organised by Ossory Youth will take place from Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June to Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024. Tens of thousands of young people from around the world, including 25 from Kilkenny, will make the trip to Taizé next year. The programme, which runs from November 2023 to June 2024 is open to Transition Year, 5<sup>th</sup> Year and Leaving Cert students. Closing date is Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> October.

For more information, contact Patrick Bookle, Ossory Youth at 056 776 1200, 087 212 9006 or [pbookle@ossoryyouth.com](mailto:pbookle@ossoryyouth.com).

## Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

**Recently Deceased:** Jason Kavanagh, Patrick Street. Requiem Mass at St. Patrick's Church at 11.00am on Tuesday  
Sean Bolger, Sandfordscourt and late of Newpark George Howe, Cashel Downes  
Rita O'Leary, Larchfield

**Months Mind:** Imelda McPhilomy (8.00am).  
John Mulhern (Fri 13th 10.30am).  
Mary Cleere (Sat 14th 10.30am).

**Anniversaries:** June & Jerry Tobin (6.00pm); O.N.E. (11.30am); Joe Cleere (7.00pm); Tommy & Bridget Donnelly; Nelly Brennan; Margaret McGuinness; Seanie O'Brien; Sr. Gregory Ryan; Willie Drennan; Declan Ahearn; Ann and John Breen; Patrick Cody; Patricia Ryan; John O'Brien; Bishop Laurence Forristal.

*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 Jo Browne  
10.00am Betsy Rice  
11.00am Jim Kavanagh and Claire Hanrick  
11.30am Mary Hanafin  
7.00pm Linda O'Leary



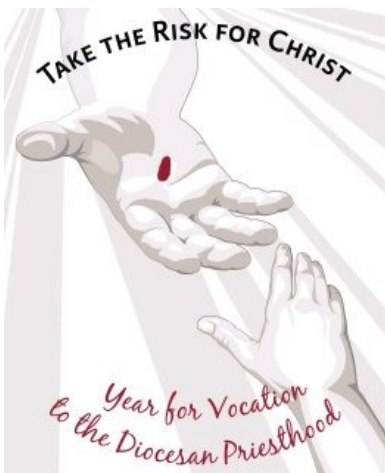
### Weekly Attendance and Collections

Envelope Collection: €845.00		
Mass	Attendance	Baskets
6.00pm Vigil	116	268.00
8.00am	98	428.00
Johnswell	38	181.00
Dunmore	48	191.00
11.30am	406	991.00
7.00pm	105	335.00
	811	€2,394.00

Your support is greatly appreciated.

### Year of Prayer for Vocations

The Year of Prayer for Vocations continues. This week we offer a special prayer to discover your vocations.



Almighty God  
You have made me to know you  
to love you and to serve you  
and thereby to find and fulfil myself.  
I know that you are in all things  
and that every path can lead me to you.  
But of them all, there is one path  
especially by which you want me  
to come to you.  
Since I will do what you want of me,  
I pray you, send your Holy Spirit to me,  
into my mind to show me what you want of me.  
into my heart to give me the determination  
to do it, and to do it with all my love,  
with all my mind, and with all my strength  
right to the end.  
Amen.

## Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 9th Oct.

Monday: 10.30am Tommy & Bridget Donnelly & Nelly Brennan.  
Tuesday: 10.30am Margaret McGuinness  
Wednesday: 10.30am Seanie O'Brien  
Friday: 10.30am MM John Mulhern  
Saturday: 10.30am MM Mary Cleere  
6.00pm Ray Lennon  
Sunday: 11.00am Lena Cantwell  
11.30am Albert Bolger  
7.00pm Statia, Stephen & Bosco Buckley

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](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

## Irish Pilgrimage Trust

Fr. Dan is a chaplain and group leader with the Irish Pilgrimage Trust which brings children and young people with special needs on a week-long pilgrimage holiday to Lourdes each Easter. This trip is free for our young guests as our volunteers fundraise to cover the cost. Volunteers pay for their own trip.

If you or your young person (12 - 21 years) would like to apply to travel as a guest, please complete our guest application form online <https://form.jotform.com/212932685135054>. Applications close in mid October so the form should be completed as soon as possible. Call Fr. Dan on 087 907 7769 if you need more information.

The Trust is also recruiting volunteer carers for next Easter's pilgrimage. Please talk to Fr. Dan or visit [www.irishpilgrimage.org](http://www.irishpilgrimage.org) for more information.

## Pro Life Conference

The Pro Life Campaign National Conference 2023 takes place on Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> October in the RDS Concert Hall in Dublin, featuring top pro-life speakers from home and abroad. It's a terrific opportunity to meet with other pro-life supporters from across Ireland and there will be lots of interesting stands and workshops at the event. Conference runs from 12.00 - 3.30pm (workshops from 11.00am). Entry is free of charge (but donations welcome on the day if you are in a position to donate). Register to attend at [prolifecampaign.ie](http://prolifecampaign.ie) or phone 01 662 9275.

## "The Priest, The People, and the Light"

A seminar titled "The Priest, The People, and the Light", will take place at Templemore Old Church, Bansha, Co. Tipperary, on Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> at 11.00am. The seminar will look at the impact that Canon John Hayes had on Rural Development and on Rural Electrification and will include some archive material on Muintir na Tire and some guest speakers.

The seminar will be preceded by the celebration of Holy Mass at The Church of the Annunciation, Bansha at 10.00am, which is being celebrated for the late Canon John Hayes, Founder of Muintir na Tire, and for deceased members of Muintir na Tire.

There will also be the unveiling of a plaque to Canon Hayes in the Church grounds after Mass. There is no entry charge to the Seminar but booking is advisable on Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/the-priest-the-people-and-the-light-canon-hayes-and-muintir-na-tire-tickets-719301830137?aff=erelexpmlt>. Alternatively, email to [martinquinns@eircom.net](mailto:martinquinns@eircom.net)

## City Library – Digital Drop-in

Do you need help with your mobile phone/tablet or smart devices? Pop in to get some one-to-one support every Wednesday between 11.20am and 1.00pm.