

Hon the 'Loughs!!!

All in St. John's Parish join in wishing the O'Loughlin Gaels Senior Hurling Team success in this weekend's semifinal of the St. Canice's Credit Union Senior Hurling Championship. O'Loughlin's Gaels play Bennettsbridge in Nowlan Park at 1.15pm on Sunday. Ballyhale Shamrocks play James Stephens in the second semifinal at 3.15pm.

We wish our Senior Hurlers and their mentors all the best.

Ossory Times

The 33rd edition of *Ossory Times* - our diocesan magazine - is now available. It is over ten years since the first publication and the current edition contains lots of information about our diocese and the universal Church. The *Ossory Times* still costs a mere €2 and is available at the doors of our parish churches.

City Library – Digital Drop-in

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

Bosnian Food Appeal

Thanks to all who supported the recent Cake Sale and Coffee Morning at St John's Parish Hall. €1,027 was raised to help Bosnian families prepare for winter.

Station Envelopes

Frs. Dan and Raymond are grateful to those in our parish who help distribute our October and November envelopes. We appreciate your work.

Thanks of course to those who receive the envelopes and use them to return contributions towards the income of the priests. Your continued generosity is much appreciated. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to receive contribution envelopes.

Chapter House Bookshop

We stock a wide range of religious gifts for all occasions and selection of parish supplies.

Monday - 9.30am until 1.00pm.

Tuesday - Friday 9.30am until 5.00pm.

Taizé Youth Programme 2024

A youth trip to Taizé in France organised by Ossory Youth will take place from Sunday, 23rd June to Sunday, 30th 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, 5th Year and Leaving Cert students. Closing date is Friday, 27th October. Contact Patrick Bookle, 056 776 1200, 087 212 9006.

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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:

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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-Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time - 15th October 2023

Synod Update

As the Synod in Rome continues in these weeks the 400 members are gathering in the Paul VI hall at the rear of St Peter's Basilica. The format of this Synod is noticeably different from the many that have gone before. All gathered are seated at round tables and all, irrespective of "role", are given the same time to speak. Pope Francis has worked to ensure that all gathered can speak freely but also that they truly make listening a priority. He has noted that at this gathering the Holy Spirit is not merely present but should be seen as the "protagonist" guiding the discussions. To create this atmosphere, Pope Francis has requested confidentiality on the part of Synod members, and in this sense a "fasting from public speech". It is working - we had intended to write to inform you what was happening each week but, thankfully, we do not know. or at least we do not know the detail of what is being said - Synod members are respecting this freedom to talk and listen without fear of being quoted. Maybe the Spirit is truly the protagonist...



Month of the Rosary

October is the month of the Most Holy Rosary. In his Apostolic Letter *Rosarium Virginis Mariae*, St. John Paul II says: *The Rosary, precisely because it starts with Mary's own experience, is an exquisitely contemplative prayer. Without this contemplative dimension, it would lose its meaning, as Pope Paul VI clearly pointed out: "Without contemplation, the Rosary is a body without a soul, and its recitation runs the risk of becoming a mechanical repetition of formulas, in violation of the admonition of Christ: 'In praying do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think they will be heard for their many words (Matthew 6:7)."*



St. Padre Pio called the Rosary: "... my weapon, my sword, *la mia spada*."

We encourage all to pray the rosary individually or with family and friends every day, especially during the month of October. You are invited to join with neighbours and friends in reciting the Rosary in St. John's Church at 10.10am each morning.

Annual Remembrance Mass

We at St. John's Parish, are currently planning our Remembrance Mass for those of our parishioners who died during the past year. We will be inviting relatives and friends to join us in St. John's Church at 7.30pm on Friday, 10th November when we will call to mind in prayer those who have died since this time last year. Please inform relatives and friends who live away from Kilkenny so that they may make arrangements to come home. More details later.

Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

Recently Deceased: Seamus McGurran, Meadow Way. Reposing at Johnston's Funeral Home from 5.00pm on Monday. Rosary and Vigil Prayers at 6.30pm followed by removal to St. John's Church. Requiem Mass on Tuesday at 10.30am followed by interment in St. Kieran's Cemetery. Kay Doran, Jerpoint Church, Thomastown and "Speedy Stitch", Kilkenny
Noel Power, Bennettsbridge Mary Ryan, Maidenhill
Simon Fahey, Cedarwood Avenue Dolly Lennon, Dunbell

Anniversaries: Ray Lennon (6.00pm); Lena Cantwell (11.00am); Albert Bolger (11.30am); Statia, Stephen & Bosco Buckley (7.00pm); John Jack Carroll; Michael Brophy; Billy Maher; Jack & Mary McGuinness; John & Mary Cassin; Angela Clutterbuck; Julia & Mark Downey; Veronica McGuire; Patrick & Julie Burke; Kathleen Murphy; Joe Hennessy; Michael & Elizabeth Brett; Billy & Patty Reinhardt.

*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 Bridget Ahearn
8.00am Padraig O'Neill
10.00am Fiona & Sarah Manning
11.00am Stephanie Butler & Roger Curran
11.30am Mary Lynch
7.00pm Anne
Marie Grace



Weekly Attendance and Collections

Envelope Collection:	Mass	Attendance	Baskets
6.00pm Vigil		131	311.00
8.00am		89	382.00
Johnswell		38	188.00
Dunmore		54	175.00
11.30am		206	633.00
7.00pm		117	301.00
		635	€1,990.00

Your support is greatly appreciated.

Kilkenny Community Groups

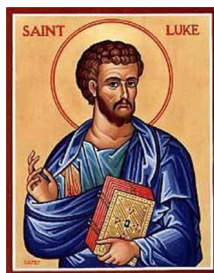
Information session on Community Climate Action Fund will take place in John's Quay Library on Wednesday 18th of October at 11.30am. Are you interested in seeking grant funding for Climate Action projects under the Community Climate Action Programme? This grant is suitable for all groups – large, small, rural, and urban.

St Luke, the Evangelist: Feast Day – 18th October

Saint Luke was a physician from a Gentile Christian milieu. He was with St. Paul on his second missionary journey and during his imprisonment in Rome. After Paul's death he is reputed to have worked in Greece. In art, he is represented by an ox. Patron of butchers, bookbinders, doctors, surgeons, artists, and glassworkers.

Prayer to St Luke

Most wonderful St. Luke
you were animated by
the Heavenly Spirit of Love.
In faithfully detailing the humanity of Jesus,
you also showed his Divinity
and His genuine compassion
for all human beings.
May the Holy Spirit, instructor of the faithful,
help me to understand Christ's words
and faithfully apply them in my life. Amen.



Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 16th Oct.

Tuesday: 10.30am Requiem Mass
Thursday: 10.30am John & Mary Cassin & Angela Clut
terbuck
Friday: 10.30am Julia & Mark Downey
Saturday: 10.30am Veronica McGuire
6.00pm William Bill Hanlon
Sunday: 11.00am Frank & Colette Dalton
11.30am Mollie Bergin
7.00pm Anthony Mahony

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
through the mercy of 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

Mission Sunday - Next Weekend

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. Mission Sunday it will be celebrated next weekend, Sunday 22nd October. Please donate €4 by texting the word 'Mission' to 50300. Alternatively donate at www.missio.ie or call Missio Ireland on 01 497 2035. Special envelopes are also available - please take one from the church and return next weekend. Next weekend's 2nd collection will be for the missions. Visit www.missio.ie.

Irish Pilgrimage Trust

Fr. Dan is a chaplain and group leader with the Irish Pilgrimage Trust which brings 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 on www.irishpilgrimagetrust.com. Applications close shortly 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.irishpilgrimagetrust.com for more information.

Tusla Fostering Week

Tusla Fostering Week: October 16th to 20th 2023. Tusla is urgently seeking foster cares across the Carlow/Kilkenny/South Tipperary area. Foster Carers provide a safe, secure and stable home environment for children and young people who can't live with their parents due to their life experience. Tusla works with foster carers from all walks of life. A local placement ensures a young person can stay connected to their communities, friends, hobbies and schools. For further information please contact 1800 226 771 or email tusla.fostering@usla.ie or register for Tusla's on-line information session on Thursday 19th Oct @ 7pm.

Knock Vigil

Fancy a night away with a difference? Knock shrine is hosting its annual all-night vigil on Thursday, 7th December. The theme for this is: 'A Light to Enlighten the World.'