

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.

Chapter House Bookshop

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

Monday - 9.30am until 1.00pm.

Tuesday - Friday 9.30am until 5.00pm.

Vocations Weekend for Women

At St Benedict's Priory, Cobh, Co. Cork on 28th - 29th October. For more information contact Mother Prioress: 021 481 1354 or cobhtyburnconvent@gmail.com

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.'

Confessions will be held from 10.00pm until midnight. The Vigil will continue in the Basilica from midnight with Rosary, Holy Hour, Reflections and Prayer, concluding with Mass at 4.00am.

Here is an opportunity to do something different and special in prayer.

www.knockshrine.ie for more information.

Mission Prayer

Lord, our God, help us to walk with you on the pathway to the beatitudes and to live out your mission in today's world.

Bind us to all men and women of our time, so that together we may bring the good news to the ends of the earth.

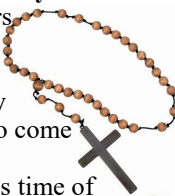
Open our hearts and our Christian oppressed.

May we radiate the Living Christ and transform our lives in the hope of the Resurrection.

This prayer we make to you who is the living God, now and forever. Amen.

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 10.10am and join neighbours and friends in this time of prayer. All are welcome



Rosary at St James Green

The Rosary will be recited at the Statue of Our Lady of Kilkenny at St. James Green on Thursday, 26th of October at 6.30pm. This prayer is in support of the Pro-Life cause.

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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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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-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 22nd October 2023

Mission Sunday - This Weekend

"Hearts on Fire, Feet on the Move" (Luke 24: 13-35)

This weekend parishes worldwide celebrate World Mission Sunday. The kindness shown will help overseas missionaries to continue to share the love of God with some of the world's most marginalised and vulnerable people. Thank you for supporting in whatever way you can, and please remember it is more than an appeal for financial help. Missionaries also need spiritual support. On World Mission Sunday missionaries take great strength in knowing that the faithful of the world are keeping them in their thoughts and prayers. 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. The generosity offered will be used to support missionary activities in over 1,100 struggling dioceses; mostly in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. The second collection at all Masses this weekend will be donated to the Church's missionary activity. You can also donate €4.00 by texting the word 'Mission' to 50300. Alternatively donate at www.missio.ie or call Missio Ireland on 01 497 2035.



A Day of Fasting and Prayer for Peace

Speaking to some 20,000 people in St. Peter's Square last Wednesday Pope Francis said: "Today our thoughts turn to Palestine and Israel. The number of victims is rising and the situation in Gaza is desperate. Please, let everything possible be done to avoid a humanitarian disaster." The Pope expressed his concern over "the possible widening of the conflict, [which] is disturbing," adding emphatically: "while so many war fronts are already open in the world, may weapons be silenced, and let us heed the cry for peace of the poor, the people, the children... Brothers and sisters, war does not solve any problem: it sows only death and destruction, foments hate, proliferates revenge. War cancels out the future, it cancels out the future. I urge believers to take just one side in this conflict: that of peace. But not in words – in prayer, with total dedication."

The Pope concluded his remarks by saying: "with this in mind, I have decided to call for a day of fasting and prayer on next Friday, 27th October, a day of penance to which I invite sisters and brothers of the various Christian denominations, those belonging to other religions and all those who have at heart the cause of peace in the world, to join in as they see fit. That evening at Saint Peter's, we will spend an hour of prayer to implore peace in our time, peace in this world. I ask all the particular Churches to participate by arranging similar activities."

In response to the Pope's request, we invite parishioners to make an effort to fast on next Friday - maybe skip lunch or a snack, a few drinks or a treat. Our parish will hold an hour of prayer at St. John's Church beginning at 7.30pm on next Friday evening. We invite all to make a special effort to come along and pray for peace.

Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

Recently Deceased: Patrick Costigan, Westfield and late of Assumption Place. Reposing at Johnston's Funeral Home on Monday with Vigil Prayers and Rosary at 6.30pm. Requiem Mass at St. John's Church at 10.30am on Tuesday. Interment afterwards at Dunmore Cemetery. Thomas Rafter, Warrington, Bennettsbridge Road. Requiem Mass at St. Canice's Church at 11.00am on Tuesday. Interment afterwards in Foulkstown Cemetery. Ann Hurley, Upper Patrick Street Nora O'Brien, Friary Street Frances Hogan, Larchfield

Month's Mind: Peter Raggett Michael Hayden.

Anniversaries: William Bill Hanlon (6.00pm); Frank & Colette Dalton (11.00am); Mollie Bergin (11.30am); Anthony Mahony (7.00pm); Jack & Mary McGuinness; John Cunningham; Seán Pielow; Ann Lacey; Jenny Hodge; Frank Murphy; Mary Moynihan; Bill Dullard; Joe, Billy, Mary, Pat & Jack Fitzpatrick; Bernadette Dermody; Fr Pat O'Farrell.

Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us every day.

Readers for Next Weekend

6.00pm Mairín Bergin
8.00am Paula Rodgers
10.00am Teresa Dowling
11.00am Bernard O'Gorman & John McGourty
11.30am Kay Purcell
7.00pm Josh McHugh



Weekly Attendance and Collections

| Envelope Collection: | | €1,010.00 |
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| Mass | Attendance | Baskets |
| 6.00pm Vigil | 114 | 359.00 |
| 8.00am | 89 | 350.00 |
| Johnswell | 35 | 156.00 |
| Dunmore | 85 | 237.00 |
| 11.30am | 170 | 450.00 |
| 7.00pm | 104 | 341.00 |
| | 597 | €1,893.00 |

Your support is greatly appreciated.

October/November Envelopes

These envelopes are for the support of the priests and the bishop. Thanks to all who distributed the envelopes during the past few weeks. The priests thank those who have already returned a contribution - every cent is appreciated.

Please contact the Parish Office if you have not received envelopes.

Newpark Close Family Resource Centre News

Newpark Close Family Resource Centre welcomes their new manager, Margaret Tone. St. John's Parish wishes Margaret all the best in her new responsibility and, when possible, we look forward to working with her and her team.

Newpark Close Family Resource Centre invites you to join us for an **Open Afternoon** in the centre from 3.00 - 6.00pm on Friday, 27th October. Take a tour of the centre, meet our staff and discover the diverse programmes we deliver.

You might find a programme that suits your needs. All are welcome.

Scripture Reflection Group

The St. John's Parish Scripture Group returns on next Thursday, 26th October. The informal group meets in the Presbytery at 7.30pm each Thursday to read and discuss the Scripture passages for the following Sunday's Mass. All are welcome to come along - bring a friend.

This group should prove very interesting for those who read at Mass.

Dates for your Diary

Holy Hour for Peace in the Middle East at St. John's Church - 7.30pm on Friday, 27th October
Annual Remembrance Mass at St. John's Church - 7.30pm on Friday, 10th November
Confirmation St John's Parish - 11.00am on Friday, 26th April 2024
First Holy Communion at Johnswell Church - Saturday, 11th May 2024
First Holy Communion at St. John's Church - Saturday, 18th May 2024

Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 23rd Oct.

Tuesday: 10.30am Requiem Mass
Thursday: 10.30am John Cunningham
Saturday: 10.30am Seán Pielow
6.00pm Bernie & Tom Little
Sunday: 11.00am Martin Ryan
11.30am John & Marie Buggy
7.00pm John Butler

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

Synod Update

This past week the Synod discussed mission and a central aspect of that discussion, it seems, focused on the role of women in the Church. Opening this session, Cardinal Jean-Claude Hollerich (Archbishop of Luxembourg) drew attention to the question of gender right away with questions that we could read – “Most of us are men. But men and women receive the same Baptism and the same Spirit. The Baptism of women is not inferior to the Baptism of men. How can we ensure that women feel they are an integral part of this missionary Church?” He challenged participants, most of whom are ordained men, to examine whether they feel “enriched or threatened” when sharing responsibility for the Church's mission with women. Interesting thoughts, as the vast majority in attendance are men and only 54 of the voting members of over 350 are women... but the women's voice is being heard... remember the Synod does not do decisions, it does deliberations and it is deliberating... Discussion also took place on authority, structures, and processes and what would a synodal Church really look like? Those involved have confirmed that the difficult conversations - for which there are not easy answers - are happening.



(Fr. Dermot Ryan)

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.

St. Luke's Hospital Annual Remembrance Mass

The Annual Remembrance Mass for those who died during the last year in St. Luke's Hospital will be held in St. Canice's Church on next Tuesday, 24th October at 7.30pm. For those who are unable to attend, the Mass will be livestreamed on the Parish Webcam: stcanicesparish.ie

St. Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund

This month's draw will take place on Wednesday, 25th October. Tickets are available from the Parish Office, or any of the priests. We encourage your support for St. Mary's, our Diocesan Cathedral. Tickets cost €10 per month or €120 for the year.

Ossory Times

The *Ossory Times* - our diocesan magazine - is now available. The *Ossory Times* still costs a mere €2 and is available at the doors of our parish churches.