

### Knock Vigil

Fancy a night away with a difference? Knock shrine is hosting its annual all-night vigil on Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.knockshrine.ie) for more information.

### 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 a pack of envelopes.

### South Kilkenny Historical Society

A Mass for deceased members, family members, friends and those associated with the Society will be held in St. Beacon's Church, Mullinavat at 6.30pm on Friday, 3rd November 2023. All are invited to attend.



### Bank Holiday Weekend

Please note there will be no 8.00am Mass in St. John's Church on Monday. The Mass at 10.30am will be a Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of Peter Mulhern.

### 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



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**Newsletter Deadline:** Thursdays 12.00 noon

**SVP Help Line:** 086 895 1239

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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](mailto:dlp@ossory.ie)

### OUR PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES ARE:

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### Counselling Services - Towards Healing Confidential Helpline

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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**

### Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 29<sup>th</sup> October 2023

### Hon the Loughs

This weekend all in St. John's Parish are behind the O'Loughlin Gaels' Senior Hurlers as they take on Shamrock's Ballyhale in the St. Canice's Senior Hurling Final at Nowlan Park at 2.00pm on Sunday afternoon. We wish team members, mentors, trainers and backroom staff all the best as they go out in search of silverware on Sunday.



### Feasts of All Saints and All Souls

The Feast of All Saints is celebrated on Wednesday of this week. It is a holy day of obligation on which we celebrate all the saints in heaven. Mass will be celebrated in St. John's Church on Tuesday evening at 6.00pm and at 8.00am, **10.30am** and 7.00pm on Wednesday. Thursday is the Feast of All Souls on which we remember our beloved dead. Masses in St. John's Church will be at 8.00am and 10.30am. Names of your deceased loved ones can be written on a notelet available in the porches and placed in the remembrance basket in the sacred space and they will be remembered in all our Masses throughout November.

### St Martin De Porres Novena - The Black Abbey

The Novena to St Martin de Porres started last Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> October and will continue until Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November. Preacher is Fr Columba Toman OP.

Monday - Friday: 10.00am Rosary / 10.30am Mass - 7.00pm Rosary / 7.30pm Mass

Saturday: 10.00am Rosary / 10.30am Mass

Sunday: 2.30pm Rosary / 3.00pm Mass (Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> with Sacrament of the Sick)

Confessions available after each Mass.

### The Synod on Synodality

This past week, as the current phase of the Synod came to an end, delegates approved a two-page letter "to the people of God" by applauding. Synod members had voted last week overwhelmingly (355-11) in favour of publishing a letter to tell us, the rest of the Church not in attendance, what they have been discussing in these past four weeks. It is good that they are keeping us informed - synod by its very nature is about communication - listening and responding. In reading this letter we will listen and then we will get a chance to respond. Bishop Niall will lead us in our discussions of this document in Ossory. In advance of reading, it is good to remember that this phase of the Synod is about deliberations; decisions won't be made but certainly issues will be moved along and that is most welcome. After all we are, in this synod, merely listening to the promptings of the Holy Spirit. The letter is available [www.synod.va/en/news/letter-of-the-xvi-ordinary-general-assembly-of-the-synod-of-bishops-to-the-people-of-god.html](http://www.synod.va/en/news/letter-of-the-xvi-ordinary-general-assembly-of-the-synod-of-bishops-to-the-people-of-god.html)



### Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

**Recently Deceased:** Peter Mulhern, Bishop Birch Place. Vigil prayers at Shasby's Funeral Home at 6.00pm on Sunday. Requiem Mass at St. John's Church at 10.30am on Monday. Patrick (Patsy) Ryan, Ballyfoyle and formerly of Cellarstown. Reposing at Johnston's Funeral Home from 4pm on Sunday. Vigil Prayers at 7pm followed by removal to St. Joseph's Church, Ballyfoyle. Requiem Mass at 11am on Monday followed by burial in the adjoining cemetery. Kathleen Walsh, Bishop's Hill. Requiem Mass at St. Canice's Church at noon on Monday. Sr Canice Keyes, Sisters of St John of God, Kilkenny and Wexford  
Timmy Brett, Waterford Jimmy Walsh, Margaretsfield, Callan Road  
Kenneth Sayers, Wetlands

**Month's Mind:** Seamus Brennan (Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 10.30am)

**Anniversaries:** Bernie & Tom Little (6.00pm); Martin Ryan (11.00am); John & Marie Buggy (11.30am); John Butler (7.00pm); Kathleen & Michael McGarry; Clare, Richard & Catherine Shortall; Nancy Murphy; Patricia Corr; Olive Barry; Michael Brophy; Essie Collins; Sheila Butler; Margaret Dooley; Teresa Parkinson; John Cunningham.

### Readers for Next Weekend

6.00pm Mary Lynch  
8.00am Martin Blake  
10.00am Seán Colgan  
11.00am Martina Brennan & Tom Keating  
11.30am Kathleen Ferguson  
7.00pm Marie Fogarty



### Weekly Attendance and Collections

Envelope Collection:		€490.00
<u>Mass</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Baskets</u>
6.00pm Vigil	104	301.00
8.00am	76	289.00
Johnswell	51	185.00
Dunmore	93	256.00
11.30am	185	485.00
7.00pm	114	352.00
	623	€1,868.00

Your support is greatly appreciated.

### Condolences

All in our parish join in offering our sincere condolences to Fr. Michael Ryan, Retired Parish Priest of Castlecomer and resident at St. John's Presbytery, on the death of his brother Patrick (Patsy) who died peacefully on Friday. Fr. Ryan's late brother was a native of Cellarstown in our parish. May he rest in peace.

### First Friday of November

The First Friday of November occurs this week. The sick and housebound will be visited at the usual times. Please inform the Parish Office or one of the priests if you have a relative or neighbour who would like this service.

### Society of St Vincent De Paul Collection

The Monthly Collection for the local conference of the Society of St Vincent de Paul will take place next weekend, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> November. A sincere thank you for all your generous support. Please remember the local conference can be contacted in writing through the Parish Office or by telephone on 086 895 1239.

### Thank You - Mission Sunday Collection

Thank you to all who supported the Holy Father's annual appeal on World Mission Sunday collection last weekend. The amount raised €2,303. This collection goes to the Holy Father's Universal Solidarity Fund which supports missionary activities in over 1,100 young dioceses, mostly in Africa, Asia, and Latin America.

### Scripture Reflection Group

The St. John's Parish Scripture 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.

### Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 30<sup>th</sup> October

Monday: 10.30am Requiem Mass for Peter Mulhern  
Friday: 10.30am MM Seamus Brennan  
Saturday: 10.30am Clare, Richard & Catherine Shortall  
6.00pm Ann Lacey  
Sunday: 8.00am MM Seán Bolger  
11.00am BR Billy O'Brien  
11.30am Mai Malone  
7.00pm Bernadette Hayes

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](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

### 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, 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Stories of Kilkenny's Christian Heritage

Did you know that some of the treasured stories of Kilkenny's Christian heritage are now being told on YouTube? The Irish Dominicans, as part of the Treasure Ireland Series on their YouTube channel ([youtube.com/irishdominicans](http://youtube.com/irishdominicans)), have visited ten sites in Co. Kilkenny, and are currently posting the videos they recorded. In this series you'll find videos about St Kenny's Well, the controversial statues of Jerpoint Abbey, the Black Abbey and Cantwell Fada, the huge defences of Kells Priory and the Franciscan Friar who reported on the Black Death in Kilkenny before succumbing to the disease.

### Pledge for November

Most people offer spiritual support to a relation who is struggling because of alcohol or an addiction problem. Parishioners who wish to take a short-term pledge during the month of the Holy Souls are invited to visit [www.pioneers.ie/pray](http://www.pioneers.ie/pray)

### Integritas Course - Contemplative Prayer

The next Integritas Course will be held on Saturday, the 25<sup>th</sup> of November. The day will commence at 10.00 a.m. and finish at 1.30 p.m. when lunch will be provided. The course explores what it means to live a Christian life and how the promise of Jesus that 'I came that they may have life and have it abundantly' (John 10:10) can be realised. The theme of this day will be contemplative prayer. It will explore fundamental questions such as what contemplative prayer is, how it is practiced and why it is so important as the bedrock of the Christian life. In particular, this day will locate contemplative prayer as the key to the first and primary relationship in the Christian life - the relationship with the persons of the Holy Trinity. For further information please contact, Linda Rainsberry on 087 293 6951, Patrick Treacy on 087 227 0969. *Integritas*, A Domestic Centre of Christian Faith, Ennisnag, Stoneyford.

### Dates for Your Diary

Annual Remembrance Mass at St. John's Church - 7.30pm on Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> November  
Confirmation St John's Parish - 11.00am on Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024  
First Holy Communion at Johnswell Church - Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> May 2024  
First Holy Communion at St. John's Church - Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> May 2024