

### 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](https://youtube.com/irishdominicans)), have visited ten sites in Co. Kilkenny, and are currently posting the videos they recorded.

In this series you will 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.

### 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)

### Anam Cara Southeast

Anam Cara Southeast Southeast will host its monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> November at 7.15pm in the Brandon House Hotel, New Ross. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents.

### Integritas Course - Contemplative Prayer

The next Integritas Course will be held on Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> of November. The day will commence at 10.00am and finish at 1.30pm 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 Trinity. For further information contact, Linda Rainsberry on 087 293 6951, Patrick Treacy on 087 227 0969.

### Tax Rebate to the Parish

We thank the many parishioners who kindly signed the necessary form that enables the Parish under the Charities' Act to reclaim tax on contributions of €250 or more made to the Parish. Such signatures and consent are very much appreciated and does not cost parishioners. Unclaimed contributions stay with Revenue.

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**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**

## Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time - 5<sup>th</sup> November 2023

### Congratulations

All in St. John's Parish are proud of the O'Loughlin Gaels' Senior Hurlers following their sensational win over favourites Shamrock's Ballyhale in last weekend's St. Canice's Senior Hurling Final at Nowlan Park. Congratulations to all team members, mentors, trainers and backroom staff on a job well done. We wish the club all the best in the ongoing Leinster Championship.



### Remembering Jo Jo Dollard

Jo Jo Dollard disappeared 28 years ago at the age of 21. The annual gathering to remember Jo Jo will take place on next Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> November beginning at 12 noon at Kilkenny Castle. Gathering in the courtyard of the castle and walking to the Missing Persons Monument.

### Grandparents' Faith Café

An online social and spiritual space for grandparents.

The Faith Café opens again on Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm. Our special guest will be David Quinn addressing the theme: 'Catholics in the Modern Sexual Minefield'.

David Quinn is the founder of the Iona Institute and a renowned journalist. Self-registration is now open at [www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org](http://www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org)

### Synod Update

As the recent phase of the Synod drew to a close in Rome this past weekend much focus was on the synthesis document that emerged from the sessions. Many focused on what was in it; others on what was not. Some lamented that the Synod document did not reference many dogma teachings, and others that it did not address the role of women in our Church and other issues as clearly as it might. Some have commented, rightly, that the actual experience of Synod was more important than the document that emerged. Because that experience cannot be "unhad", the Church can never go backwards. Questions are on the table... they have been asked... we now have to continue to journey with them.

It was heartening to read that those in attendance could not imagine a future Synod without the involvement of all - that this had to be said is shocking; but that this was said is shockingly wonderful. These conversations will now continue in our local churches and parishes. The report from this phase can be found at <https://www.synod.va/en.html> and it is on the Ossory website. ([www.ossory.ie](http://www.ossory.ie))

"God of our ancestors, a long, ancestral line of women and men proceed ahead of us on our journey, leaving vivid traces of their history. They mark the path with their wisdom, fill the air with fragrant goodness and smile with jubilant satisfaction. You are at the head of this long line of innumerable people of good will. Your light spreads throughout all of them, a great love flowing from us."

(Joyce Rupp)

## Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

### Recently Deceased:

Anne Knox, Beech Park  
Bridie Maher, Larchfield  
Joe Roche, Toronto and late of Wolfe Tone Street

Michael (Mick) Devane, Dean Cavanagh Place  
John Kinnarney, Tullamore

**Month's Mind:** Seán Bolger (8.00am);  
Jean Murphy (10.30am - Fri 10th Nov)

**Anniversaries:** Ann Lacey (6.00pm); Billy O'Brien (BR) (11.00am); Mai Malone (11.30am); Bernadette Hayes (7.00pm); Mary Fitzgerald; Dermot Butler; Ned & Bridie Langton; Stephen & Josephine Deegan; Walter Tallis; Greg Moynihan; Daniel Rowe; John Geoghegan; Richie Purcell; Terence Doherty; Tom and Mary Dowling; Claire, Richard & Catherine Shortall.

*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.*

### Readers for Next Weekend

6.00pm Claire Coogan  
8.00am Jo Browne  
10.00am Elaine Bennett  
11.00am Esther Comerford & Tom Comerford  
11.30am Bobbie Lahart  
7.00pm Joan Galwey



### Weekly Attendance and Collections

Envelope Collection:		€1,330.00
Mass	Attendance	Baskets
6.00pm Vigil	151	407.00
8.00am	109	426.00
Johnswell	50	163.00
Dunmore	82	217.00
11.30am	178	409.00
7.00pm	114	165.00
	684	€1,787.00

Your support is greatly appreciated.

### 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 this weekend, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> November. A sincere thank you for all your generous support. Please remember the local conference can be contacted by telephone on 086 895 1239.

### We Pray for our Beloved Dead

Last Wednesday was the first day of November. The year is coming to an end. It was the beginning of the Celtic year. 1<sup>st</sup> November is All Saints' Day. It is a victorious celebration as our kinsfolk have reached their goal. We rejoice with the millions who have gone before us to heaven. Some are recognised saints and many others who are not. As we know from the first book of the Apocalypse "These are they who came through the great testing, and their robes have been washed and made white in the blood of the Lamb" (Apocalypse 7: 14). They defended and proclaimed the gospel during their lives. They are now in the presence of God praying for us.

### The Irish Pilgrimage Trust

The IPT travels to Lourdes every Easter Sunday with young people and children from all over Ireland. Groups are now accepting applications from young people with additional medical, intellectual or physical needs (aged 11 - 18). The Trust covers the cost of the young people selected to travel. If there is a young person that you feel would be eligible and would benefit from a trip to Lourdes please visit [www.irishpilgrimagestrust.com](http://www.irishpilgrimagestrust.com) to submit applications. The closing date has passed but late applications will be received until the middle of this week.

### Celine Byrne in Concert

The Baldonnell Singers Male Voice Choir present a Gala Concert with Celine Byrne and Paul Linehan (Tenor) at St. Canice's Cathedral on Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> November at 8.00pm. Tickets €25 on Eventbrite. Supporting Cois Nore Cancer Support.

## Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 6th November

Monday: 10.30am Mary Fitzgerald  
Tuesday: 10.30am Dermot Butler  
Wednesday 10.30am Ned & Bridie Langton  
Friday: 8.00am Stephen & Josephine Deegan  
10.30am MM Jean Murphy  
Saturday: 10.30am Walter Tallis  
6.00pm Mary Mulcahy  
Sunday: 11.00am MM Seamus McGurran  
7.00pm Kathleen Comerford

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. Family members, relatives and friends are invited to join us in St. John's Church at 7.30pm on next Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> November when we will call to mind in prayer those who have died since this time last year. Those 76 people from our parish will be called by name and a candle lit in their honour. Family members are invited to get a representative to take the candle home in remembrance of the deceased loved one.

Please inform relatives and friends who live away from Kilkenny so that they may make arrangements to come home. We look forward to supporting each other in prayer.

## Do This In Memory

We welcome the children from St. John's Junior School and Johnswell National School who are preparing for the Sacraments of First Penance and First Eucharist to our Masses next weekend. As they begin the *Do This in Memory* Parish Programme of preparation we keep them in our prayers and pray that with God's help their parents and families may truly pass the light of faith on to them.

## 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

## 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 interesting for those who read at Mass.

## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Public Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place at St. John's Church from 11.00am until 1.00pm on Wednesdays. We thank those who come and spend time with Jesus in prayer. More volunteers would always be welcome.

## Readers

We are recruiting readers for all Masses in the parish. Please contact the Parish Office if you would be willing to proclaim God's Word at our Masses.