

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.

Totus Tuus Scripture Conference 2023

Totus Tuus Scripture Conference 2023 is live on Radio Maria Ireland on Saturday, 18th November from 2.00pm. Speakers include: Fr. John Ryan (Cloyne Diocese), Fr. Luke Demasi (Home Of The Mother), Fr. John McEneaney (Waterford & Lismore Diocese), Frances Hogan (Scripture Scholar). The Radio Maria Ireland can be listened to by downloading the Radio Maria Ireland App from your App Store, tuning into Saorview Channel 210 or by listening live at 01 437 3277.

South Kilkenny Historical Society

Lecture on Government in Ireland after the Civil War will take place on Friday 24th November at 8.00pm in Mullinavat Parish Hall (opposite St. Beacon's Church). Speaker: Jack Burtchaell. All welcome to this informative and interesting lecture.

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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

**Fergal Brennan; Mary Brennan; Jo Browne; Alan Burke; Fr Dan Carroll;
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IF YOU HAVE A SAFEGUARDING CONCERN CONTACT

The Diocesan Designated Liaison Person, Ms. Ailish Higgins, 085 802 1633 - dlp@ossory.ie

OUR PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES ARE:

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Counselling Services - Towards Healing Confidential Helpline
1800 313 316 - www.towardshealing.ie

Roman Catholic Diocese and Parishes of Ossory - Registered Charity No. 20015831

Anam Cara Tipperary

Anam Cara Tipperary, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding its monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Monday, 20th November at 7.15pm in the Horse and Jockey Hotel, Thurles. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. We also offer an online meeting. For more information, please contact us on info@anamcara.ie or 085 288 8888

The Priory Institute

Theology Online Open Evening: is this for you? The Priory Institute provides online theology courses to degree level. Attend Saturday lectures in Tallaght or from the comfort of your own home. Email enquiries@prioryinstitute.com to find out more about our Online Open Evening on Wednesday, 29th November.

SVP Says 'Thank You'

A sincere thank you for all your generous support at last weekend's church door collection.

Remember the local conference can be contacted in confidence in writing through the Parish Office or on 086 895 1239.

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: 2nd Sat. Monthly, 7.00pm; **Weekdays:** 8.00am, 10.30am. (Sat. 10.30am only).

Johnswell - Sunday 10.00am

Dunmore - Sunday 11.00am

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - 12th November 2023

Johnswell Organ Restoration Fundraiser

Johnswell Community is hosting a fundraising benefit concert on Saturday, 2nd December in Johnswell Church at 7.30pm sharp to aid in the restoration of its organ. Acts on the night include Castlecomer Male Voice Choir, Billy Carrigan and Friends, Tony Coy, Ger Cody and more. A great night of entertainment is promised. Admission is €20. Donations welcome. Fabulous door prizes and raffle on the night full of goodies. For tickets, contact Seán 086 600 5511 or James 087 296 2039 or any member of Johnswell Community.



Newpark Close Family Resource Centre News

Newpark Close Family Resource Centre invites you to come along to the relaunch of the Fridays Men's Group with special guest Eddie Keher. This takes place Friday, 24th November in the Family Resource Centre from 10.00am to 12.00pm. For further information please contact Sorchá, Older Persons Support Worker on 056 77 23309 or email: sorchagalavan@newparkclosefrc.ie

Hope

The Second Reading from Mass this Sunday is from St Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians where he talks about hope. Here is an inspiring quote on hope, offered at a time when the world needs hope most of all.

"I invite everyone to renewed hope, for hope speaks to us of something deeply rooted in every human heart, independently of our circumstances and historical conditioning. Hope speaks to us of a thirst, an aspiration, a longing for a life of fulfilment, a desire to achieve great things, things that fill our heart and lift our spirit to lofty realities like truth, goodness and beauty, justice and love... Hope is bold; it can look beyond personal convenience, the petty securities and compensations which limit our horizon, and it can open us up to grand ideals that make life more beautiful and worthwhile". Let us continue, then, to advance along the paths of hope.

(Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti*, 55.)



Waterford / South East Region Charismatic Renewal

...invites you to celebrate The Feast of Christ the King on Sunday, 26th November from 2.00pm to 5.30pm in the Tower Hotel in Waterford. Prayer, Praise, Music, Scripture, Sharing and Healing Ministry. Call Sile on 086 8590 394. Organised by Word of God Outreach.

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

Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

Recently Deceased: P.J. Taylor, Butts Green. Requiem Mass on Sunday at 11.30am in St. Canice's Church. Funeral afterwards to Foulkstown Cemetery.
Mary Eardley (nee Butler), Threecastles Breda Murphy, Wolfe Tone Street
Kitty Norton, Granges Road

Month's Mind: Seamus McGurran (11.00am)
Mary O'Brien (11.30am)

Anniversaries: Mary Mulcahy (6.00pm); Kathleen Comerford (7.00pm); Tom Brennan; Peggy Hoyne; The Brennan, Dullard & Forristal Families; Mick & Julia Roche; Kathleen & Tom Cody; Jack & Kitty Hennessy & deceased family members; Kit & Michael Corr; Terence Doherty; P.J. Marrinan; Peter Blanchfield; Ned & Eddie (Jnr) Byrne; Mary & Andrew Brennan; Seamus Loughman; Aileen Hehir; Tom Kenny; Ned, James & Paddy Delaney; Joe & Margaret Thornton; Peig & Jim McAndrew; Fr. Michael Norton.

*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 Ann Daly
8.00am Padraig O'Neill
10.00am Betsy Rice
11.00am Nora Guilfoyle & Fiona McGeary
11.30am Anne Maria Walsh
7.00pm Eileen Kinane



Weekly Attendance and Collections

Envelope Collection:		€1,335.00
Mass	Attendance	Baskets
6.00pm Vigil	132	209.00
8.00am	84	193.00
Johnswell	54	100.00
Dunmore	64	105.00
11.30am	178	303.00
7.00pm	117	193.00
	629	€1,103.00

Your support is greatly appreciated.

Do This In Memory

At 6.00pm and 10.00am Masses this weekend we welcome the boys and girls and their families from St. John's Junior School and Johnswell National School in preparation for their First Holy Communion. These pupils have begun a programme of preparation for the sacraments and we look forward to welcoming them to our Masses on a regular basis.

The Irish Catholic

Copies of the *The Irish Catholic* weekly newspaper are now available in the Sacristy at St. John's Church at a cost of €3 per copy. *The Irish Catholic* is the best selling Catholic weekly newspaper in Ireland! Each edition is filled with world and local news, views, analysis, and commentary about the faith, so you'll always be in the know.

Celebrating Advent - the Coming of the Messiah

The Black Abbey Dominican Community would like to invite you to join them for a free course during the Season of Advent, to help you prepare for the celebration of the birth of our Saviour at Christmas. The four week course will run from Wednesday, 22nd November in St. Mary's Cathedral Chapter Room from 7.00pm to 8.30pm. To book your place, email black-abbey@dominicans.ie or call 056 772 1279.

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.

Medjugorje - Evening of Prayer

Rosary, Mass, Adoration, Prayer for Healing will take place in St Fiacre's Church, Loughboy on Monday, 13th November at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 13th November

Monday: 10.30am Tom Brennan, Peggy Hoyne, Brennan, Dullard & Forristal Families
Wednesday 10.30am Mick & Julia Roche
Friday: 10.30am Kathleen & Tom Cody
Saturday: 10.30am Jack & Kitty Hennessy & Family
6.00pm John Holmes
Sunday: 8.00am Tony Melia
10.00am James Butler
11.00am Nuala, Ann & John Byrne
11.30am Maura Leahy
7.00pm Stephen, Statia & 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 through the mercy of God 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

Give A Little

Our group Give a Little is holding a Jumble Sale in the Day Centre on Saturday, 18th November from 11.00am to 1.00pm. All proceeds go to helping the homeless in Kilkenny.



Best Wishes to Our Senior Hurling Champions

We send our good wishes to the O'Loughlin Senior Hurlers as they represent club and county in the AIB Leinster Club Senior Hurling Championship Quarterfinal versus Mount Leinster Rangers at Netwatch Cullen Park, Carlow at 3.30pm on Sunday. Hon the Loughs!

Thought for the Day.

Jesus tells us that there is a right time and a time when it will be too late. I ask God's help that I may realise what it is I might do now, how I might recognise the approaching bridegroom and welcome him. The lamp is given us by God and our prayer or time given to God is the oil. All of God's action in our lives is his gift, but it needs our openness and welcome. Prayer builds up our 'supply of oil', which can give light and fragrance to the rest of our lives. There is a time for preparation and a time for action. There is never a time for carelessness. I ask God to prepare me for the needs of this time.

(sacredspace.com)

A Prayer Before Bedtime

O my God,
As the evening falls, I come to you in prayer.
I thank you for being with me in every moment of this day,
guiding me and protecting me,
keeping me from harm.
On this November night,
I bring before you in prayer
all those dear to me who have died.
Remember them God
in your loving kindness.
May they now rest in your eternal peace.

May all of us who still miss them
and grieve for them
find comfort in our belief
that we will one day see them again
in the kingdom of heaven.
I remember in my prayer this night
all those who have died
and who have no one to pray for them.
For these and for our loved ones I pray:
Eternal rest grant unto them,
O Lord, let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.