

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. Email black-abbey@dominicans.ie or call 056 772 1279.

World Day of the Poor

Pope Francis has asked that this Sunday, 19th November would be dedicated as World Day of the Poor.

Lord Jesus, help us to be your ears to listen to the cries of the poor.

Help us to be your voice speaking out love and acceptance.

Help us to be your feet, walking beside those in need.

Help us to be your hands to clothe, feed and shelter them.

You came for the least, the lost and last of the world,

you live and reign forever and ever.

Amen.

"The hope of the poor will not perish for ever" (Psalm 9:19)

All Star Hurlers

All in our local GAA Club and parish rejoice in the wonderful news that Huw Lawlor and Mikey Butler of O'Loughlin Gaels picked up two Hurling All Stars on Friday evening. During a great year for the Club it is wonderful to see outstanding talent recognised. Well done lads and to all on our senior team.

Sanctuary Festive Events, Kilfane House

The winter events programme at Sanctuary in Thomastown, Co. Kilkenny, home of the former and recently restored historic Kilfane House, has just been announced! From art, gardening and wreath-making workshops to a number of exciting live performances there are many intimate events for the festive season to choose from throughout November and December. On the weekend of 2nd December Christmas will be officially launched at Sanctuary with the turning on of the Christmas lights as well as live musical concerts from the world-renowned concert flautist Karin Leitner and Irish roots group The Savage Jim Breen, all in aid of the Lorna Byrne Children's Foundation. It's an opportunity to celebrate in the atmospheric surrounding of this magnificent period property, with the option of Bed and Breakfast. Booking: <https://bit.ly/WinteratSanctuary>.

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Email: stjohns@ossory.ie **Website:** www.stjohnskilkenny.com

Office: 056 772 1072; **Secretary:** Áine Butler; **Office Hours:** Mon-Fri 9.30 a.m. - 2.00 p.m.

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. Ailish Higgins, 085 802 1633 - dlp@ossory.ie

OUR PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES ARE:

Brenda Whitely; Marian Eardly.

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

Johnswell - Sunday 10.00am

Dunmore - Sunday 11.00am

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - 19th November 2023

Christmas Mass Times 2023

At a recent meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council, it was agreed that Masses over the Christmas will be as follows:

Saturday, 23rd December

St John's: 10.30am and 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday

Sunday Morning, 24th December

St John's: 8.00am and 11.30am

Christmas Eve

St John's: 6.00pm and 9.00pm

Dunmore: 7.00pm

Johnswell: 8.00pm

Christmas Day, 25th December

St John's: 8.00am and 11.30am

Johnswell: 10.00am

Dunmore: 11.00am

St John's: 12.30pm (Polish Mass)

Christmas Week

St. John's: 10.30am each morning

Collection for the Ossory Priests Society

The Ossory Priests Society is charged with making suitable financial provision for the care of the priests in the Diocese of Ossory in infirmity, sickness and old age. The Annual Collection for this good cause takes place on the next weekend of the Feast of Christ the King, 25th/26th November. A contribution to the Ossory Priests Society collection is an opportunity to show appreciation for the many years of service our sick and retired priests have given to God and to His people throughout the Diocese of Ossory. Your support is very much appreciated.

Advent Retreat

"Following Jesus in the Footsteps of St. Francis of Assisi as a Lay Person". The Secular Franciscan Order (Third Order of St. Francis - Southeast Region OFS) is holding an Advent Retreat at the Capuchin Friary, Kilkenny from 3.00pm to 5.00pm on Sunday, 3rd December. Open to everyone. All welcome.

Newpark Close FRC News

The Newpark Close Family Resource Centre invites you to come along to the relaunch of the Friday's 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. All are welcome.

St. Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund

This month's draw will take place on Wednesday, 29th November. Tickets are available from the Parish Office, or any of the priests. We encourage your support for St. Mary's, our Diocesan Cathedral.

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. We also offer an online meeting. For more information, please contact us on 085 288 8888 or info@anamcara.ie

Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

Recently Deceased: Josephine O'Driscoll, Maudlin Street
Elizabeth Murray, Assumption Place
Pat Hannick, Enniscrone
Liam Byrne, Rathfarnham and formerly Maudlin Street

Willie Maher, Weir View
Richard Duggan, Glenmore
Francis O'Neill, Kilmacow

Anniversaries: John Holmes (6.00pm); Tony Meila (8.00am); James Butler (10.00am); Nuala, & John Butler (11.00am); Maura Leahy (11.30am); Stephen, Statia & Bosco Buckley (7.00pm); Seán Walsh; Rebecca Ashmore; Patrick Kavanagh; Eileen Moynihan; Dan McEvoy; Ned Lawless; Ollie Bergin; Peggy, Tom & Sheila Bourke; Michael & Margaret Smullen; Jack Kavanagh & Kavanagh Family; Patrick & Ann Nolan; Michael Gibbons; Theresa Holohan; Jimmy & Mary Meany; Thomas, Elizabeth, Francis & Bernadette Ivory.

*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 Bridget Ahearn
8.00am Paula Rodgers
10.00am Fiona & Sarah Manning
11.00am Liam Burke & Liam Maddock
11.30am James Connolly
7.00pm Linda O'Leary



Weekly Attendance and Collections

Envelope Collection:		€2,249.00
Mass	Attendance	Baskets
6.00pm Vigil	132	421.00
8.00am	84	330.00
Johnswell	54	184.00
Dunmore	64	303.00
11.30am	178	639.00
7.00pm	117	372.00
	629	€2,249.00

Your support is greatly appreciated.

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 Semi-final versus Kilcormac-Killoughey at Glenisk O'Connor Park, Tullamore at 1.30pm next Saturday. Hon the Loughs!

Readers at Mass

We are still 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. Thanks to those who have already volunteered - we are preparing the new rosters and will be in touch shortly

The Irish Catholic

Copies of 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 bestselling 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.

Kilkenny City Library

Kilkenny City Library will be hosting a Connect Café on Wednesday, 22nd November at 11.30am. We would be delighted to welcome you along for information and assistance on all our Library services. If you are a Library member, bring along your card and we will ensure it is up to date prior to our move to the new Library next year.

Staff will be on hand to help with any Library queries and Transition Year students will be available for anyone who requires assistance with our online services/personal phone/laptop/tablets. If you are not a member you can join on the day, bring along some form of ID and proof of address and join the library community for free!

Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 20th November

Monday: 8.00am Seán Walsh & Rebecca Ashmore
10.30am Patrick Kavanagh
Tuesday: 10.30am Eileen Moynihan
Wednesday: 10.30am Dan McEvoy
Thursday: 10.30am Ned Lawless
Friday: 10.30am Ollie Bergin
Saturday: 10.30am Peggy, Tom & Sheila Bourke
6.00pm Ann Stapleton & Stapleton Family
Sunday: 8.00am Helen Purcell
10.00am Jim Brophy
11.00am The Sullivan Family
11.30am Eileen Tynan
7.00pm MM Joseph Roche
Mary McGuinness

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

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.



Do You Have Difficulty with Reading or Writing?

Do you know in Ireland that almost 1 in 5 adults have difficulty with reading and writing? One in four have difficulty with maths. One in two have difficulty with digital devices. If you or a family member would like support or upskilling, please contact KCETB (Kilkenny Carlow Education and Training Board) for a free and confidential service for all adults. Contact details: Kilkenny Adult Learning Service 056 776 3149. Carlow Adult Learning Service: 059 913 5544.

"Let us empower everyone in Ireland to be their best possible selves". Simon Harris TD, Minister for Further and Higher Education.

Tirlán & Glanbia Memorial Mass

In Loving Memory of our deceased family members, work colleagues, and friends in Tirlán and Glanbia. The Annual Remembrance Mass will take place in St. Canice's Church, Kilkenny, on Friday, 24th November at 7.30pm. Rosary for deceased: 7.15pm. May their souls rest in peace.

Pioneer Calendars

The 2024 Pioneer Calendar is available from Pioneer Centres and from Central Office (01 805 4226). The calendar is designed to offer spiritual support and encouragement to families which are being impacted by alcohol and addiction. The calendar is priced at €5.00 www.pioneerassociation.org/calendar.