

### 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, 3<sup>rd</sup> December. Open to everyone.

All welcome.

### 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 are delighted with the number of people who faithfully keep watch and pray each Wednesday. We remember the words of Jesus: "Where two or three are gathered in my name I am there with them."

More volunteers would always be welcome.

### 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.

### The Priory Institute

Online Advent Retreat. The Priory Institute is delighted to offer a free of charge online retreat 'Reflecting on the Sunday Gospels of Advent'. Visit our website [prioryinstitute.com](http://prioryinstitute.com) to register/find out more.

### Totus Tuus Magazine

Totus Tuus Magazine is a Catholic magazine, full of articles from Irish priests and laity, which aims to highlight the beauty and joy of our faith. It is going into its 7th year and is run by donations. If you haven't come across Totus Tuus Magazine and would like a free copy please contact Fiona Kiely on 086 876 0058.

### South Kilkenny Historical Society Conference

"Decade of Centenaries" Conference takes place on Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December in the Rhu Glenn Hotel, Slieverue. Official opening by Dr. Martin Mansergh at 10am. Panel discussion 1: Reflections on the Decade of Centenaries 2012 – 2023. Panel discussion 2: How will a future generation reflect on us one hundred years from now? All welcome - free admission.

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**Newsletter Deadline:** Thursdays 12.00 noon

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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. Ailish Higgins, 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**

### The Feast of Christ the King - 26<sup>th</sup> November 2023

### First Confession and First Holy Communion

It's a great pleasure to welcome to Mass this weekend the children who are preparing to celebrate the sacraments of Confession (Reconciliation) and Holy Communion for the first-time next year. Our focus this weekend will be on Christ the King. The special Masses will be at St. John's Church at 6.00pm on Saturday and at Johnswell Church at 10.00am on Sunday.

### Successful Vocations Weekend

Last weekend 36 men from all over Ireland attended the annual 'Come and See' vocations weekend at the national seminary of Saint Patrick's College, Maynooth. This level of interest meant that the event was oversubscribed. Speaking about the event Bishop Alphonsus Cullinan of Waterford and Lismore said: "For me this is a clear sign of hope. We must always remind ourselves that this is God's Church (Acts 20:28). In answer to the naysayers, in contemporary Ireland there continues to be interest in the priesthood. This reality is a clear indication that God is still calling, and that men are responding with generosity. I wish to commend seminarians to God's grace. We need priests and always will. The priesthood is a precious gift to the Church instituted by Christ and we move forward with hope, not because we trust in our human efforts, but because we trust in God."

The Irish Bishops are currently hosting a Year for Vocation to the Diocesan Priesthood. In this regard, any man who is contemplating a vocation to the priesthood and wishes to further explore their calling, should make contact today with the National Vocations Office, on [info@vocations.ie](mailto:info@vocations.ie), where they can obtain resources and contact details for their local Vocations' Director.

### Collection for the Ossory Priests Society

The Annual Collection for the Ossory Priest Society which shows appreciation for the many years of service our sick and retired priests have given to God will be taken up at all Masses this weekend. Your support is very much appreciated.

### Sounds of the Season

### Concert in aid of Kilkenny Helping the Homeless and The Irish Pilgrimage Trust

A wonderful afternoon concert will be held in St. John's Church next Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 2.30pm. Performances include: Cairdeas Choir, St. John's Senior School Choir, Cois Nore Choir, John Travers & Alison Kealy Hayes, Loreto School Choir, Eugene Dewberry, Patsy Roche and Julian O'Dwyer and Ukrainian 'VoiceBand'. Raffle with great prizes. Tickets cost €10 and are available on the door on the afternoon or from Mary Pierce Tel: 085 707 5348. Please support these worthy causes.



### Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

**Recently Deceased:** **Michael Lanigan**, Ossory Park. *Vigil prayers in Johnston's Funeral Home at 6.15pm on Sunday. Requiem Mass at St. John's Church at 10.30am on Monday. Interment in St. Kieran's Cemetery.*

**Gay Noonan**, Michael Street. **John O'Neill**, Wexford & late of O'Loughlin Road.

**Bridie Sunderland**, Circular Road. **Eileen Buckley**, Meadow Hill.

**Patricia Lewis (nee Brett)**, London late of 23 Upper Patrick Street.

**Month's Mind:** Joseph Roche (11.30am).

**Anniversaries:** Ann Stapleton & Stapleton Family (6.00pm); Helen Purcell (8.00am); Jim Brophy (10.00am); The Sullivan Family (11.00am); Eileen Tynan (11.30am); Mary McGuinness (7.00pm); Johanna Maher; Billy Sullivan; May Cleary; Patricia Oregon; William Cooke; Madeline Geoghegan; Hannah Byrne; Philip Fogarty; Billy Hanaphy; Josephine Pigott; Fr Ignatius Phelan; John Kennedy; Sarah & Edward Walsh; Nora Doran; Jack McDonald; Anna & Michael Beale; Jack Rowe. Dick, Annie & Sally Burke; Mick and Mary O'Donnell.

*Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us every day.  
Unseen, unheard, but always near!*

### Readers for Next Weekend

6.00pm Mairin Bergin  
8.00am Jo Browne  
10.00am Seán Colgan  
11.00am Eddie Holohan & Liz Holohan  
11.30am Paula Rogers  
7.00pm Anne Marie Grace



### Weekly Attendance and Collections

Envelope Collection: €930.00		
Mass	Attendance	Baskets
6.00pm Vigil	157	460.00
8.00am	88	328.00
Johnswell	44	149.00
Dunmore	75	258.00
11.30am	183	628.00
7.00pm	110	353.00
	657	€2,176.00

Your support is greatly appreciated.

### Readers Rota - St John's Church and Johnswell Church

This year's readers rota is available for collection in the Sacristy in St John's & Johnswell.

### First Friday

Next Friday is the First Friday of December. The sick and housebound will be visited at the normal times. Please inform the Parish Office if you or a relative would like this service.

### Dunmore Cake Sale

Join us for our Annual Christmas Bake Sale in Dunmore Hall on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December after the 11.00am Mass. Please drop baked goods and raffle prizes before Mass into the Hall. Everyone is most welcome to come along for a chat and refreshments.

### Scripture Group

With the beginning of a New Liturgical Year next Sunday, perhaps you might like to make a new year's resolution? This informal group meets on Thursdays at 7.30 pm in St John's Presbytery. We read over, and chat about the readings for the following Sunday. This week, it will be the First Sunday of Advent. All welcome.

### Youth 2000 Ireland

"Youth 2000 Ireland" are having their annual Christmas retreat in Dominican College, Newbridge, Co Kildare on the 8<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup> December for ages 16 to 35. Excellent Speakers, Inspiring Talks and Workshops, Fantastic Music, Group Activities, Youth Masses, Adoration, Reconciliation, Prayer and plenty of time to chill out, meet new people and find out what it means to be young and Catholic today!! Donation only. Find out more and register on [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie)

### Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 27th November

Monday: 10.30am Requiem Mass Michael Lanigan  
Tuesday: 10.30am Billy Sullivan  
Wednesday 10.30am Tom Cantwell & Family  
Friday: 10.30am May Cleary & Patricia Oregon  
Saturday: 10.30am William Cooke  
6.00pm Lou Leydon  
Sunday: 11.00am Bridie Sloyan  
11.30am Michael Reynolds  
7.00pm Larry O'Shea

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](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

### Johnswell Organ Restoration Fundraiser

Johnswell Community is hosting a fundraising benefit concert on this coming Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.



### St. Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund

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

### Journey to Bethlehem

*Journey To Bethlehem* brings the nativity (the birth of Jesus), the true meaning of Christmas to the big screen. It is the all-singing, all-dancing, fun, family Christmas musical you won't want to miss. *Journey to Bethlehem* film is out now at IMC Cinema, Kilkenny.

### Christmas Mass Times 2023

The Parish Pastoral Council has agreed that Masses over the Christmas will be as follows:

**Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> December** **St John's:** 10.30am and 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday  
**Sunday Morning, 24<sup>th</sup> 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, 25<sup>th</sup> 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

### The 2024 Pioneer Calendar

Available from Pioneer centres and from Central Office (01 805 4226). The calendar offers spiritual support and encouragement to families which are being impacted by alcohol and addiction. The calendar is priced at €5. [www.pioneerassociation.org/calendar](http://www.pioneerassociation.org/calendar)