

Ministry in our Parish

We are currently taking names of those who would like to serve as Ministers of the Word (Readers) and Eucharistic Ministers in St. John's Parish. Please give your name to one of the priests or contact the Parish Office on 056 772 1072 if interested.

The Parish Pastoral Council is working to reestablish the Ministry of Altar Server in our parish. Please let us know if you or a young person known to you would be interested in helping as an altar server.

Kilquan Drama Group

Kilquan Drama Group present "Separate Beds" by Sam Cree. Comedy in Three Acts in Coon Hall (Eircode R93 EC89) on 2nd to 4th February, and 10th and 11th February at 8.00pm nightly. All welcome.

Preparation for Marriage Courses 2024

Grásta Preparation for Marriage Courses consist of a residential weekend course, away from the hustle and bustle of everyday life, for couples to focus on their relationship and what is important for them as a couple planning their married life together. Weekend residential courses available. 26th - 28th April and 20th - 22nd September. www.grasta.org or by email at info@grasta.org

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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

1800 313 316 - www.towardshealing.ie

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

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.

Kilkenny Sub Aqua Club Church Gate Collection

Kilkenny Sub Aqua Search and Recovery Unit will be holding a Church Gate collection this weekend, 27th and 28th January. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Christian Unity Week 2024

As Christian Unity week comes to a close an Ecumenical Service will take place in St. Edmund's Church, Castletown, Co. Laois on Sunday, 28th January at 3.00pm. Representatives from different Christian denominations and ecclesial communities will be in attendance.

Fr. Brian Griffin, who is now Parish Priest of Castletown, invites St. John's Parishioners to join with his local community as they gather to pray and reflect with our separated Christian brothers and sisters. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the De La Salle Centre, Castletown. All are welcome.

Parish Of Saint John The Evangelist

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MASS TIMES

St John's - Saturday: 6.00pm (Vigil); **Sunday:** 8.00am, 11.30am & 7.00pm.

Holy Days: 6.00pm (Vigil); 8.00am, 10.30am & 7.00pm.

Adoration: Wednesdays at 11.00am. **Weekdays:** 8.00am, 10.30am. (Sat. 10.30am only).

Johnswell - Sunday 10.00am

Dunmore - Sunday 11.00am

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 28th January 2024

Safeguarding Sunday

Safeguarding Sunday is a time for the Diocese of Ossory to remind our parish communities and wider society that protecting children and vulnerable people is at the heart of the Christian message. It is opportunity for all parishes to pray as one and to acknowledge the dedication of Church personnel and volunteers who serve in the ministry of Safeguarding across the 42 parishes in our diocese. Take a leaflet at the door for further information.

In St. John's Parish, we value and encourage the participation of children and young people in all parish activities that enhance their spiritual, physical, emotional, and social development. We recognise the dignity and rights of all children and are committed to ensuring their protection and support.

The Safeguarding Representatives in this parish are Brenda Whitely and Marian Eardly. If you, or anyone you know, has a Safeguarding concern please contact Ms. Ailish Higgins, Diocesan Director of Safeguarding and Designated Liaison Person at 087 802 1633.

TUSLA: Kilkenny 052 617 7302; Laois/Offaly 044 935 3997; Waterford 053 919 8201

An Garda Síochána: 1800 555 222 or your local Garda Station.

Towards Healing Helpline: 1800 313 416 www.towardshealing.ie

Towards Peace Helpline: 01 505 3028 www.towardspeace.ie

Safeguarding Prayer

Lord Jesus, may we welcome the Kingdom of God anew into our hearts and lives, embracing discipleship and openness to others. You call us to walk with integrity in the service of others. May our service be filled with kindness, and respect for all God's people, giving special protection to children and the vulnerable. May we seek the truth, listen to those wounded by abuse, and choose to act with compassion and justice. Give us the strength, to serve humbly and faithfully, and to love one another as we are so loved by you. Amen.

O'Loughlin Gaels

Well done to our gallant senior hurlers and management who did so well in last weekend's All Ireland Club Hurling Final. While you were in hard luck on the day you brought great honour to your Club and Parish and we continue to be very proud of you. O'Loughlin Gaels for ever!



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

The public adoration of the Blessed Sacrament continues in St. John's Church between 11.00am and 1.00pm on Wednesdays. Thanks to all who are faithful to this prayer ministry.

The Most Holy Rosary

A number of parishioners gather each morning at St. John's Church to recite the rosary at 10.10am. All are welcome to come and join in this beautiful Marian prayer.

Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

Recently Deceased: Richard O'Shea, O'Loughlin Road. Funeral Prayers at Johnston's Funeral Home at 6.00pm on Sunday. Requiem Mass at St. John's Church at 10.30am on Monday followed by burial in Foulkstown Cemetery.

Brendan Kelly, 11 Beechlawns, Johnswell Road. Funeral Prayers at his home at 6.30pm on Monday. Requiem Mass in St. Patrick's Church, Celbridge, Kildare at 12.00 noon on Tuesday. Billy Murphy, Maple Drive and late of 32 Michael Street. Requiem Mass at St. Patrick's Church at 12.00 noon on Tuesday followed by burial at St. Kieran's Cemetery.

Liam O'Halloran, Callan Sean Cantwell, Bray & formerly Kilkenny
Roisin Gilroy, Kilkenny & late of Howth Tom Brett, Waterford Road
Tony Byrne, Australia and late of Gowran

Anniversaries: Richard Grace, Maura Shortall (6.00pm); Frank Walsh (8.00am); Nancy Comerford (10.00am); Gemma Clancy (11.00am); Dick Brennan (11.30am); Ann, Michael, Bridget & Michael Jnr. O'Connor (7.00pm); Bridie Kinsella; Nelly Clarke; Johanna McEneaney; Jim Byrne; Bridie & Tommy Casey; Fr Larry Foley; Catherine & Margaret Cassin; Nora & Noel Webster; Ben Little; Patrick, Anne & Patrick Jnr Rowe; Annie Moynihan; Elizabeth Kavanagh; Carmel Maher; Arthur Connick; Theresa Ward; Michael Cody; John Joe Bergin; Maura Gaffney; Edward & Mary O'Neill; John & Ellen Ryan.

Readers for Next Weekend

6.00pm Bridget Ahearn
8.00am Mary Elliott
10.00am Eve Brennan & Anna Ryan
11.00am Christy Murray & Maise Powell
11.30am Frank & Emily Bradley
7.00pm Joan Galwey



Attendance/Collections Last Weekend

Envelope Collection:		€945.00
Mass	Attendance	Baskets
6.00pm St. John's	216	536.00
8.00am St. John's	76	331.00
10.00am Johnswell	26	118.00
11.00am Dunmore	91	303.00
11.30am St. John's	145	499.00
7.00pm	51	165.00
	605	2017.00

Are You Celebrating a Marriage Anniversary?

February is the month of St. Valentine - patron of those in love! During the 11.30am Mass on Sunday, 12th February there will be special prayers and a blessing for those celebrating marriage anniversaries this year - 10th, 25th, 50th, 60th and any year in between or beyond! Couples and families are invited to come along and sit together. Let us know you are coming and the number of years celebrated by emailing St. John's Parish Office on stjohns@ossory.ie.

First Class Relic of St. Brigid for Annual Service

A first-class relic of St. Brigid will be available for this year's feast of St. Brigid Celebrations. This year is the 1500th anniversary of her death. The annual St. Brigid's Day service will take place on Thursday, 1st February in St. Fiace's Church, Loughboy at 7.30pm. Water from the well of St. Brigid in Kildare and blessed red flannel will be available on the night. Music ministry by the Kilkenny Gospel Choir. All welcome.



St. Brigid's Blessing

*May Brigid bless the house wherein we dwell.
Bless every fireside, every wall and door.
Bless every heart that beats beneath its roof.
Bless every hand that toils to bring its joy.
Bless every foot that walks portals through.
May Brigid bless the house that shelters us.
Amen.*



Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 29th January

Monday:	8.00am	Bridie Kinsella & Nelly Clarke
	10.30am	Requiem Mass: Richard O'Shea
		Johanna McEneaney; Jim Byrne
Wednesday	10.30am	Bridie & Tommy Casey
Thursday	10.30am	Fr Larry Foley; Catherine & Margaret Cassin
Friday:	10.30am	Nora & Noel Webster
Saturday:	10.30am	Ben Little
	6.00pm	Rose Phelan
Sunday:	10.00am	Sarah Prendergast
	11.00am	Claire & John Irwin; Renee & Jarleth Walshe
	11.30am	Shelia Hamilton;
		Patrick & Ann Dockey;
		Pauline O'Donoghue.
	7.00pm	MM Noel O'Brien

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

Thought for the Day

There is a winter in all our lives, a chill and darkness that makes us yearn for days that have gone or put our hope in the days yet to be.

We need a winter in our lives, like nature around us, a time of rest, a time to stand still, a time to reacquire ourselves with the faith in which we live. It is only then that we can draw strength from the one in whom we are rooted. Take time to grow and rise through the darkness into the warm glow of your springtime.

First Friday of February

Next Friday is the First Friday of February. 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.

Candlemas Day

Friday, 2nd February is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. It is also known as Candlemas Day. This Feast Day commemorates the presentation of Jesus at the Temple. On Friday morning members of the congregation are invited to bring candles to Masses in St. John's Church to have them blessed. This is a solemn time of worship, a time to try to be a 'light in the world'.



World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life

This annual day of prayer is held on Candlemas Day each year. To mark this year's Day of Prayer Bishop Niall Coll will celebrate Mass in St. Fiace's Church, Loughboy at 12.00 noon on Friday, 2nd February. All are welcome to come along and pray for those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

Feast of St. Blaise

Saturday, 3rd February is the Feast of St. Blaise. He was bishop of Sebaste and was martyred probably early in the 4th century. Devotion to him spread throughout the Church during the Middle Ages. A physician before he became a bishop, he is venerated as patron of those who suffer from diseases of the throat. The priests will bless throats after 10.30am and 6.00pm Masses in St John's Church on Saturday. *Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, Bishop, and Martyr, may God deliver you from all ailments of the throat and from every other illness. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*