

### Daily Mass at St. John's Church

Mass is celebrated at St. John's Church at 10.30am each weekday morning and at 8.00am on Monday to Friday (except Public Holidays). Will you join us during Lent?

### 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 important 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.

### Stations of the Cross

We will pray the Stations of the Cross in St. John's Church at 7.00pm each Friday during Lent. We invite you to make the effort to come along and walk the Way of the Cross in preparation for the celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday.

### Prayer for Vocations

A Holy Hour to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life led by Fr Mark Condon, Danesfort will take place in St. Joseph's Home, Little Sisters of the Poor, Ferrybank on Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> February at 7.00pm.

### Catholic Preparation for Marriage

Preparing for Marriage? Weekend residential courses available. 26<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> April and 20<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>th</sup> September. Details: [www.grasta.org](http://www.grasta.org)

### St Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund

This month's draw will take place on Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> February. Tickets are available from the Parish Office, or from any of the priests. We encourage your support for St. Mary's, our Diocesan Cathedral. Subscription is €120 for the year or €10 per month.

### Family Carers

Are you caring for a loved one at home with additional needs? A spouse, partner, child, close relative or neighbour? Then you are a family carer! Become a member of Family Carers Ireland, the national charity supporting Ireland's 500,000+ family carers nationwide. Contact 057 93 70221 and hear how we can support you or for more information visit [www.familycarers.ie](http://www.familycarers.ie).

### Kilquan Drama Group

Kilquan Drama Group presents "Separate Beds" by Sam Cree. Comedy in three acts in Coon Hall on 23<sup>rd</sup> February at 8.00pm. This has been a very enjoyable and popular production which has led to this extension. Doors open at 7.00pm. Admission €10.

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**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](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

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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

### First Sunday of Lent - 18<sup>th</sup> February 2024

### Let Justice Flow Like a River: Reflecting on Trócaire's Appeal

This weekend we welcome Niall Quillinan, who is the Primary Development Education Officer with Trócaire, who will speak at each Mass and inform us about the organisation's vital work in various parts of the world. We welcome Niall to our church's and look forward to learn from his presentations.

On the weekend of 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> March there will be a range of events to support the Trócaire Lenten Appeal including a Taizé prayer evening for young people with a focus on climate justice and a coffee morning for all with Trócaire, both in St. Mary's Cathedral.

### Trócaire Lenten Fast Boxes

The annual Trócaire Lenten Campaign began on Ash Wednesday. Trócaire is the Irish word for mercy. For the past fifty-one years people have shown great Trócaire to people who are poor and suffering all over the world. Trócaire boxes are available in all our churches.

Please take a box and use it to support the work of Trócaire this Lent. ([www.trocaire.org](http://www.trocaire.org))

### Ossory Adult Faith Development – Lenten Program

**Ministers of God's Word** – In our parish and in our liturgies local men and women are living out the ministry of proclaiming God's Word for us. This is a special and sacred ministry. We are entrusted with the task of sharing God's Word in a way that is fitting so that people may come to know him. We are inviting new and existing Ministers of the Word to join with Fr. Chris Hayden, Spiritual Director at St. Patrick's National Seminary, Maynooth, for two evenings to explore this sacred ministry.

Venue: St Kieran's College; Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March and Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 8.00pm.

**Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist** – Join us, via ASPAL platform, for a series of reflections on the role of Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist in our parish today. Over a series of three sessions on the ASPAL platform and a fourth in your local parish, this programme helps prepare those who will be commissioned on Holy Thursday to be Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist and those already serving in this important ministry.

**Online Resources** – For Lent online resources are available on the Ossory website. Download them at [www.ossory.ie](http://www.ossory.ie) for use in your parish or home.

**Lent Tweets** – Follow @OssoryDiocese for a simple thought each day during this Lenten journey. Have your timeline prompt you to pause each day of our Lenten journey.

**Foundations in Youth Ministry** – The most powerful ministry to young people is from young people themselves. This digital course on the ASPAL platform provides a chance for those who are in youth ministry, or would hope to be, to deepen your calling and to reflect on key principals that will help guide your important work.

### Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

**Recently Deceased:** Grace Sheridan, Ashfield East.

Annie Coogan, Clifden, Clara.

Eleanor Johnston, Tinnypark Nursing Home, late of Hebron Road.

**Months Mind:** Mary Lahert (6.00pm).

Eoghan Moran (6.00pm).

John O'Neill.

**Anniversaries:** Joey Lawless (6.00pm); Ann O'Neill (8.00am); Mary Butler, Catherine Dowling (10.00am); Jim & Kitty Rice, Michael & Mai Loftus (11.00am); Chris Harding, Joan Tallis, Joe Lawlor (11.30am); Noel Murphy (7.00pm); The Bergin Family; Annie Dowling; Frank Rodney McCormack; Joe Brennan; Bridie & Tommy Casey; John & Peter O'Rourke; Martin Coogan; The Kinsella Family; Jim Cody; Andy O'Driscoll; Michael Brennan; Sadie & Therese McGrath; Seamus Culleton; Liam Reidy; James Dooley; Martin Dermody; Jimmy & Catherine Leahy; Kathleen & Charlie Bartholomew.

*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	Padraig O'Neill
10.00am	Elaine Bennett
11.00am	Bernard O'Gorman & John McGourty
11.30am	Paula Rogers & James Connolly
7.00pm	Joan Scott



#### Attendance/Collections Last Weekend

Envelope Collection: €1,410.00

	Mass	Attendance	Baskets
6.00pm St. John's	148	398.00	
8.00am St. John's	77	365.00	
10.00am Johnswell	135	375.00	
11.00am Dunmore	113	306.00	
11.30am St. John's	236	591.00	
7.00pm St. John's	100	315.00	
	706	2,350.00	

#### 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, 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> February. A sincere thank you for all your generous support. Please remember the conference can be contacted through the Parish Office or on 086 895 1239.

#### Scripture Study Group

The Scripture Group meets on Thursdays at 7.30pm in St John's Presbytery. We always have a relaxed and enjoyable chat while opening our hearts and minds to what is being said to us by the Scriptures from the following Sunday.

Some, who cannot attend, receive the notes that are prepared each week by email. If you would like to receive these please email paulmckiernan@live.ie.

#### Ireland Reads Day - John's Quay Library Feb 24th.

The library will host a Gathering of Book Clubs on 24<sup>th</sup> February. Book club members, people interested in joining a book club, solo readers, lapsed readers, everybody is welcome. Guest speaker will be local writer Anne Harris, author of *Unspoken*. The event begins at 11.00am, just show up. Refreshments will be served.

#### Ossory Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

The annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2024 is now available to book! The departure will take place on 22<sup>th</sup> May 2024 from Cork. Capacity is limited this year. Contact 01 410 800 or info@joewalshtours.ie. Assisted Pilgrims: 087 251 7766 or maoc50@me.com

### Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 19th February

Monday:	8.00am	The Bergin Family
	10.30am	Annie Dowling
Tuesday:	10.30am	Frank Rodney McCormack
Wednesday	8.00am	Joe Brennan
	10.30am	Bridie & Tommy Casey
Thursday:	8.00am	John & Peter O'Rourke
Friday:	10.30am	Martin Coogan
Saturday:	10.30am	The Kinsella Family
	6.00pm	Billy Walsh
		Joe Maher
Sunday:	8.00am	Molly Cunningham
	10.00am	Kate & Louis Brennan
	11.00am	Paddy Brennan; Josephine Burke
		MM Bernie Maher
	11.30am	Ken Lynam; Dolores Dowling;
		Christina O'Connor;
	7.00pm	Philomena Drohan

### 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

### A Springtime of Faith

Even with a relatively early start to Lent, the lengthening of days is already evident (in the northern hemisphere, that is) and we appreciate more light each day and we notice the first signs of spring. In this way, nature itself reminds us that these forty days are our springtime of faith, a special time of both restraint and growth, conversion and joy, pilgrimage and liberation. Our hope is to arrive at the Easter Festival having grown in our faith, with a new sense of joy and, not least, of being set free.

#### Faith, Hope and Love: A City Lenten Retreat

Join with Rev. Dr. Billy Swan, the Administrator of Wexford Parish, as he leads the four parishes of our Pastoral Area and neighbours and all others who would like to join in a Lenten Retreat over three consecutive nights. On the fourth night Bishop Niall Coll will lead a Lenten Penitential Service. Please add the dates to your diary.

Monday, 18 <sup>th</sup> March	St Mary's Cathedral @ 7.30pm
Tuesday, 19 <sup>th</sup> March	St Patrick's Parish @ 7.30pm
Wednesday, 20 <sup>th</sup> March	St John's Parish @ 7.30pm
Thursday, 21 <sup>st</sup> March	St Canice's Parish @ 7.30pm – City Penitential Service

#### Forms of Friday Penance

The following are suggested as ways of fulfilling Friday Penance during Lent.

- Abstaining from meat or some other food.
- Abstaining from alcoholic drink or smoking.
- Making a special effort at involvement in family prayer.
- Making a special effort to participate in Mass on Fridays.
- Visiting the Blessed Sacrament.
- Making the Stations of the Cross.
- Fasting from all food for a longer period than usual.
- Helping the poor, sick, old or lonely.

#### Cian Buckley Memorial Run

The annual Cian Buckley Memorial 5k Fun Run/Walk will be held at Kilkenny Castle Park on next Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> February at 11.00am. Registration on the morning between 10.30am and 10.45am at Switzer's Gate. Proceeds to Group 174 of the Irish Pilgrimage Trust of which Fr. Dan is chaplain. The group takes young people with special needs to Lourdes at Easter.