

### 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.

### Lenten Stations

The Lenten Stations are due around this time. Thank you to those who contribute to this collection every year to support our Priests and Bishop. Special envelopes can be found in the parish envelope contribution packs which were distributed earlier. For those who did not receive envelopes and would like to contribute please contact the Parish Office on 056 772 1072 or email [stjohns@ossory.ie](mailto:stjohns@ossory.ie).

Your generosity is appreciated, thanks.

### Polish Mass – Blessed Sacrament Chapel at St. Mary's Cathedral

Mass is celebrated in Polish each Sunday in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel in St Mary's Cathedral at 10.00am.

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### 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.

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### Hang It On The Cross

If you have a secret sorrow,  
a burden or a loss,  
An aching need for healing...

### Hang It On The Cross.

If worry steals your sleep  
and makes you turn and toss,  
If your heart is feeling heavy...

### Hang It On The Cross.

Every obstacle to faith  
or doubt you come across,  
Every Prayer unanswered...

### Hang It On The Cross.

for Christ has borne our brokenness  
and dearly paid the cost  
To turn our trails to triumph...

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*Lisa O. Engelhardt*

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# Parish Of Saint John The Evangelist

*incorporating | St John's | Dunmore | Johnswell | church areas*

### 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

### Third Sunday of Lent - 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2024



### Training for Ministers of the Eucharist

Thanks to those who have agreed to train to serve as Ministers of the Eucharist in our parish. We appreciate your kind offer of service. This year's training programme will take place in St. John's Parish Centre at 7.00pm on Wednesday, 6th March. Those who have registered are asked to attend.

Present Ministers should find the course worthwhile as a refresher course and would be more than welcome to attend.

Those who are unable to attend the training can do the course online at your own pace. Please follow the instructions provided in a recent email. Contact the Parish Office if you have any questions.

### The Ten "Signposts for Freedom"

On our journey through Lent, we began with Noah, moved on to the alarming story of Abraham and Isaac and now we come to Moses and the Ten Commandments. The reading from Exodus 20 is heard just once every three years in the Sunday readings. These "laws" have played a fundamental role in the lives of believers and in the evolution of what we may call Western ethical values. In a word, although infrequently heard, the Ten Commandments retain their power and meaning.

As a practice for Lent, may I suggest taking one commandment each day for the next ten days. If you have a Bible with decent notes in it, so much the better. Spend time with each commandment, asking how it sheds lights on your experience and how each one might be a source of ever greater "setting free", as you mull over these great "signposts for freedom."

*Fr. Kieran O'Mahony OSA*

### Do This in Memory

This weekend, as part of our *Do This in Memory Programme*, we welcome the children who are preparing for First Holy Communion and their families to our 6.00pm and 10.00am Masses. We would ask you to keep the children and their families in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Eucharist for the first time.

### Social Dancing in Johnswell

Social Dance Night will take place in Johnswell Hall on Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> March at 9.00pm until late. Music by the very talented Declan Aungier. Admission €10. All welcome. Refreshments served.



### Pope's Intention for March

For families in crisis. Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

### Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

**Recently Deceased:** Fr Andrew Cassin, Washington and late of Bennettsbridge.  
Sr. Magdalen Sexton, Convent of Mercy, Callan.  
Seán Magner, Dukesmeadows.  
Bridget Hartley, Glenmore

**Months Mind:** Richard (Dick) O'Shea (6.00pm).  
Mary Hackett (11.30am).  
Flora Albert Kilusungh.

**Anniversaries:** Paddy O'Brien; Jim Kealy (6.00pm); Neddy Phelan; The Leahy Family (11.00am); Seán Connick; Dick & Pat Marnell (11.30am); Michael Brennan (7.00pm); Paddy & Peg Hickey; Patrick & Francis McDonagh; Seamus Campion; Nora & Noel Webster; Tony Comerford; John Boland; Sr. Teresa Landy; Mary Murphy; Phil Murray; Bernard & Bridget Taylor; Michael Dowling; John Hodge. Breda Byrne; Margaret Cody;

#### Readers for Next Weekend

6.00pm Bridget Ahearn  
8.00am Jo Browne  
10.00am Fiona & Sarah Manning  
11.00am Ester Comerford & Tom Comerford  
11.30am Anne Maria Walsh & Kay Purcell  
7.00pm Marie Fogarty



#### Attendance/Collections Last Weekend

Envelope Collection:		€630.00
<u>Mass</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Baskets</u>
6.00pm St. John's	130	266.00
8.00am St. John's	79	426.00
10.00am Johnswell	53	139.00
11.00am Dunmore	144	380.00
11.30am St. John's	217	631.00
7.00pm St. John's	<u>108</u>	<u>423.00</u>
	701	2,265.00

### St. Kieran – Feast Day 5<sup>th</sup> March

St. Kieran is known as one of the twelve Apostles of Ireland. One legend tells of St. Patrick giving Kieran a bell that rang for the first time when he reached the sight of a holy well in Saighir (Seir Kieran), and there he built his church. This became renowned as a sacred place, and many of the ancient Kings of Ossory were buried there. Seir Kieran is still a parish in our diocese. In the twelfth century the Canons Regular of St Augustine were established at Saighir Kieran. After the penal times, in 1782, Bishop John Thomas Troy of Ossory (later archbishop of Dublin) established a Catholic diocesan seminary, St Kieran's College, in Kilkenny. The motto he gave it was: *Hiems transiit*, a quotation from the Song of Songs applied to the passing of the winter of the Penal Laws in Ireland. When the Catholic cathedral was built in 1843, although it was called St Mary's, it also has Kieran as its secondary patron.

#### Ministers of God's Word

Our readers at Mass and in other liturgies 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. Open to all but our readers are encouraged to attend.

#### Do You Want To Fast This Lent? (In the Words of Pope Francis...)

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.  
Fast from sadness and be filled with patience.  
Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.  
Fast from worries and have trust in God.  
Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.  
Fast from pressures and be prayerful.  
Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.  
Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.  
Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.  
Fast from grudges and be reconciled.  
Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

Source: USCCB.org

### Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 4th March

Wednesday 10.30am	Special Intention
Thursday 10.30am	Paddy & Peg Hickey
Friday 10.30am	Patrick & Francis McDonagh
Saturday: 10.30am	Seamus Campion
	Nora & Noel Webster
6.00pm	Paul & Michael 'Icy' Lanigan
	Denis Brennan
Sunday: 11.00am	Margaret Ryan
	Jacinta Hurley
11.30am	Patrick & 'Pa' Patrick Jnr. Guidera
7.00pm	John McEnery

Please note we may transfer an anniversary Mass on the occasion of a funeral.

*May their souls through the mercy of God rest in peace.*

### 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

### Table Quiz - Irish Pilgrimage Trust

Table Quiz will take place in the Orchard House Pub next Thursday night at 8.30pm. Entry €5. Raffle on the night. All proceeds go to the Irish Pilgrimage Trust who are bringing children with additional needs to Lourdes next month, this Pilgrimage will be led by Fr Dan.

### Vocations Webinar

Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> March from 8.00pm to 9.00pm. The webinar is hosted by 'The Hook of Faith' platform ([www.thehookoffaith.com](http://www.thehookoffaith.com)) and is organised in collaboration with the National Vocations Office. The webinar is entitled 'The Last Priest in Ireland? It Depends on You'. It is a follow up to a RTE documentary broadcast in January entitled 'The Last Priest in Ireland'. The keynote speaker will be Breda O'Brien. There will be a panel of responders. The webinar is a Church response to the programme and an opportunity for dialogue about the future of vocations to the priesthood in Ireland. The initiative is part of the year of prayer and promotion to the diocesan priesthood 'Take the Risk for Christ'

### Post Graduate Programmes

Applications are now open at St Patrick's Pontifical University, Maynooth for postgraduate programmes in Theological Studies, Healthcare Chaplaincy, Youth Ministry and Liturgy. More information is available at [sppu.ie](http://sppu.ie) or by calling 01 708 4778.

### Family and Care Referendums

The Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference has issued a statement on the Family and Care referendums. It is available at [www.catholicbishops.ie](http://www.catholicbishops.ie).

### Stations of the Cross

We will continue to 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 Lent

God, heavenly Father, look upon me and hear my prayer during this holy Season of Lent. Teach me to find new life through penance. Keep me from sin and fill my heart with your love; keep me faithful to the Gospel of Christ. Give me the grace to rise above my human weakness. Give me new life by your Sacraments, especially the Mass. I ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

### Ossory Adult Faith Development – Lenten Programme

**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.

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**Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist** – We are about to train new Ministers of the Eucharist for service in St. John’s Parish. Thanks to those who have already agreed to participate. We now make a final call for anyone who would like to serve in this ministry. Please contact the Parish Office or one of the priests during the earlier part of this week. Training will be provided over a series of three sessions on the ASPAL platform.

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**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.

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The provocative title hopefully promotes a desire to create a culture of vocations for which we are all responsible. The initiative is part of the year of prayer and promotion to the diocesan priesthood ‘Take the Risk for Christ’.

### Security in Church Grounds

Following a number of recent minor incidents around St. John’s Church we feel it pertinent to advise extra caution while in the church and on the grounds. Do not leave visible belongings in your vehicle, make sure doors are locked and keep a close eye on your property while in the church. Be vigilant and report any suspicious activity in the grounds or in the church.

### 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

### Parish Scripture Study Group

The Scripture Group continues to meet 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. All are welcome to drop in at any time. 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](mailto:paulmckiernan@live.ie).

### Trócaire Lenten Fast Boxes

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))

### The Priory Institute

Online Advent Retreat. The Priory Institute is delighted to offer a free of charge Easter Triduum retreat. ‘Bright Sadness and Solemn Joy: The Easter Triduum’.

Visit our website [prioryinstitute.com](http://prioryinstitute.com) to register/find out more.