

Lenten Reflection - Cancelled

Due to a bereavement the Lenten reflection scheduled for next Monday evening, 11th which was to be led by Salvador Ryan in St Kieran's College has been cancelled.

Things that people are doing for Lent 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.

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.

Online Resources – For Lent online resources are available on the Ossory website. Download them at www.ossory.ie for use in your parish or home.

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Mother's Day Prayer

Loving God, You wrap your arms around your people and show your everlasting love in the same way a mother loves her children. We are grateful for the love you have taught us through the mothers in our lives: our own mother who brought us into this world, the mothers of friends who have welcomed us into their home and families, our grandmothers who took time for us, and the mothers who have helped us even though we were not their children.

Bless all the mothers of this world today. May they know the fullness of love they have shared and be blessed every day of their lives. Amen!

We wish all mothers a happy and enjoyable Mothers' Day.

Medjugorje - Evening of Prayer

Rosary, Mass, Adoration, Prayer for Healing will take place in St. Fiacre's Church, Loughboy on Monday, 11th March at 7.30pm. All welcome.

Trócaire Lenten Fast Boxes

Trócaire boxes are available in all our churches. Please take a box and use it to support the work of trocaire.org.

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 of Lent - 10th March 2024

‘Enough, please! Let us all say it: enough... Stop!’

The Catholic Bishops of Ireland have made a passionate plea for peace in the ongoing Israel-Gaza war. The bishops said: “As the Catholic Bishops of Ireland, we echo Pope Francis’ heartfelt appeal for a complete ceasefire in Gaza - ‘Enough, please! Let us all say it: enough... Stop!’”

“We call on the Israeli Government to comply with basic human and international standards in ensuring that Palestinians have full and unimpeded access to food, water and basic safety requirements. At the same time, we call on Hamas to release all hostages and to end missile attacks on Israel.”



“We urge people to continue praying and fasting for the intention of peace... We implore Almighty God and Jesus, who is the Light of the World, to shine a light into the terrible darkness that envelopes the region that we call the Holy Land. In the face of despair, we renew our prayers for a just and lasting peace that respects justice and the dignity of all peoples.” Use the QR Code to read the statement.

Mass Books versus Missalettes

The Parish Pastoral Council has decided to go back to using Mass Books to aid members of the congregation participate in the liturgy. This was the practice in our parish before Covid-19 when the disposable missalettes were introduced to help prevent the spread of the virus. The Mass Books used before then were put into storage and are available now.

There are a number of reasons for this decision, chiefly liturgical, environmental and financial. For example, the use of expensive missalettes takes away choices from priests and parishes with regard to which of the ten Eucharistic Prayers to use. Likewise, priests feel they have to accept the publishers’ choice of a particular scripture text; sometimes the publisher might go for a shorter version of the reading while a priest might have opted to preach on the longer version. In this way it takes away the celebrant’s freedom. The same applies to the choice of the Penitential Rites, Prefaces and other such prayers during the Mass. The use of Mass Books allows for choice.

The environmental aspect is also an important feature that cannot be ignored. The use of disposable single use missalettes generates an amount of waste which, in this era of environmental awareness and expensive disposal costs, could be avoided.

The PPC acknowledges that some people like the reassurance of having a guide or worship aid and we hope to provide this by leaving an ample supply of Parish Mass Books at the doors of the church for people to take if they wish. In some cases, people might opt to buy relatively cheap personal missals or decide to follow the readings on the various smartphone apps which are now available. We appeal for your understanding and patience as we revert to the use of our Parish Mass Books.

Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

Recently Deceased: Dervla Bateman, (née O'Connor), Ardilea, Lovers Lane, Kilkenny and formerly Killealy, Wexford. Requiem Mass in Killealy at 1.00pm on Sunday. Seaghan Ó Lanagáin, Lucan Dublin and late of Kilkenny. Jim Dwyer, Ardnore, Peg Byrne, Lisdowney.

Months Mind:

Margaret Murray

Esther Murphy

Anniversaries: Paul & Michael 'Icy' Lanigan; Denis Brennan (6.00pm); Margaret Ryan; Jacinta Hurley (11.00am); Patrick & Patrick Jnr 'Pa' Guidera (11.30am); John McEnery (7.00pm); John P. & Eily Francis; Mags Dineen; William & Nora Lacey; Brigid & Charlie Mallon; John & Annie Free; Bishop Peter Birch; Kitty & John Browne; Andy Henderson; Michael Manning.

*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

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| 6.00pm | Mairin Bergin |
| 8.00am | Billy Phelan |
| 10.00am | Eve Brennan & Anna Ryan |
| 11.00am | Nora Guilfoyle & Fiona McGeary |
| 11.30am | Frank & Emily Bradley |
| 7.00pm | Joan Galwey |



Attendance/Collections Last Weekend

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| Envelope Collection: | | €1,850.00 |
| <u>Mass</u> | <u>Attendance</u> | <u>Baskets</u> |
| 6.00pm St. John's | 195 | 424.00 |
| 8.00am St. John's | 92 | 388.00 |
| 10.00am Johnswell | 38 | 181.00 |
| 11.00am Dunmore | 93 | 245.00 |
| 11.30am St. John's | 228 | 591.00 |
| 7.00pm St. John's | 124 | 326.00 |
| | 770 | 2,155.00 |

St Joseph's Young Priests Society

The St John's branch of the St Joseph's Young Priests Society will hold their monthly meeting in the Presbytery this Monday at 11.00am. The members of the Society promote and pray for vocation to the priesthood and religious life. New members are always welcome.

Remembering and Praying For Our Emigrants

You are invited to write the names, city and country of your family members, relatives and friends who are living or working abroad as emigrants in the Emigrants' Book on the table in the church porch. This Emigrants' Book will be placed in the sanctuary during all Masses over St. Patrick's Weekend when all our emigrants will be prayerfully remembered.

Emigrants' Collection

The Annual Emigrants' Collection will take place at all Masses over St. Patrick's Weekend. This is a collection for the Irish Bishops' Emigrant Chaplaincy Outreach and will be used to support our emigrants who, for a variety of reasons, have fallen on poor times.

The Priory Institute Easter Retreat

The Priory Institute is delighted to offer a free of charge online Easter Triduum retreat: 'Bright Sadness and Solemn Joy: The Easter Triduum'. Visit prioryinstitute.com to find out more.

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.

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

Thanks to those who volunteered to serve as Extraordinary Ministers in our parish and especially to those who attended the training on last Wednesday. Those who have volunteered and are willing to attend the online course should receive a link this week. We look forward to your commissioning on Holy Thursday evening.

Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 11th March

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| Monday | 8.00am | John P. & Eily Francis |
| | 10.30am | Special Intention |
| Thursday | 8.00am | Denis Foley |
| Saturday: | 10.30am | Mags Dineen |
| | 6.00pm | William & Nora Lacey |
| | | Michael & Angela White |
| | | MM Claire Beale |
| Sunday: | 8.00am | Seán Byrne & Benny Grogan |
| | 10.00am | Maura Gormley |
| | 11.00am | Billy & Jimmy McEvoy |
| | 11.30am | Margaret Dwyer |

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 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

Úsáid na Gaeilge

Fáilte romhat isteach go dtí an Pembroke Hotel ar an Satharn 16/03/24 idir 11.00am go 1.00pm do chaife, scone, ceol, comhlúadar agus seans iontach do chúpla focal Gaeilge a úsáid do Sheachtain na Gaeilge. Call in to the Pembroke Hotel. Enjoy a free coffee, scone and music in great company and use any Irish you may have. Tá fáilte roimh gach aois. Beidh Pop-Up Gaeltacht in Bollards pub, Kieran Street on Thursday, 14th March from 8.00pm. Fáilte romhat bualadh isteach agus do chúpla focal a úsáid."

Ministers of God's Word

We are asking new and existing Ministers of the Word to join Fr. Chris Hayden, Maynooth to explore this sacred ministry. Venue: St Kieran's College; Wednesdays, 13th March and 20th March at 8.00pm. All are welcome but our readers are encouraged to attend.

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 City 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.

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

A Story of Healing

The Moses story, in particular, is a story of healing. In the Book of Numbers, the Israelites were healing by looking at the bronze serpent. John's Gospel teaches that Jesus looked death in the face for us and that we, by looking at him, that is by believing in Jesus, are healed of death, the power and death and the fear of death. Thus, John's Gospel is offering us a "therapeutic" model — God the healer, rather than a mercantile model, God demanding the payment of a price. In fact, the movement is not at all up to God from us to turn off his anger but down from God to us to disclose the breath-taking, not to say incredible dimensions, of his love for us.

Fr. Kieran O'Mahony OSA

Eucharistic Adoration at Knock

Annual Eucharistic Adoration Pilgrimage to Knock takes place on Sunday, 14th April. Bus leaves Woodies' Carpark at 6.45am sharp. Cost €35. For details please contact 086 166 6547.