

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.

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.

Petitions for Lourdes Grotto

On Easter Sunday morning Fr. Dan will travel to Lourdes with the Irish Pilgrimage Trust. The trip provides a pilgrimage/holiday for young people with additional needs and an opportunity for their families to have some respite. If you would like us to place a petition at Our Lady's Grotto in Lourdes please place it in a sealed envelope marked "Lourdes Petition" and leave it into the Parish Office at your convenience. Petitions will not be opened but placed at the feet of Our Lady's statue at the Grotto in Lourdes during one of our visits to the shrine. Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Bernadette, pray for us.

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 contact 086 166 6547.

Chapter House Bookshop

Now open Monday to Friday from 9.30am until 5.00pm. In the wide range of products you can find religious gifts, for any occasion, including Holy Communion and Confirmation. We have a large variety of candles, holy water fonts, crucifixes, pictures and statues.

Give Blood and Save a Life

Irish Blood Transfusion Service will be visiting O'Loughlin's Gaels GAA Club this week. Monday, 25th March: 15:45pm to 20:00pm. Call 1800 222 111 to book an appointment. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.



Trócaire Family Fast Boxes

It is time to return your Lenten Family Fast Box. Please remember to return your Trócaire envelopes or box to the Church on Holy Thursday. Thank you for your support.

Emigrants' Collection

Thank you €1,245 contributed to the Emigrants' Collection last weekend.

Lost and Found

Found in church: A BOI Visa Debit Card. A large brown envelope containing an address book. Please contact the Parish Office if either of these belong to you.

Address: St John's Presbytery, Dublin Road, Kilkenny. R95 ND2W

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

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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

Palm Sunday - 24th March 2024



Palm Sunday

Today is Palm Sunday, the day on which we mark the Lord's triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Palm branches will be blessed at all Masses in our parish.

Holy Week and Easter Ceremonies in Our Parish

Monday	Morning Mass	8.00am and 10.30am (St. John's Church)
Tuesday	Morning Mass	8.00am and 10.30am (St. John's Church)
Spy Wednesday	Morning Mass	8.00am and 10.30am (St. John's Church)
	Adoration	11.00am (St. John's Church)
	Mass of Christm	7.30pm (St. Mary's Cathedral)
Holy Thursday	Morning Prayer	10.30am (St. John's Church)
	Mass of the Lord's Supper	7.30pm (St. John's Church)
Good Friday	Morning Prayer	10.30am (St. John's Church)
	Stations of the Cross	12 noon (St. John's Church)
	The Lord's Passion	3.00pm (St. John's Church)
	Walk the Way of the Cross	7.00pm (St. John's to Capuchin Friary)
	Stations of the Cross	7.30pm (Dunmore and Johnswell)
Holy Saturday	Morning Prayer	10.30am (St John's Church)
	Easter Vigil	9.00pm (St John's Church)

Priests available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation after all of the above services

Easter Sunday	Mass	8.00am, 11.30am (St John's Church)
	Mass	10.00am (Johnswell)
	Mass	11.00am (Dunmore)
	Mass	7.00pm (St. John's Church)
Easter Week	Mass	10.30am (St. John's Church)

We invite you to join with neighbours and friends to celebrate the events of Holy Week in St. John's Parish.

Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

Recently Deceased: John Dunne, Ossory Park Breda Cullen, Rose Hill Court
Christina Drennan, Cashel Downs Paddy Barcoe, Dunbell
Michael Purcell, Ferrybank & late of Leggetsrath Sr. May Lynch, Callan
John Edward Austin, Cathedral Square and late of the United Kingdom

Months Mind: Grace Sheridan

Anniversaries: Michael Monagle; Ann Kelly (6.00pm); Christina Barcoe (8.00am); Mai Brophy (10.00am); John, Agnes & Michael Stapleton (11.00am); Eamon Hennessy; Jack & Mary Parle (11.30am); Ann Butler (7.00pm); Catherine Leahy O'Brien; Caiden Hennessy; Mary Lawler; Dan & Mary Doherty; Mary Brophy; Bridget O'Driscoll; Ellen, John & Michael Parkinson; Noreen Whelan.

*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 **To Be Arranged**
8.00am Mary Elliott
10.00am Seán Colgan
11.00am Christy Murray & Maise Powell
11.30am Bobbie Lahart, Rosemary McPhillips
7.00pm Linda O'Leary



Attendance/Collections Last Weekend

Envelope Collection:	€1,430.00		
	<u>Mass</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Baskets</u>
6.00pm St. John's	107		220.00
8.00am St. John's	112		477.00
10.00am Johnswell	122		244.00
11.00am Dunmore	99		176.00
11.30am St. John's	193		497.00
7.00pm St. John's	<u>89</u>		<u>330.00</u>
	685		1,944.00

The Chrism Mass on Wednesday

Bishop Niall invites all to the Chrism Mass which will be celebrated at St. Mary's Cathedral at 7.30pm on Wednesday, 27th March. The Sacred Oils to be used throughout the Diocese for Baptism, Confirmation, Anointing of the Sick and Ordination to Priesthood will be consecrated and blessed. The priests will also renew their vows during this Mass. All welcome.

The Annual Good Friday Walk

The Annual Good Friday Walk will begin at St. John's Church, Kilkenny at 7.00pm and proceed through the City to the Capuchin Friary Church for Prayer Around The Cross. Bishop Niall Coll will lead this year's walk. All welcome.

Easter Ceremonies on RTE

This year RTE will broadcast the Easter Ceremonies from St Mary's Cathedral, Kilkenny. These ceremonies will be live on Good Friday at 3.00pm and for the Easter Vigil at 11.00pm on Holy Saturday night. These promise to be special celebrations in our Diocese. We invite people to join with us by watching on TV or if you like to come along.

Lenten Alms Collection

The annual Lenten Alms Collection will be taken up at all Masses this weekend. This collection, which takes place in every parish, goes towards various charities nominated by the Pope.

Society of St Vincent De Paul Collection

The Monthly Collection for the local conference of the Society will take place this weekend, 23rd and 24th March. Contact the SVP in writing through the Parish Office or on 086 895 1239.

Good Friday Collection for Holy Places

Pope Francis has asked that Christians who gather to pray on Good Friday would support their fellow Christians in the Holy Land. A collection will be taken up at all services in St. John's Parish on Good Friday. At this time of war and death, they need our support.

Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 25th March

Tuesday:	10.30am	Mary Lawler
Wednesday:	10.30am	Dan & Mary Doherty
Sunday:	11.00am	Ken McDermott
	11.30am	Aileen Deegan
	7.00pm	Seamus 'Scun' Donnelly
		Helen Cruise
		Richard & Mary Fanning

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.

Day Of Fasting and Abstinence

Good Friday is a day of fasting and abstinence; it is also recommended that Holy Saturday be so observed, 'so that the Church, with uplifted and welcoming heart, be ready to celebrate the joys of the Sunday of the resurrection' (*Sacrosanctum Concilium*, 110).

Altar Servers

Thanks to those who trained recently. We need Servers for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday. Contact the Parish Office if you are available.

Reconstituted Ossory Diocesan Pastoral Council (ODPC)

In July 2023 Bishop Niall established a working group to consider the form of Diocesan Pastoral Council that would best serve the Diocese of Ossory at this time. The group met several times and consulted widely with other dioceses and pastoral advisers as to best practice. The group submitted proposals to Bishop Niall at the end of August. Taking these proposals into account, Bishop Niall has appointed the following as members of the new ODPC: Bishop Niall Coll, Frs. Dan Carroll, Dan Bollard, Martin Delaney, Ms. Ann Daly, Ms. Sarah Rice, Ms. Brid Duffy, Mr. Diarmuid Healy, Mr. John Shortall, Ms. Gemma Mulligan, Sr. Helen Maher. Sarah Rice accepted the role of Chairperson. The first meeting of the new ODPC took place on 19th January. Our Parish Pastoral Council looks forward to hearing more from the ODPC and expects to work closely with them in the days ahead.

Polish Community - Blessing of Food Baskets

Drodzy rodacy, dołączcie do nas w cotygodniowym celebrowaniu mszy Świętej w języku Polskim, w Katedrze Najświętszej Marii Panny w Kilkenny przy ulicy James's Street, w Kaplicy Najświętszego Sakramentu, przy Katedrze.

W trakcie Wielkiego tygodnia, Poswiecenie Pokarmów o godzinie 13.00 w głównej Katedrze, Msza Święta w Niedziele Wielkanocna O godzinie 9:00 rano.

Wiecej informacji na Facebooku: Wspólnota Katolicka Kilkenny.

You can join the Polish Masses, celebrated in the Holy Sacrament Chapel at St. Mary's Cathedral, James' Street, Kilkenny. The Mass is celebrated in Polish every Sunday at 10.00am.

You are also invited to join us for the Holy Week Celebrations, including the traditional Blessing of the Food at 1.00pm on Easter Saturday and Easter Sunday Mass at 9.00am. The Blessing of Food and Easter Sunday Mass will be celebrated in the main cathedral.

Cake Sale

This weekend, a Cake Sale will take place in the Parish Centre after 6.00pm Mass on Saturday and 11.30am Mass on Sunday. This is to raise funds for local pupils from CBS Secondary School who are travelling to Lourdes with the Ossory Pilgrimage.

Cois Nore - Cancer Support Centre Camino - Sarria to Santiago - October 2024

Eight days walking 115km. If you are interested in fundraising and participating in the Cois Nore Camino please contact us on 056 775 2222 or via email to fundraising@coisnore.ie.