

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.

Scripture Study Group

This parish group will recommence in the Presbytery at 7.30pm on Thursday evening.

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.

Céad Míle Fáilte

We welcome to our Mass today the members of the Colligan Family from New York, especially Michelle and her husband Mike and their children Sean, Keira and Niamh. Michelle and Mike were married in this church in June 2012 and, with their children and Michelle's mother Eileen, they make a return journey to Kilkenny this weekend. They were to be accompanied by Michelle's father Edward but sadly he passed away nine weeks ago. We welcome the family and pray God's blessing upon Edward today. May he rest in peace.

Society of St Vincent De Paul says 'Thanks'

A sincere thank you for all your generous support at last weekend's collection. Remember the local conference can be contacted in writing through the Parish Office or 086 895 1239.

Lenten Alms Collection - Thank You

The annual Lenten Alms Collection taken up last weekend was €1,252. This collection has been forwarded and goes towards various charities nominated by the Pope.

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 as soon as possible and we will forward the money to Trócaire. Thank you for your support.

Ossory Times

Ossory Times, our quarterly diocesan magazine is available at the doors of the churches. As usual the colourful and informative Easter edition is full of interesting stories from around the Diocese of Ossory. Cost: €2.

American Concert Recital

A concert recital by two USA Choirs from Hartford High School and North Country Union High School will take place at St Mary's Cathedral on Monday, 8th April at 7.30pm. All welcome to come and enjoy a wonderful evening of music.

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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.

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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

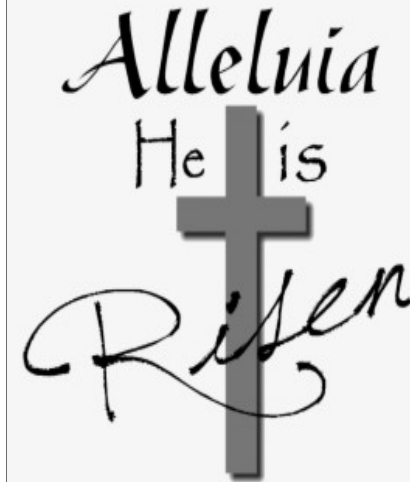
Dunmore - Sunday 11.00am

Easter Sunday - 31st March 2024

Easter Greetings

Jesus is risen! He is the light of the world. The stone is rolled away and light enters the tomb, from the tomb the light of Christ enters the world. At Easter we are reminded that light overcomes darkness. This Easter we pray that the blessings of the Risen Jesus will be with all our parishioners, their families and friends. May his light shine in your lives. The new Paschal Candle, lit at the Easter Vigil, is the symbol of the New Life of the Risen Jesus shining everywhere for all.

We welcome and congratulate Alan and Maggie who presented their Baby Abbigael Mary at the Easter Vigil Ceremonies, to receive the Sacrament of Baptism. It is our prayer that she grow up in the light of Christ. Keep Abbigael, her sister Alice, and her family in your prayers.



We thank all who attended the Holy Week liturgies, all who helped prepare and organise the ceremonies. Thank you to the sacristans, choirs, musicians, readers, Eucharistic ministers, ushers, parish secretary and all who helped decorate our church so that it might reflect the hope and light of the Resurrection.

Throughout the year a lot of people help out and support the parish in many different ways. To all who help in the various ministries, to all who help run or organise the various parish activities and to all who help, support or participate in the life of the parish in any way at all we say a sincere word of thanks. Your commitment makes St. John's Parish very special for us all.

Easter Pilgrimage

Fr. Dan, Jane our Sacristan and some others from our parish will spend the next six days in Lourdes with the Irish Pilgrimage Trust. The IPT is a volunteer led charity which, for nearly fifty years, takes young people with special needs from all over Ireland to Lourdes at Easter. Visit www.irishpilgrimagestrust.com for more information. One of the highlights of the week in Lourdes is the Mass with 1,000 Irish pilgrims which takes place on Tuesday morning at 9.00am Irish time. We gather with pilgrims from all over the world for the international Mass at 9.00am Irish time on Thursday morning and Fr. Dan is due to lead the Mass at the Grotto on Friday morning at 7.00am Irish time. Links for these celebrations will be on www.irishpilgrimagestrust.com - please join with us. Thanks to all who supported our fundraising in any way. Be assured of our prayers for you and your families at the Grotto.

Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

Recently Deceased:

Derry Noonan, Larchfield. Requiem Mass at St. Patrick’s Church at 11.00am on Monday. Buri-
al afterwards in Foulkstow Cemetery.

Niall Mac Eaney, Drogheda, Co. Louth.

Anne Brennan, Baurnafea, Castlewarren.

Tom Foley, Freshford, late Ardnore & Lintown.

Anniversaries: Ken McDermott (11.00am); Aileen Deegan; Edward Colligan; (11.30am); Sea-
mus ‘Scun’ Donnelly; Helen Cruise; Richard & Mary Fanning (7.00pm); Noel ‘Lou’ Walsh;
Sammy Geoghegan; Alice Byrne; Lil Morris; Bridget Tallis; Fintan Ryan; Edmund Browne;
Sarah Mahony; Tommy Holohan; Liz & Joe Whyte; Essie Collins; Tommy & Annie Walsh;
Doreen Cassidy; Annie Burke and Dick Burke.

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 Jo Browne
10.00am Elaine Bennett
11.00am Jim Kavanagh & Claire Hanrick
11.30am Paula Rogers & James Connolly
7.00pm Joan Scott



Attendance/Collections Last Weekend

Envelope Collection:	€1,185.00		
	<u>Mass</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Baskets</u>
6.00pm St. John’s	204		304.00
8.00am St. John’s	111		275.00
10.00am Johnswell	52		118.00
11.00am Dunmore	82		100.00
11.30am St. John’s	237		418.00
7.00pm St. John’s	<u>112</u>		<u>274.00</u>
	798		€1,489.00

No 8.00am Mass from Bank Holiday Monday to Saturday during the coming week!

A Big Welcome to Our New Eucharistic Ministers

Nineteen new Ministers Of The Eucharistic were commissioned for service in our parish at the Holy Thursday Ceremonies: Chloe Phelan, Sandra Banks, Pat McGeeney, Mary Mealy, Mary Ann Joyce, Jane Feehan, Ava Maher, Camilla Loader, Elector Kilusungu, Gavin Phelan, Ger Daly, Geraldine Ruessmann, Leanne Nolan, Linda Nolan, Mary Deegan, Mary Manning, Pierce Lennon, Roja Joseph and Anna Moore.

Many thanks to each and every one of them for the invaluable service they give in our churches, nursing homes and to the housebound. Thanks also to the many who have served as Eucharistic ministers during the past number of years. Your faithful service is appreciated.

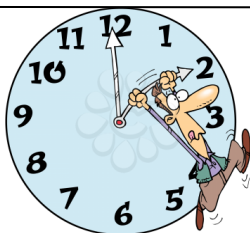
Priests’ Easter Collection

The Easter Collection for the priests of the parish and the bishop is taken up at about this time. You will find special envelopes in your envelope contribution pack. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to contribute but don’t have envelopes. Your generosity is appreciated.

Cake Sale

There will be a cake sale after 10.00am Mass in Johnswell on this Sunday. In aid of Relay for Life. Please support.

Don’t forget:
this weekend the
clocks spring forward
one hour.
So an hour less in bed
on Sunday morning!



The challenge of Easter is to
bring the light of Christ into the
dark places of the world. To
bring peace where there is war,
love where there is hate, healing
where there is hurt, and life in
the face of death.

Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 1st April

Thursday: 10.30am Edmund Browne
Saturday: 6.00pm Fintan Ryan
MM Stephen Sheehan
Sunday: 10.00am Josie Manning
11.30am Bob & Patricia Quigley
Martin Ryan
MM Margaret Power
7.00pm Mary Corr

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.

Conversations with Women in the Bible.

Exploring insights from their stories and God’s transforming presence in their lives. This day offers opportunity to:

- Journey with some Biblical women
- Deepen our experience and understanding of God’s transforming presence in their lives and allow these Biblical women to inform and shape our lives in some way.

The day will be presented by Sr. Therese, a Sister of Our Lady of Sion. Her ministries are in Biblical studies, counselling and Jewish/Christian dialogue. She is particularly interested in how our reading of the Biblical texts can support our inner wholeness and our relationship with God.

Venue: The Pembroke Hotel, Patrick Street, Kilkenny. Date: 11th May 2024

Time: 10.00am to 4.30pm Cost: €20 (includes tea/coffee). Pay on the door.

Please book before 7th May by contacting: Sara or Catherina @ 056 772 2870 between 9.00am and 5.00pm or Email: regionaloffice@ssjg.ie. Booking essential.

Dates of Easter and Passover

At the Council of Nicea in 325, the date for Easter was fixed as the Sunday after the full moon after the spring equinox. Sunday, 31st March is the feast of Easter this year.

Eastern Christians calculate the date of Easter according to the Julian Calendar, the Calendar in general use before the Gregorian reform of 1582. One of the reforms was the removal of ten days from the Calendar and this discrepancy, now thirteen days, between the Julian and Gregorian Calendars resulted often in a difference in the date for Easter in East and West as they follow the two Calendars. This happens in 2024 when the date of Easter for Eastern Christians is Sunday, 5th May.

The feast of Passover is a seven-day feast, beginning at sundown on the evening of Monday 22nd and ends on 30th April (14 Nisan 5784).

Accommodation Sought

A local lady seeks full accommodation in the home of another lady willing to welcome her into her house for agreed expenses. Call 086 369 3863 for more details.

Easter Prayer

Dear Lord, thank you for creating me.
Thank you for making everything around me.
Thank you for my family and my friends.
Easter is here again and we remember
the ultimate sacrifice you made for us.
Thank you for thinking of my salvation.
Thank you for saving me from eternal
damnation.

Thank you for preserving my life.
Thank you for taking away my transgressions.
Help me live in truth for you
help me live in appreciation for what you did
for me
Help me love others just as you have loved
me.
In Jesus’ name I pray. Amen.