

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.

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.

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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

OUR PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES ARE:

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Roman Catholic Diocese and Parishes of Ossory - Registered Charity No. 20015831

Thought for the Day

When we are all despairing;
when the world is full of grief;
When we see no way ahead,
and hope has gone away.

Roll back the stone.

Although we fear change;
although we are not ready;
Although we'd rather weep and run away.

Roll back the stone.

Because we're coming with the women;
Because we hope where hope is vain;
Because you call us from the grave and show
the way.

Roll back the stone.

*Janet Morley - Bread of Tomorrow:
Praying with the World's Poor (SPCK)*

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.

American Concert Recital

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

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

Second Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy Sunday - 7th April 2024

Divine Mercy Sunday

Divine Mercy Sunday is an Observance in the Catholic Church in which followers are encouraged to offer forgiveness and reconciliation to all. It is based on visions recorded from St. Faustian Kowalski.

St. Faustian was a Polish nun who lived in the early 20th century. She devoted her life to spreading the word about God's forgiveness, or divine mercy, for anyone who asks for forgiveness. Although she was a mystic, she also cooked and gardened as part of her convent life.

St. Faustian had visions much of her life. One that was the most profound was of Jesus, with one hand raised in blessing and with two fingers of his other hand resting on his heart. She said that Jesus asked her to have the image painted, and to include a prayer that said, "Jesus, I trust in you."

" This is the prayer that we recite on Divine Mercy Sunday.



Do This in Memory

Next 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.

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. All are very welcome.

Pope's Monthly Intentions for April

For the role of women - We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

Dates for Your Diary

Confirmation St John's Parish - 11.00am on Friday, 26th April 2024
First Holy Communion at Johnswell Church - Saturday, 11th May 2024
First Holy Communion at St. John's Church - Saturday, 18th May 2024
St. Kieran's Cemetery Mass - Friday, 28th June 2024
Dunmore and Johnswell Cemetery Mass - Friday, 5th July 2024

Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

Recently Deceased: Des Hennessy, Shellumsrath.
Fr Donal Fennessy SMA - Cork & Nigeria Dick Dowling, Ferrybank & Glenmore
Marie Joyce, Altamount House & late of Castlecomer

Months Mind: Stephen Sheehan (6.00pm) Margaret Power (11.30am)
Dermot Phelan (10.30am, Monday 8th)

Anniversaries: Fintan Ryan (6.00pm); Josie Manning (10.00am); Martin Ryan, Bob & Patricia Quigley (11.30am); Mary Corr (7.00pm); Mary & Thomas Dowling; Rosemarie Maher; Bridie & Dan Herlihy; Michael McGrath; Patrick Coleman; John & Evelyn Parkinson; Sheila Delaney; Frank Kavanagh; Paddy Cahill; Kevin Murphy

*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 Ann Daly
8.00am Billy Phelan
10.00am Betsy Rice
11.00am Stephanie Butler & Roger Curran
11.30am Mary Hanafin & Mary Lynch
7.00pm Anne Marie Grace



Attendance/Collections Last Weekend

Envelope Collection:		€1,335.00
Mass	Attendance	Baskets
9.00pm St. John's	204	836.00
8.00am St. John's	114	496.00
10.00am Johnswell	75	278.00
11.00am Dunmore	118	343.00
11.30am St. John's	331	849.00
7.00pm St. John's	85	311.00
	927	€3,113.00

Table Quiz

A Table Quiz in aid of the Irish Hospice Foundation Nurses for Night Care Service. Martin O'Neill takes on a 5 day Cycle Challenge from Atlantic to Med – Biarritz to Canet Plage from the 30th June to 6th July to raise funds for this very worthy cause. The Table Quiz will take place in the Orchard House, New Orchard Road on

Saturday 13th April at 8.30pm. Tables of 4 €40 - €10pp includes finger food.

Bad weather Hits Farming

Heavy rain across large parts of the country has made March one of the wettest on record leaving the fields around the country waterlogged. Met Éireann's farming forecast said there will be no relief from rain and sodden ground for farmers in the coming days as rainfall amounts will be two to four times the normal range. Conditions at the moment are preventing planting and turning livestock out of sheds. Food production, Farming will be greatly hampered. As a result, we are all asked to turn our thoughts to the Risen Lord and recite the prayer below frequently during this serious period for our country's economy.

Prayer for Fine Weather

Heavenly Father, you have created all things and we depend upon your loving goodness. You have given us the earth to care for and provide our food.

We humbly ask you to give us fine weather so that our animals may have food, or crops maybe planted, we may once more enjoy the countryside and those who work the land may have peace of mind.

For your goodness Lord we thank you
and in you O Lord we put our trust. Amen.

Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 8th April

Monday: 8.00am Mary & Thomas Dowling
10.30am MM Dermot Phelan
Thursday: 10.30am Rosemarie Maher
Saturday: 10.30am Bridie & Dan Herlihy
6.00pm Michael Kelly
Moira & Fintan O'Byrne & Deceased O'Byrne & McCabe Family Members
Sunday: 11.30am Bill Larkin
Kathleen O'Gorman
Helen Frayne

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

The Annunciation of the Lord • 8 April

Mary's 'yes' is the vessel through which God-among-us steps into our world and opens up to us as one of us. Our 'yes' today is not a claim to perfection or a statement of moral superiority any more than the days we can only bring ourselves to say, 'no, I just can't' mark us out as deficient or failures. The openness of God's love is unending, so that wherever we find ourselves we are welcomed and embraced. So whatever these strained circumstances and whatever insecurity they may cause, 'the Lord is with you, do not be afraid'. www.merton.ox.ac.uk

St Pio & St. Philomena Pilgrimage

St Pio and St Philomena pilgrimage to San Giovanni and Mugnano will take place from 15 to 19 July led by Michael O'Connor, Killarney, and spiritual director, Fr Seán Jones, St Mary's Cathedral, Killarney. For further information and booking please contact Michael at 087 267 7656 or JWT at 01 241 0800.

Knock Pilgrimages

Escorted Tour to Westport, Knock & Co Mayo, 12th May 2024. €849.00 pps. Price includes return Bus/Train, 5 nights in 4* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Lunch on three days. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock, Galway City, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Ballintubber Abbey & Ashford Castle. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact 094 900 6426 or 087 1890236 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

St Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund - March Draw Winners

1st Prize:	Ann Roberts	Ballyragget
2nd Prize:	Borrie-in-Ossory CE Scheme	Borris-in-Ossory
3rd Prize:	Olive Morrin	Tullaherin
4th Prize:	Maura McEvoy & John	Aghaboe
5th Prize:	Joan Power	Aghaviller
6th Prize:	Anne O'Sullivan	Rosbercon
7th Prize:	Margo Cleere	Aghaboe
8th Prize:	Elizabeth Wall	St. John's (<i>We have a winner!</i>)
9th Prize:	Molloy Family	Tullaherin
10th Prize:	Johanna Frisby	Callan



The Irish Hospice Foundation