

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.

St Pio & St. Philomena Pilgrimage

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

South Kilkenny Historical Society lecture

Title of this month's lecture is 'Kilkenny's Titanic Survivor'. This takes place on Friday, 26th April, at 8.00pm in Mullinavat Hall (opposite St. Beacon's Church). The guest speaker is MaryAnn Vaughan. Admission €5 (society members free). All 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.

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All-Ireland Rosary Rally

The All-Ireland Rosary Rally is back this year on Saturday, 1st June in Knock. The day begins with a Marian Conference at 9.30am in St John's Centre. Speakers include Fr Michael Donnelly, Sr Ana Margarita Lanzas SCTJM, and Fr Joseph Maria Deane CFR. Then there will be an opportunity to meet over 20 apostolates from around Ireland from 11.30am in St. John's Centre. A well-renowned speaker from Miami called Mother Adela Galindo will deliver the keynote Rosary talk at 1.00pm in the Basilica. Then there will be the Stations of the Cross outside at 2.00pm, followed by the Rosary Procession. Bishop Alphonsus Cullinan will be the main celebrant of the 3.00pm Celebrated Mass which will include Anointing of the Sick. Confessions will be available throughout the day and there will be Rosary and scapular-making workshops in the marquee. For more information and to see a list of buses going from around Ireland please visit www.AllIrelandRosaryRally.com

St Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund

This month's draw will take place on Wednesday, 24th April. Tickets are available from the Parish Office, or any of the priests. We encourage your support for St. Mary's, our Diocesan Cathedral. We had one lucky winner in last month's draw. Be in to win!

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 Easter - 14th April 2024

Easter Water

There is a plentiful supply of Easter Water available in the sanctuary area of St. John's Church. Please bring your own container and be sure to turn off the tap after use. "Whatever it sprinkles in the homes of the faithful, may it be cleansed and delivered from harm. Let such homes enjoy a spirit of goodness and an atmosphere of tranquillity, freed from harmful or hidden snares. By the sprinkling of this water, may everything opposed to the safety of them that dwell there be banished, so that they may possess the well-being they seek in calling upon Thy holy Name, protected from every evil."

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.

Parish Confirmations

With less than two weeks to go to our Parish Confirmations which takes place on Friday, 26th April at 11.00am, we would ask you to keep this year's candidates and their families in your prayers as they make their final preparations for their special day. Please note that there will be no 10.30am Mass that morning.

Trócaire

Thanks to all who have returned Trócaire boxes and offerings. We would like to close the account for this year, and we appeal for the return of any outstanding offerings please.

What Happened this Week in the Church in Ireland?

In what has been described as the most significant reorganization of the Church in Ireland in 800 years the Holy Father, through the Papal Nuncio Archbishop Luis Mariano Montemayor, announced changes in the dioceses in the west of Ireland, the ecclesiastical province of Tuam. The Archbishop of Tuam will now also be the bishop of Killala and the Bishop of Elphin (Sligo) will be bishop of the diocese of Achonry.

The Papal Nuncio to Ireland said the seismic changes were needed to meet "new challenges" facing the Church, "pooling resources" to increase vitality.

"Although we seek to preserve at all times our essential identity, we adopt measures to meet new challenges as they arise," said Archbishop Montemayor. However, a full merger will take place "if this process evolves still further", so that the six dioceses would become three, Archbishop Montemayor said. "They say 'in union there is strength'. Thus, with pooled resources and combined endeavours, and trusting strongly in the grace of God, we can look to the future with hope and confidence."

Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

Recently Deceased: Eddie Walsh, Maudlin Street.

Kevin Glynn, The Sycamores. Gary Doheny, Thomastown & Kilkenny.
 Garrett Forrest, Cork. Martin Doheny, Fatima Place.
 Ann Holland, Waterford Rd & late of High St. May Larkin, St. Patrick's Close.
 May Byrne, Loughboy.

Months Mind: Fr Andy Cassin (Friday 19th - 10.30am.)

Frank Murphy (Sat. 20th at 10.30am).

Anniversaries: Michael Kelly; Moira & Fintan O'Byrne & Deceased Members of the O'Byrne & McCabe Families (6.00pm); Special Intention (8.00am); Bill Larkin; Kathleen O'Gorman; Helen Frayne; Thomas Walsh (11.30am); Steven Brett; Dick, Matty & Bridget Corr; Tony Feighery; Betty Hanlon; Con & Johanna McGrath; Fr Tom Cassin; Catherine Foley; James Clutterbuck; Ellen Cassin; Emily Wilson; Nano Brennan; Arthur Connick; Thomas Roche; Edward & Ellen Delaney; Vera Walsh; Thomas Dowling.

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 Bridget Ahearn
 8.00am Pdraig O'Neill
 10.00am Fiona & Sarah Manning
 11.00am Bernard O'Gorman & John McGourty
 11.30am Anne Maria Walsh & Kay Purcell
 7.00pm Marie Fogarty



Attendance/Collections Last Weekend

Envelope Collection:		€3,100.00
Mass	Attendance	Baskets
6.00pm St. John's	176	563.00
8.00am St. John's	95	445.00
10.00am Johnswell	61	297.00
11.00am Dunmore	82	215.00
11.30am St. John's	219	615.00
7.00pm St. John's	99	270.00
	732	€2,405.00

80's / 90's Disco Fundraiser for the Irish Pilgrimage Trust

An 80's / 90's Disco Fundraiser will take place in the Set Theatre, Langton's on next Friday, 19th April. Dancing from 9.00pm till late with DJ Noel Murphy. Tickets are €10 and available in the Parish Office or from Fr. Dan. Fancy Dress is optional. All proceeds raised is for Group 174 of the Irish Pilgrimage Trust, who bring young people with additional needs to Lourdes each Easter. The Group is just back from this year's trip which was very successful.



National Pilgrimage for Life

The first National Pilgrimage for Life, organised by the Council for Life of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference, will be celebrated on Saturday, 4th May in Knock Shrine. The pilgrimage begins with Anointing of the Sick in the Basilica at 2.30pm, followed by Mass at 3.00pm and Rosary Procession after Mass, weather permitting. Main celebrant and homilist will be Archbishop Francis Duffy. We invite you to join us in Knock to celebrate the gift of life and to pray for the protection of all human life.

Table Quiz – Relay for Life

A Table Quiz in aid of Relay for Life Kilkenny, the Irish Cancer Society, will take place in Billy Byrne's front bar on Thursday 25th April at 8.00pm. €40 for a table for 4. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Scripture Study Group

This parish group continues in the Presbytery at 7.30pm on Thursday evenings. All are welcomed to come and reflect on the Mass readings for the following Sunday.

Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 15th April

Monday: 10.30am Tony Feighery
 Tuesday: 10.30am Betty Hanlon
 Wednesday: 10.30am Thomas Dowling
 Thursday: 10.30am Con & Johanna McGrath
 Friday: 10.30am **MM** Fr Andy Cassin
 Fr Tom Cassin, Catherine Foley
 James Clutterbuck, Ellen Cassin
 Emily Wilson
 Saturday: 10.30am **MM** Frank Murphy
 6.00pm Margaret Hennessy
 Bernadette Molloy
 Christy Burke Jr.
 Sunday: 10.00am Lena O'Keeffe
 11.00am Margaret Mags Smyth
 11.30am Joan & Larry Manning
 Mary Hennessy

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

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

Kilkenny Choir

The Kilkenny Choir presents Maurice Durufle's Requiem, accompanied by professional musicians and soloists, in the beautiful surroundings of St. Canice's Cathedral, Kilkenny on 27th April at 7.00pm. Tickets €20 available on Eventbrite or at the door.

The Big Push

In aid of the Carlow/Kilkenny Home Care Team. We want you to push your most creative and crazy contraptions around the track in Kilmoganny. Push a buggy, a scooter, a wheelbarrow, a wheelchair, a bed, a bus... Build a soapbox, customise a go-kart, be as creative as you like! Get in involved on your own, with your family or with a group! Prizes on the day for best entry and best costume decided by local GAA celebrities! 20th April from 2.00pm to 5.00pm at Kilmoganny GAA Grounds.

St. Lasarian

Our neighbours in the diocese of Kildare and Leighlin celebrate the feast of St. Lasarian (or Molaise) on Thursday of this week. Lasarian was born in Ireland, became a monk on Iona, and studied under and was ordained priest in Rome by St. Gregory the Great. Returning to Ireland, he took over an already established monastery from St. Gobban at Leighlin, Co Carlow, of which he became abbot a few years before his death. He was a strong proponent of the Roman method of determining the precise date for the celebration of Easter in the Church liturgical calendar. Under Lasarian, Leighlin became a strong centre of support of the Roman method of calculation of Easter. It is said that Leighlin was the first place to adopt the new date for Easter. Lasarian at that time was in charge of 1500 monks and he defended and implemented the order regarding Easter from Rome.

St. Mary's Cathedral, Chapter House Bookshop

St. Mary's Cathedral, Chapter House Bookshop welcomes you to visit the shop now open 5 days a week. Come and view the wide range of products you can find, religious gifts for any occasion and selection of parish supplies. We have a large variety of Candles, Holy Water Fonts, Crosses, Pictures and Statues of the saints. **Monday** 9.30am till 1.00pm **Tuesday - Friday** 9.30am till 5.00pm. You will find a present for Baptism, Communion, Confirmation and many other occasions. We have now in stock a great choice of prayer books, gospel reflections and calendars for the next liturgical year.

