

### 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 15<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> 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, 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

### All-Ireland Rosary Rally

The All-Ireland Rosary Rally is back on Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> June in Knock. A bus will leave from Castlecomer and Butt's Green in Kilkenny.

Please contact 086 846 9011 to book a seat.

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 Concelebrated 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 visit [www.allirelandrosaryrally.com](http://www.allirelandrosaryrally.com).

"For sure, this Rosary Rally will resurrect the spirit of devotion to Our Lady among many Irish people. And our Lady will in turn bring many of them back to her Son Jesus Christ."

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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](mailto:dlp@ossory.ie)

### OUR PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES ARE:

Brenda Whitely; Marian Eardly.

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# 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 Easter - 21<sup>st</sup> April 2024**

### PARISH CONFIRMATIONS 2024

**Next Friday - 11.00am - St. John's Church**

The Sacrament of Confirmation for the 'Class of 2024' will take place in St John's Church next Friday morning at 11.00am. Bishop Niall Coll will administer the sacrament. This year we have 49 candidates for Confirmation. Please pray for them and their families.

**Please note that there will be no 10.30am Mass on Friday morning**

### World Day of Prayer for Vocations

The annual Day of Prayer for Vocations will be observed on this Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> April 2024. It is also known as 'Good Shepherd Sunday' because the Gospel is always from Chapter 10 of St. John's Gospel where Jesus speaks of himself as being a caring shepherd.



The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfil the Lord's instruction when he asked us: "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2).

The past year has been dedicated to prayer and promotion of the vocation to the diocesan priesthood. The theme of the year was entitled 'Take the Risk for Christ'. Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood and religious life and that the Church will always have pastors who care for God's people with the heart of Christ himself.

### Pope Francis to Young People

"To young people, and especially those who feel distant or uncertain about the Church, I want to say this: Let Jesus draw you to himself; bring him your important questions by reading the Gospels; let him challenge you by his presence, which always provokes in us a healthy crisis. More than anyone else, Jesus respects our freedom. He does not impose, but proposes. Make room for him and you will find the way to happiness by following him. And, should he ask it of you, by giving yourself completely to him."

(Message for 61<sup>st</sup> Day of Prayer for Vocations)

### An Hour of Prayer for Vocations

To mark Vocations Sunday a Holy Hour will be held in St. Fiacre's Church, Loughboy on this Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April beginning at 7.30pm. As there is a dire shortage of vocations in our diocese at the moment, we invite members of our parish to come along and spend time in prayer for this intention.

*'God has created my heart only for himself.  
He asks me to give it to him that he may make it happy'.*

*St John Vianney*

### Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

**Recently Deceased:** Moria Lynam, Newpark Edward Prendergast, Goresbridge  
 Marie Ryan, Beechlawn Bridget Kelly, Greenshill  
 Vincent Charles Power, Manchester Joan Cantwell, Eden Vale Close

**Anniversaries:** Bernadette Molloy, Margaret Hennessy, Christy Burke Jnr. (6.00pm); Martin Delaney (8.00am); Lena O’Keeffe (10.00am); Margaret Mags Smyth (11.00am); Joan & Larry Manning, Mary Hennessy (11.30am); Jefferson Peres; Tommy Holohan; Bill Larkin; Martin & Peggy Brett; Con & Johanna McGrath; Brenda McGuinness; Patrick Price; Mary Crotty; Patrick Dooley; Bob & Ellen Delaney; John & Kitty Cleere; Bill Larkin; The Bergin Family.

*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 Mairin Bergin  
 8.00am Mary Elliott  
 10.00am Eve Brennan & Anna Ryan  
 11.00am Martina Brennan & Tom Keating  
 11.30am Frank & Emily Bradley  
 7.00pm Joan Galwey



#### Attendance/Collections Last Weekend

Envelope Collection:		€1,080.00
Mass	Attendance	Baskets
6.00pm St. John’s	167	352.00
8.00am St. John’s	100	519.00
10.00am Johnswell	56	265.00
11.00am Dunmore	78	210.00
11.30am St. John’s	173	523.00
7.00pm St. John’s	<u>115</u>	<u>409.00</u>
	689	€2,278.00

#### 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### Postgraduate Courses

Postgraduate and Mission and Ministries Programmes at St Patrick’s Pontifical University, Maynooth. Programme applications close from 30<sup>th</sup> June to 30<sup>th</sup> August for different programmes. Visit [spuu.ie/courses](http://spuu.ie/courses) for more information.

#### 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.

#### Kilkenny Choir

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

### Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 22nd April

Monday: 8.00am Private Intention  
 10.30am Martin & Peggy Brett  
 Tuesday: 10.30am The Bergin Family  
 Wednesday 10.30am Con & Johanna McGrath  
 Thursday: 10.30am Brenda McGuinness  
 Friday: 8.00am Patrick Price  
 11.00am Parish Confirmations  
 Saturday: 6.00pm Catherine Kavanagh  
 Liam Maher Tim Comerford  
 Sunday: 11.00am Peggy Tynan  
 11.30am Dick & Bridget O’Connell  
 Eamon Walsh  
**MM** John Dunne

### Parish Webcam

Masses and Services in St. John’s Church are broadcast on [stjohnskilkenny.com](http://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

### 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: 11<sup>th</sup> May 2024

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

Please book before 7<sup>th</sup> May by contacting: Sara or Catherina @ 056 772 2870 between 9.00am and 5.00pm or Email: [regionaloffice@ssjg.ie](mailto:regionaloffice@ssjg.ie). Booking essential.

### The Poor Clares

The Poor Clares in Galway are hosting an online Q&A for young women who would like to know more about the Poor Clare way of life. The event will take place from 7.00pm to 8:30pm on Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> May. For more information contact [vocations@poorclares.ie](mailto:vocations@poorclares.ie)

### Master’s Winner Speaks of his Faith

Did you stay up to watch Scottie Scheffler win the 2024 US Masters last Sunday night? It was his second win. Since World War II only Tiger Woods, Jack Nicklaus and Seve Ballesteros have won two Masters by age of 27; Scheffler, who is 25, now joins that short list.

During an interview reflecting on the role of golf in his life, Scheffler took the discussion in a religious direction, saying his faith is his defining trait. “I’m a faithful guy. I believe in a creator. I believe in Jesus... I feel like I’ve been given a platform to compete and show my talent. It’s not anything that I did,” he said.

He added that his focus is on working hard and praising God, not chasing fame. “I’ve been called to come out here, do my best, compete and glorify God,” Scheffler said. Following his success on Sunday he commented “It’s a pretty special feeling to know that I’m secure for forever,” he said. “I believe that today’s plans were already laid out many years ago, and I could do nothing to mess up those plans.”

About his God-given talents, Scheffler said he strives to use them all “for God’s glory” because “that’s how I was designed.” “I’m a Christian guy, so that’s important to me,” he commented on Twitter in 2019.