

### Confirmation Candidates - Class of 2024

Congratulations to our Parish Confirmation Candidates who received the gift of The Holy Spirit on Friday. Thanks to the young people, their parents and guardians and their teachers who prepared them for the Sacrament.

Finn Abbott  
Remus Antal  
Kornelijus Balsys  
Lucy Bradley  
Scott Broaders  
Jake Cahill Delaney  
Cameron Callaghan  
Chloe Collins  
Kevin Comerford  
Harry Concannon  
Synnóve Connolly Hannan  
Aoife Considine  
Mia Coogan  
Michael Coogan  
Derek Cooney  
Aisling Crudge  
Callum Doyle McKenna  
Jakub Franczkowski  
Wiktoria Gnitecka  
Cathal Haughney  
John Hawe  
Joe Hayden  
Tyler Hayes  
Breanne Kelly



Cathal Kelly  
Matas Lalas  
Torrín Larkin  
Cillian Murphy  
Owen McDonagh  
Filip Napieraj  
Michael Nemeth  
Billy O'Dwyer  
Michalina Pawelczyk  
Julian Pawlowski  
Tadhg Power  
Shane Prendergast  
Hanna Przybylska  
James Rochford  
Padhraig Ryan  
Jessica Sheridan  
Edvinas Slyma  
Ciara Smith  
Alexandra Spinu  
Breathnach Tobin  
Zuzanna Tomkow  
Daria Volkova  
Emily Wallace  
Zofia Wilczynska  
Ria Young

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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:

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# 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**

### Fifth Sunday of Easter - 28th April 2024

#### The Synodal Pathway

"In the Acts of the Apostles, there is a remarkable energy and an enviable vitality. I would pick out three marks of the early Church: they had something to say, many were really gifted people and they listened to and were guided by the Spirit.

For us in our time, the synod process is already well underway. The risk is always that it might just come and go and be a missed opportunity, a talking shop. It depends on us – all of us – to make our voices heard. The international synod is already at the halfway mark with the rest to come in the coming autumn. The international synod is obviously important.

No less important will be our own national synod, which will surely plot the direction of the Church in Ireland for the foreseeable future. Jesus is the vine, but we are the branches."

For more information on the Synodal Pathway please visit [www.synod.ie](http://www.synod.ie) (Fr. Kieran O'Mahony)



#### War is Always a Defeat

In his audience last Wednesday Pope Francis recalled that "war is always a defeat" and highlighted that those who profit from these tragedies are arms manufacturers. Please, asked the Pope, "let us pray for peace", before reiterating that his appeal goes to "martyred Ukraine" which "suffers so much" and where "young soldiers go to die."

Likewise, he continued, we must pray for the Middle East, and in particular for Gaza: "It suffers so much," said the Pope. Finally, the Pope prayed for peace between Palestine and Israel, "that they may be two states, free and with good relations." "Let us pray for peace," he concluded.

#### Choirs For Peace

Calling all choirs and soloists to participate in the Choirs For Peace concert on 19<sup>th</sup> May in St. John's Catholic Church, Kilkenny at 3.00pm. The Ukrainian choir will join the event in raising our voices for peace in our world. Information from: [kilkennygospelchoir@gmail.com](mailto:kilkennygospelchoir@gmail.com). Or Mary Kealy on 087 292 7958.

#### 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).

#### 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.

## Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

**Recently Deceased:** Tommy McMullan, Kilkenny & late of Dublin. Requiem Mass at St. John's Church at 11.30am on Sunday.

Ollie Egan, Clondalkin & Threecastles Michael Leahy, Rioch Street  
 Martin Hayes, Butt's Green Seamus O'Shea, Tyrone & late of Nenagh  
 Danny Wilson, Glendine Road Peggy Kerwick, Fr Albert Place

**Month's Mind:** John Dunne (11.30am).

**Anniversaries:** Catherine Kavanagh, Liam Maher, Tim Comerford (6.00pm); Peggy Tynan; Dick & Bridget O'Connell, Eamon Walsh (11.00am); Catherine Carroll; Deceased Members of Monagle & McDermott Families; Fr Michael Drennan SJ, Bridgid O'Carroll; Breda Lacey.

*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:		€1,185.00
Mass	Attendance	Baskets
6.00pm St. John's	126	313.00
8.00am St. John's	86	453.00
10.00am Johnswell	62	205.00
11.00am Dunmore	89	219.00
11.30am St. John's	164	423.00
7.00pm St. John's	120	272.00
	647	€1,885.00

### First Friday of May

Next Friday is the First Friday of May. The sick and housebound will be visited at the usual times. Please inform the Parish Office or one of the priests if you have a relative or neighbour who would like this service.



### Lough Derg – Sanctuary of Saint Patrick - 2024 Pilgrimage Season

- Three Day Pilgrimage** - Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May until Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August – Adm.€80
- Quiet Day** - Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May & Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September - €35 pp
- Lakeshore Pilgrimage** - Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May & Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September - €25 pp
- Residential Retreat** - Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June (Emerging from the Mess)  
 - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> – Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June (Called to Love)
- Young Adult Retreat** - Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> - Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July (“To Whom Shall We Go?”)  
 Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> - Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> August (“Life to the Full”)  
 €400 per person, €325 per person sharing, Full Board,  
 Booking Essential.
- One Day Retreat** - May – 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>  
 August – 17<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup>.  
 September - 4<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>.  
 Booking Essential, Admission €45.  
 A day of guided prayer and reflection.

For further information and bookings: info@loughderg.org  
 071 9876 1518

## Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 29th April

Monday: 8.00am Catherine Carroll  
 10.30am Deceased Members of the  
 Monagle & McDermott Families  
 Tuesday: 10.30am Con & Johanna McGarth  
 Saturday: 6.00pm Mary Lawless; Bea Orr.  
 Sunday: 10.00am Martin & Margaret Hanlon  
 11.00am Ellen, Martin, Christy &  
 Martin Junior Brennan.  
 11.30am Mai Butler

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 March For Life 2024

This event, organised by the Pro Life Campaign, takes place on Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> May in Dublin at 2.00pm (meeting point: Newman University Church side of St Stephen's Green). It is being held to draw attention to the rapidly increasing abortion rates in Ireland and call for support for pregnant women and their babies. The event will be suitable for families and we have excellent speakers. Join us in standing up for mothers and their unborn babies! For more information see www.marchforlife.ie

### Thought for the Day

In the Bible, things from everyday life are used to speak of God. Two good examples would be those staples of the Mediterranean, the olive and the vine. In particular, the vine lends itself to symbolic reference. It takes great tending; at the same time, it is obvious that even the furthest tendril “must with the vine be one.” By staying connected and with careful pruning, the fruit itself is “pleasant to the sight and good for food” (Genesis 2:9). No need to mention the wine!

Prayer: Help us, God of all growth, to be one with the true vine, Christ our Lord. May the difficult experiences which prune us make us more abundant in the fruits of the Spirit, “love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control” (Galatians 5:22–23). Amen.

## Newpark Family Resource Centre

### Active Programme

### Walking Football - 6-week Intro Programme – Free

Each Friday at 10.00am at Newpark AFC football pitch.  
 Followed by tea and biscuits in Newpark close FRC. Play football again – at your pace.  
 Have fun – with other players. Reconnect with friends and the game.  
 Get active again – show your skills! Being active – physical and mental health benefits.

### Free 12-week Programme- Starting 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2024

Suitable for families looking to get more active and healthier while having fun together also a great way to limit your child's screen time. Programme includes Cooking, Tasting Demos & Wellbeing programme for parents. Fun Physical activities for the whole family. Each week families will receive and ingredient box to take home.

Wednesday Evenings: 6.45pm – 8.15pm and Thursday Mornings: 10am – 12pm.  
 For More Information or to apply for a place Contact: Mary Donnelly 056 772 3309 or marydonnelly@newparkclosefrc.ie. Apply early to avoid disappointment as places will fill fast.