

May the Month of Mary

May presents us with an opportunity for a traditional May Altar in our homes. Thanks to Jane for the wonderful example in St. John's Church - we welcome donations of flowers to keep this altar 'fresh' during the month. With Pope Francis, we encourage you to pray the Rosary daily. Consider joining the parishioners who gather at St. John's Church at 10.10am each morning to recite the Rosary.

Bring Flowers of the Rarest

Bring flowers of the rarest
bring blossoms the fairest,
from gardens and woodlands
and hillside and dale;

Our full hearts are swelling,
our glad voices telling
the praise of the loveliest flower of the vale!

Chorus: O Mary we crown thee
with blossoms today!

Queen of the Angels
and Queen of the May.
O Mary we crown thee
with blossoms today,
Queen of the Angels
and Queen of the May.

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.

South Kilkenny Historical Society

Coach Trip to Lismore on Saturday, 1st June. Cost - €70 for members and €75 for others. The cost includes coach hire, entrance to Lismore Heritage Centre, a walking tour of Lismore, entrance to Lismore Castle Gardens and an evening meal at Foley's, Lismore. It does not include the cost of lunch. The coach will depart Main Street, Mullinavat at 9.00am, returning at approximately 10.00pm. For further information on booking places: Brigid Barron on 087 950 7295, brigidbarron@hotmail.com. €20 deposit.

Our Lady of Fatima - Feast Day 13th May

On 13th May 1917, three children in a sleepy Portuguese village were blessed with a vision of Mary, Mother of Jesus. We recall Our Lady's words to the children: her direction to pray the rosary for peace, her mission to them from God.

Novena In Honour of Our Lady of Fatima
Concludes on Monday 13th May: The Black Abbey, Kilkenny: Preacher: Fr John Walsh OP
Sunday, 12th May: The Sacrament of the Sick

Medjugorje - Evening of Prayer

Rosary, Mass, Adoration, Prayer for Healing will take place in St Fiacre's Church, Loughboy on Monday, 13th May at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

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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

The Ascension of The Lord - 12th May 2024

Our Parish's First Holy Communions

Congratulations to the pupils from Johnswell National School who received their First Holy Communion yesterday in the Church of St. John the Baptist, Johnswell. They were blessed with a great day and a wonderful celebration. Thanks to their parents, families and teachers.

Cillian McDonald, Karen McGuill, Brian Murphy and John Wall

On next Saturday, 18th May the pupils from St John's Junior School will receive their First Holy Communion in St John's Church. We will have two celebrations at St John's Church: one at 10.30am and another at 12.30pm.

Please note that the 10.30am Mass on Saturday, 18th May will include the First Holy Communion celebration - while welcome at this Mass regular members of the 10.30am congregation may prefer to seek Mass elsewhere.

These young people have been preparing over the past number of months, and we thank their parents, families, teachers and volunteers who put so much dedicated work into getting them ready for the Sacrament.

Lourdes Pilgrimage 2024

The Ossory Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place from 22nd - 27th May. While on pilgrimage the intentions of the people of the diocese and the needs of our diocese will be remembered during all liturgies. The pilgrimage will include 23 assisted pilgrims and 40 young people from secondary schools in the diocese. Our sincere thanks to all who assisted funding the pilgrimage costs in anyway especially those who contributed to the church collections for this purpose. Bishop Niall Coll will be chief celebrant at the Grotto Mass on 23rd May at 9.00am Irish time and it can be viewed live by logging into www.lourdes-france.org.

Pope Francis and the Value of the Rosary

Speaking at the General Audience in St. Peter's Square on last Wednesday, the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, Pope Francis commended to Our Lady people suffering from wars and conflicts around the world. He went on to invite Catholics to rediscover the great value of praying the Rosary during the month of May which is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Pope Francis urged everyone, "to invoke Mary's intercession, so that the Lord may grant peace to the whole world, especially to the dear and martyred Ukraine, and to Palestine, Israel, and Myanmar." Before imparting his Apostolic Blessing, Pope Francis again made a request: "I urge everyone to value praying the Holy Rosary this May."

Choirs For Peace

On next Sunday, 19th May at 3.00pm in St. John's Catholic Church, Kilkenny, choirs from Kilkenny City and County will join with the Kilkenny Ukrainian Choir and the Kilkenny Gospel Choir for a free concert of Peace Songs. All welcome to come and sing for peace.

Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

Recently Deceased: John Madden, Johnswell Road. Requiem Mass at St John’s Church at 10.30am on Monday.

Honaria Siligato, McDonagh Junction. Requiem Mass at St. John’s Church at 10.30am on Tuesday.

Tomm Dowling, Loughboy
Bridget Palmer, Golf View Terrace

Conor Fenton, College Gardens
Sr. Brechmans Dooley, Offaly.

Months Mind: Moria Lynam (11.30am).

Anniversaries: Jim Kelly (6.00pm); Michael Malone; Nan, Willie & Noel Meany (11.30am); Terry-Elizabeth O’Dwyer; Thomas McGuinness; Pat & Mai Shortis; Sheila Lane; Joe Phelan; Joe O’Connor; Mary Walsh; Margaret Tyrrell; Margaret Rita Trehy; Steven Moynihan; William Brophy; Sally Goulding; Dom Malone; William, Bridget & Liam O’Hanrahan.

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 Padraig O’Neill
10.00am Elaine Bennett
11.00am Liam Burke & Liam Maddock
11.30am Paul Rogers & James Connolly
7.00pm Joan Scott



Attendance/Collections Last Weekend

Envelope Collection:			€880.00
	<u>Mass</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Baskets</u>
6.00pm St. John’s	106		239.00
8.00am St. John’s	106		404.00
10.00am Johnswell	57		174.00
11.00am Dunmore	68		184.00
11.30am St. John’s	246		433.00
7.00pm St. John’s	<u>79</u>		<u>342.00</u>
	729		€1,776.00

Would you Compose the Prayers of the Faithful?

We are currently seeking volunteers who would be willing to come on our Prayers of the Faithful Rota. Each volunteer would compile Prayers of the Faithful for two weeks at a time every six weeks approximately. If interested or you would like some more information, please give your name to one of the priests or contact the Parish Office on 056 772 1072.

Society of St Vincent De Paul Collection

The Monthly Collection for the local conference of the Society of St Vincent de Paul will take place next weekend, 18th and 19th May. A sincere thank you for all your generous support. Please remember the local conference can be contacted in writing through the Parish Office or by telephone on 086 895 1239.

Rosary at the Grotto

Rosary will be recited each Sunday during the month of May at the Grotto on the Callan Road at 3.00pm. The entrance to the Grotto is adjacent to the entrance to Seville Lodge. All are welcome to come along and pray.

The Pope’s Monthly Intention for May

For the formation of religious and seminarians: We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

“We’re in heaven already!”

The story is told about a priest who, talking about heaven in his homily, said: “We bring nothing with us when we die. There is no money in heaven! People in heaven have no money!” The whole congregation was quiet, till a little girl whispered to her mother loud enough for all to hear: “Mammy, Mammy, we’re in Heaven already!”

Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 13th May

Monday: 10.30am Funeral - John Madden
Tuesday: 10.30am Funeral - Honaria Siligato
Wednesday: 10.30am Thomas McGuinness
Pat and Mai Shortis
Thursday: 10.30am Sheila Lane
Friday: 10.30am Joe Phelan
Saturday: 10.30am First Holy Communion
12.30am First Holy Communion
6.00pm Michael and Ann Smith
Sunday: 8.00am Paddy Grogan
10.00am Joe Manning
11.00am Carmel, Bridget and Ned McEvoy
11.30am Damien Mahon

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

Please Note

There will be Mass at St. John’s Church on this Sunday evening.

Dates for Your Diary

St. Kieran’s Cemetery Mass - Friday, 28th June @ 7.30pm
Dunmore and Johnswell Cemetery Masses - Friday, 5th July @ 7.30pm

Pilgrims of Hope – Jubilee Year 2025

At a ceremony in St Peter’s Basilica on last Thursday Pope Francis solemnly proclaimed the upcoming Jubilee Year 2025. This Holy Year, “Pilgrims of Hope”, will run from the Christmas Day 2024 when Pope Francis will open the Holy Door in St Peter’s Basilica. It will conclude on the 6th January 2026. “Everyone knows what it is to hope”, the Pope wrote and he expressed his desire that the Jubilee might be “an opportunity for us to be renewed in hope”. ‘Jubilee’ is the name given to a particular year of celebration and traditionally a year of pilgrimage. In the Jewish tradition the year is announced with the sounding of the ram’s horn. The first Jubilee Year in the Christian tradition, also known as a Holy Year, was in 1300. Traditionally a pilgrimage was made to Rome and visits to seven of its basilicas. While initially celebrated every 50 years Pope John Paul II made the celebration every 25 years. There have also been Extraordinary Holy Years: the Year of Mercy in 2015 being one. The motto for the year, “Pilgrims of Hope”, represents key themes of Pope Francis’ time as Pontiff: Pilgrims and Hope.

Prayer to Our Lady of Fatima

O Most Holy Virgin Mary,
Queen of the most holy Rosary,
you were pleased to appear to the children of Fatima
and reveal a glorious message.

We implore you,
inspire in our hearts a
fervent love for the recitation of the Rosary.
By meditation on the mysteries of the redemption
that are recalled therein
may we obtain
the graces and virtues
that we ask, through the merits of Jesus Christ,
our Lord and Redeemer. Amen.

