

Our Parish's First Holy Communion

Congratulations to the pupils from St. John's Junior School who received their First Holy Communion this weekend in St John's Church. They were blessed with a great day and a wonderful celebration. We look forward to and encourage their return visits to our church for Sunday Masses. 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.

Alice Burke
Megan Burke
Gabriel Chodkowski
Layla-Jane Clifford
Emily Collins
Daniel Coogan
Eve Coogan
Finn Coogan
Gabriel Csabai Adolfo
Caoimhe Dalton
Eabha Delaney
Charlie Delaney Cahill
Cayden Dennehy
Erica Dunne
Chloe Dwyer Power
James Dwyer Moriarty
Amelia-Rose Flanagan Cooke
Jayden Foley
Anthony Hawe
Keeva Hayes
Alayna Hogan Keyes



Chloe Hogan Keyes
Kyle Holohan
Amy Kinchella
Kaydan Lanigan
Khloe Martins
Michael Martins
Megan Nemeth
Charlie O'Callaghan
Aoibheann O'Dwyer
Kai O'Keeffe
James O'Reilly
John O'Reilly
Paddy O'Reilly
Patrick O'Reilly
Emma Parker Phelan
Emily Pospisil
Adam Skop
Millie Smith Ralph
Isabel Stronge
Eliza-Jane Sutton
Oskar Szymczak

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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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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

Pentecost Sunday - 19th May 2024

The Synodal Pathway



In response to the invitation from the Synod office in Rome to deepen our reflections on *A Synodal Church in Mission* (published last November) the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference received contributions from all the dioceses of Ireland along with a further ten contributions from associations of lay faithful, ecclesial movements, and Church agencies.

The summary document, called *Towards October 2024 - Summary of Contributions from Dioceses and Groups of the Catholic Church in Ireland* was submitted to the Synod office in Rome on Wednesday last, 15th May 2024.

All the contributions were read and reflected upon in a spirit of prayer and discernment by a writing group of the Irish Synodal Pathway's National Team during Holy Week and early Easter. In keeping with the request from the Synod Office in Rome, a draft eight-page summary of the contributions was then prepared. In the spirit of circularity, checking in and feeding back to those who contributed, regional meetings were then held across the country and online in late April. Following these meetings, and a further meeting of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference, the writing group prepared *Towards October 2024 - Summary of Contributions from Dioceses and Groups of the Catholic Church in Ireland*.

With sincere thanks to all who contributed to this ongoing synodal conversation! You can read the document submitted by the Irish Church by following the links on www.synod.ie.

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. Bishop Niall 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. Let us join in prayer with our bishop and fellow parishioners during the week.

Thought for the Day

Growth, progress, economic interest and profit can often be pursued for their own sake, without any regard for the consequences for other areas of life, whether on the poor and excluded, or the environment, or on the global good of inclusion. The freedom given by the Spirit is not an individualistic freedom. The freedom that comes from the Spirit unites. We all need community, but we must all construct community.

The 'Creator Spirit' is the one who helps us steer the path of human progress in another direction, within a framework respectful of God's design for his creation, forcing us to transform our individualism and self-centeredness into a response of generosity.

Archbishop Diarmuid Martin, Pentecost Reflection

Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

Recently Deceased: James Gilmartin, Glenview, Castlecomer Road and Kincora, Sion Road. Laurence Campbell, Troyswood: Requiem Mass at St. Canice's Church at 11.00am on Monday. John Hanlon, Maudlin Street: Burial at St. Kieran's Cemetery at 11.00am on Monday. Catherine (Babs) Foley, Newpark Owen Wynne, Edenderry Una Hughes, Parliament Street.

Anniversaries: Michael & Ann Smith (6.00pm); Paddy Brennan (8.00am); Joe Manning (10.00am); Carmel, Bridget & Ned McEvoy (11.00am); Damien Mahon (11.30am); Joe O'Connor; John "Naxi" Noonan; Peggy & Eamon Holohan; Hannah & Patrick Dineen; James Quirke; Maureen & Sheila Brennan; Michael Gleeson; Bill Bergin; Bill Delaney; Paddy Howard; Paddy Sharkey; Patrick, Mary and Sean McGrath.

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	Mary Elliott
10.00am	Betsy Rice
11.00am	Eddie Holohan & Liz Holohan
11.30am	Mary Hanafin & Mary Lynch
7.00pm	Anne Marie Grace



Attendance/Collections Last Weekend

Envelope Collection:	€880.00	
<u>Mass</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Baskets</u>
6.00pm St. John's	92	258.00
8.00am St. John's	110	463.00
10.00am Johnswell	36	139.00
11.00am Dunmore	72	204.00
11.30am St. John's	205	533.00
7.00pm St. John's	<u>58</u>	<u>212.00</u>
	576	€1,809.00

Choirs For Peace

This Sunday afternoon at 3.00pm in St. John's Church, 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.

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 compiles the 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 this 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

The 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.

Corpus Christi Procession

Everyone is welcome to come and join in the Kilkenny City Corpus Christi procession in the grounds of St. Kieran's College on Sunday afternoon, 2nd June. We encourage all of this year's First Holy Communicants to come along in their Communion outfits. Eucharistic Ministers might make a special effort to join in the procession. More details next week.

Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 20th May

Friday:	10.30am	Maureen & Sheila Brennan
Saturday:	10.30am	Hannah & Patrick Dineen
	6.00pm	Kit Holohan Carrie Doheny MM Thomas McMullan
Sunday:	10.00am	Recently Deceased Teresa Green (Nee Dillon)
	11.30am	Fr Willie Meany Thomas, Bridget & Michael Long Pat & Mai Shortis
	7.00pm	Marie & John Buggy

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

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, 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

Kilkenny Flower Club - Plant Sale and Coffee Morning

Plant Sale and Coffee Morning in aid of 'As I Am' (the charity for autistic adults and children) also Kilkenny Flower Club. Saturday, 25th May, 10.00am to 12.00 noon in Dunmore Parish Hall. R95NX08 Admission: €5 includes tea/coffee/cakes.



Kilkenny Flower Club would appreciate your support for this worthy cause.

Tobar na Gaeilge

Bí gáil linn a chairde! Irish Summer Camp based in Johnswell, Kilkenny's own Gaeltacht Village, for páistí 9 - 12years old. All camp activities through the medium of Irish... Ciorcal Comhrá gach maidin, Baking, Science, Sport, Art, Treasure Hunt, Table Quiz and even a trip to Siopa Ann to put their Gaeilge into practice. Neart spórt agus spraoi. 22nd - 26th July from 10.00am - 1.00pm. Tuilleadh colais/ More Information: tobarnagaeilge@yahoo.com nó 087 667 3302.



Safeguarding

If you, or anyone known to you, has a safeguarding concern please contact:

- Ailish Higgins, Diocesan Director of Safeguarding and DLP on 087 802 1633;
- TUSLA: Kilkenny 052 617 7302;
- An Garda Síochána: 1800 555 222 or your local Garda Station;
- Towards Healing Helpline: 1800 313 416, www.towardshealing.ie;
- Towards Peace Helpline: 01 505 3028, www.towardspeace.ie.

Please consult the Ossory Diocesan website (www.ossory.ie) for all relevant documents and diocesan policies.

Come Holy Spirit

This Pentecost Sunday is a great day to ask the Holy Spirit to rekindle in us the spirit of new life and enthusiasm, the fire of God's love.



"Come Holy Spirit:"

Come Holy Spirit
make our ears to hear
make our eyes to see
make our mouths to speak
make our hearts to seek
make our hands to reach out

Let us repeat Saint John Henry Cardinal Newman's favourite little prayer, and touch the world with your love. Amen.

(Cardinal Newman was beatified in 2010 by Pope St. John Paul II; he was canonized on 13th October 2019)