

Kilkenny Sub Aqua Club

This local club will hold a church gate collection in Kilkenny on next weekend Saturday, 25th and Sunday, 26th January. Please support.

Programme at Integritas, Ennisnag

For January contemplative prayer will continue at the Integritas Centre, Ennisnag at 8.00pm on each Wednesday evening.

On Saturday, 8th of February, at 10.00am Linda will give a presentation in her series of seminars on 'The Christian Vision of Humanity'.

This will continue an exploration of the doctrine of creation. It will focus on two areas of the specifically Christian view of humanity.

This seminar will continue until 1.30 pm when lunch will be provided. If you wish to attend it, please let us know beforehand.

The Priory Institute

The Priory Institute provides online theology courses to degree level. Attend Saturday lectures in Tallaght or from the comfort of your own home. Register before 11th February. Find out more on our website, prioryinstitute.com

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Public Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament continues at St. John's Church between 11.00am and 1.00pm on Wednesdays. We invite you to join us and spend some time in prayer before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

The Black Abbey Celebrations

We join in congratulating the Prior and Dominican Community at the Black Abbey on their 800th anniversary in Kilkenny. The Dominicans arrived in Kilkenny in 1225, their third establishment in Ireland, and have served the people of the City and county since. The Abbey was "founded in honour of the One and Undivided Trinity, by William Marshall, the younger, Earl of Pembroke, in 1225." Ad multos annos!

Kilquan Drama Group

Kilquan Drama Group presents "Stop it Nurse" by Sam Cree - Directed by Benny Mills, a comedy in Three Acts in Coon Hall (Eircode R93 EC89). Play will be performed on 31st January, 1st, 2nd, 7th, 8th and 9th February at 8.00pm. Doors at 7.00pm. Admission €10

Pope's Intention for January 2025

For the Right to an Education: Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

Ossory Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2025

The annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2025 will take place from Monday, 19th until Saturday, 24th May. 5 nights from €949 per person. For further information and bookings, please contact: Joe Walsh Tours 01 241 0800.

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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

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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.

Weekdays: 8.00am, 10.30am. (Sat. 10.30am only). **Adoration:** Wednesdays at 11.00am.

Johnswell - Sunday 10.00am

Dunmore - Sunday 11.00am

**St. John's Parish, St. Mary's Parish, St. Patrick's Parish, St. Canice's Parish
together form the Kilkenny City Pastoral Area**

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - 19th January 2025

Church Unity Week 2025

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is from the 18th to 25th January – the octave of St. Peter and St. Paul – and we are reminded annually of Jesus' prayer for his disciples that "they may be one so that the world may believe" (John 17.21).

The theme for this year's week of prayer is 'Do you Believe This?' The theme, prepared by an ecumenical community at Bose in Northern Italy, reflect on the story of Martha's confession of faith in Jesus as narrated in John 11:17-27. Each one of us is called to sit with Jesus' provocative question to Martha: "Do you believe this?"

Bishop Coll will visit St Canice's Cathedral to preach at their Sunday Eucharist.

Catholic Schools Week 2025 – Alive in Christ

Sunday, 19th January, marks the beginning of Catholic Schools Week 2025. The theme for Catholic Schools Week this year is: *Alive in Christ*. The theme is taken from Pope Francis who reminds us in *Christus Vivit*: "Christ is alive and he wants you to be alive!"

This week we celebrate the unique contribution that Catholic schools make to our parishes and acknowledges the work of Boards of Management, teachers, staff, parents and pupils of our schools. We look forward to welcoming the pupils and staff of St. John's Senior School to our 10.30am Mass at St. John's Church on Monday. The Senior School will also have a Grandparent's day on next Friday morning where all grandparents are invited to the school at 11.15am for tea and scones and to share with the young people.

We also welcome the children preparing for First Holy Communion from the Junior School to our 10.30am Mass next Tuesday at 10.30am.

A Prayer for Catholic Schools

Almighty God, You sent forth your Son as a beacon of hope for all people. As a teacher, he has given us the prime example of the importance of education. As disciples, we look to him for inspiration and strength.

Thank you for the many people who have dedicated their lives in service to our Catholic Schools.

Our teachers and Boards of Management who sustain our schools.

Our parents who have given support and witness to the importance of Catholic education.

Our students who work hard to further their education.

Bless all our Catholic Schools and the many people who advance our mission.

May our schools be a home for those who seek to grow in openness, faith, love, intellect and commitment to justice. In your name, we pray. Amen.

Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

Recently Deceased:

Tadhg Fitzgerald, Rioch Terrace. Requiem Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral at noon on Monday.
 Eugene Walsh, Tullaroan Br Killian O'Sullivan, De La Salle Brothers
 Fr Raymond Liddane, Waterford Patrick Morrissey, Rioch Street
 Elma Cronin, Cork Phil Larkin, Upper Patrick Street
 Gary Lynch, Wellington Square Sarah McCauley, Leixlip
 Davy Ryan, Lord Edward Street

Months Mind: Helen Butler (6.00pm) Mary Kiely (7.00pm).

Anniversaries: Mary Lahert; Maura & Tommy Anderson (6.00pm); Patrick & Catherine Guidera; Teresa (Tess) Hillman (11.30am); Eoghan Moran (7.00pm); Mary & Kevin Fanning; Brendan O'Brien; Carmel Maher; Eamon Goulding; Joe Doherty; Nelly Donnelly; Margaret & Patrick Doran; Catherine & Michael Delaney; Maureen Fitzgerald; Ann Hawe; Bernadette Egan; Christy Slattery.

*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 Billy Phelan
 10.00am Teresa Dowling
 11.00am Christy Murray & Maise Powell
 11.30am Paula Rogers & James Connolly
 7.00pm Anne Marie Grace



Attendance/Collections Last Weekend

Envelope Collection:		€2,635.00	
Mass	Attendance	Baskets	
6.00pm St. John's	136	368.00	
8.00am St. John's	76	341.00	
10.00am Johnswell	42	208.00	
11.00am Dunmore	111	294.00	
11.30am St. John's	221	638.00	
7.00pm St. John's	118	399.00	
	704	€2,248.00	

Leaving Cert Irish Oral Exam Workshop 2025

A three-part Leaving Cert Irish Oral Workshop which will cover all elements of the Leaving Cert Irish Oral examination will take place in Johnswell Community Hall on the following dates: 8th, 15th and 22nd of March. These workshops will provide an opportunity for students to learn, prepare and practice for their upcoming Leaving Cert Irish Oral Exam. To book or for further information please contact tobarnageailge@yahoo.com or 087 667 3302 (Maria Ní Thuama).

Alliance Française

The Alliance Française in Kilkenny in Kilkenny are starting their French classes again, with enrolment on Tuesday, 21st January from 7.00pm in the Club House Hotel (where the classes will be run). So, if you are a beginner and want to know what do you say after you say "Bonjour", or you want to revive your school French, or get better value from your French holiday or are good at French but just need a chance to practice it and build on that, well, there are classes for all levels. There are also classes for Leaving and Junior Cert students. The teachers are native French but very patient with the struggling Irish. And you get an appreciation of French culture in the Cultural Evenings each month, and you can watch a carefully chosen French film each month in the Watergate Theatre. So discover some *Joie de Vive* at the Alliance Française. See www.afkilkenny.org for more details.

South Kilkenny Historical Society Lecture

Title: Some Interesting South Kilkenny lives. Speaker: Donal Cadogan. Date: Friday, 31st January 2025. Time: 8.00pm. Venue: Mullinavat Parish Hall (opposite St. Beacon's Church).

Mass Intentions for Week Beginning - 20th January

Tuesday:	10.30am	Special Intention
Thursday:	10.30am	Maureen Fitzgerald
Friday:	10.30am	Ann Hawe
Saturday:	10.30am	Bernadette Egan
	6.00pm	Christy Slattery
		Richard (Dick) O'Shea
		Billy Malone; Richard Grace
		MM Maurice Ryan
Sunday:	8.00am	Frank Walsh
	10.00am	Nancy Comerford
	11.00am	Claire & John Irwin
		Renee & Jarlath Walshe
	11.30am	Dick Brennan; Margaret Murray
		Johanna McEaney
	7.00pm	Patrick & Hugh Meany
		Ann, Michael, Bridget & Michael Jnr O'Connor

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

Jubilee Year 2025 - 'Pilgrims of Hope'

As we celebrate Jubilee Year 2025 on the theme, *Pilgrims of Hope*, Bishop Niall Coll, Bishop of Ossory, published five points on 'Hope'. In his message Bishop Coll said, "We may ask what is the 'hope' that Pope Francis calls us to, in other words what might it look like in the concrete circumstances of our own lives:

- Hope looks like forgiving when you want to stay angry. It looks like being kind to someone who doesn't deserve it, because you believe they can change.
- Hope looks like standing up for what is right, even when it costs you, because you believe justice matters.
- Hope is getting out of bed in the morning when you're struggling and depressed and uncertain – believing – just maybe – that today might bring something new.
- Hope looks like parents raising children in a digital world, helping them to understand that their value goes beyond screens, and teaching them to find their identity in something deeper than "likes" and "comments" on social media.
- Hope looks like peacemakers who refuse to give up on reconciliation ... and so much more."

Bishop Coll said "As we journey through this Jubilee Year, I invite both you and those rather weathered friends of mine that I mentioned to embrace the hope that does not disappoint. Let hope inspire us to deepen our faith, to act with love, and to become beacons of hope in our homes, parishes and wider communities. In doing so, we fulfil the very essence of our calling as 'Pilgrims of Hope' bringing light to the world and drawing closer to the heart of Christ. Truly the work of the Lord's disciples!"

St. Brigid's Cross Workshop

Making a St. Brigid's Cross Workshop for adults takes place in Loughboy Library on Wednesday, 29th January from 2.00pm - 4.00pm. Learn to make the St. Brigid's Cross with craft expert Monica Fleming. Using locally sourced rushes, various regional cross designs will be created.

You will also learn about similar traditions, crafts and crosses from Europe. Places are limited. Phone 056 779 4176 or email loughboy@kilkennylibrary.ie to book.

