

### Kilkenny Sub Aqua Club

This local club will hold a church gate collection in Kilkenny this weekend Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> January. Please support.

### 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.

### 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 31<sup>st</sup> January, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> February at 8.00pm. Doors at 7.00pm. Admission €10

### St. Brigid's Cross Workshop

Making a St. Brigid's Cross Workshop for adults takes place in Loughboy Library on Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:loughboy@kilkennylibrary.ie) to book.

### Kilkenny Stroke Support Group

The Kilkenny Stroke Support group meet on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January from 2.30pm to 4.00pm at Tuiscint Day Services meeting room, St Canice's R95 P231. For further details contact Lynda on 085 733 1522.

### Eucharistic Procession Derry

A bus is running to the Eucharistic Procession in Derry on Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> February. Mass on route and visiting Sr Clare Crockett's grave. Leaving Askea Church Car Park, Carlow at 7.20am. For more details & bookings, phone Helena on 087 298 1506.

### South Kilkenny Historical Society Lecture

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

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### IF YOU HAVE A SAFEGUARDING CONCERN CONTACT

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### OUR PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES ARE:

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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.

**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**

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - 26<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

### Congratulations Monsignor Dan!

All in St John's congratulate Fr Dan on being conferred with the honour of Chaplain to His Holiness (Monsignor). We pray God's blessing upon Monsignor Dan in his ministry of service and leadership in the Parish of St John's and in the Diocese as Vicar General. Bishop Niall Coll celebrated the Vigil Mass last Saturday evening and announced the good news.

### Day for Consecrated Life 2025

Bishop Niall will celebrate the Eucharist with religious, people and priests of the diocese on Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> January in St Fiacre's Church, Loughboy, at 1.00pm as the Diocese gathers to celebrate the World Day for Consecrated Life 2025 incorporating the Jubilee Year of Hope. Our gathering will provide an opportunity for bishop, priests and people, to express our appreciation for the wonderful contribution religious women and men have made, continue to make, and indeed, will make in our Diocese in the years ahead. All are welcome to come and join in our appreciation.

### Word of God Sunday

The Third Sunday of Ordinary Time is the 'Sunday of the Word of God'. Instituted by Pope Francis on the Feast of Saint Jerome in 2019, he wrote: *Devoting a specific Sunday of the liturgical year to the Word of God can enable the Church to experience anew how the risen Lord opens up for us the treasury of his word and enables us to proclaim its unfathomable riches before the world.*

Pope Francis has chosen the theme for this year from the words of the Psalmist, "I hope in your Word" (Ps. 119:74). It is a cry of hope: man, in a moment of anguish, tribulation, and confusion, cries out to God and puts all his hope in him.

The Sunday of the Word of God once again allows Christians to hear the invitation from Jesus to listen to and cherish his Word in order to offer the world a witness of hope that allows us to move beyond the difficulties of the present moment.

### First class relic of St. Brigid for St. Brigid's Day Service

A first-class relic of St. Brigid will be available for this year's feast of St. Brigid. The annual St. Brigid's Day service will take place on Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> January in St Fiacre's Church, Loughboy at 7.30pm. Water from the well of St. Brigid in Kildare and blessed red flannel will be available on the night. The service will be led by Fr. Willie Purcell and the Kilkenny Gospel Choir. All welcome.

## Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

### Recently Deceased:

Karl Kleist, Belfast  
Tom Brennan, Parliament Street  
Kevin Óg O'Shea, Kerry

Kathleen Dunphy, Connolly Street  
Pawel Górnicki, Kells Road  
Benny Meaney, Inistioige

**Months Mind:** Maurice Ryan (6.00pm)

Rose Finnegan, (Friday, 31<sup>st</sup>)

**Anniversaries:** Richard Grace; Richard (Dick) O'Shea; Billy Malone (6.00pm); Frank Walsh; Lil Redmond (8.00am); Nancy Comerford (10.00am); Claire & John Irwin; Renee & Jarlath Walshe (11.00am); Dick Brennan; Margaret Murray; Johanna McEneaney (11.30am); Patrick & Hugh Meany; Ann, Michael, Bridget & Michael Jnr. O'Connor (7.00pm); Michael Cody; Tess Ward; Sheila Hamilton; Paddy & Mollie Kelly; Maura Shortall; Fr Larry Foley; Catherine & Margaret Cassin; Mary Hackett; Arthur Connick; John & Ellen Ryan; Christine Lenehan; Mike Melican.

*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 Máirín Bergin  
8.00am Niamh Carroll  
10.00am Seán Colgan  
11.00am Jim Kavanagh & Claire Hanrick  
11.30am Mary Hanafin & Mary Lynch  
7.00pm Joan Galwey



### Attendance/Collections Last Weekend

Envelope Collection:		€2,636.00	
Mass	Attendance	Baskets	
6.00pm St. John's	238	634.00	
8.00am St. John's	69	362.00	
10.00am Johnswell	45	187.00	
11.00am Dunmore	52	139.00	
11.30am St. John's	164	450.00	
7.00pm St. John's	148	380.00	
	716	€2,152.00	

### First Confession and First Holy Communion

It's a great pleasure to welcome to Mass this weekend the children who are preparing to celebrate the Sacraments of Confession (Reconciliation) and Holy Communion for the first-time in May. We welcome also their parents and family members. The special Masses will be at St. John's Church at 6.00pm on Saturday and at Johnswell Church at 10.00am on Sunday.

### "Listening to the Voices of Women in the Bible"

This Conference will be on 15<sup>th</sup> February in The Pembroke Hotel, Patrick Street, Kilkenny from 10.00am to 4.30pm. The speaker is Dr. Gráinne Doherty and the cost is €20 (includes tea/coffee) pay on the door. Booking essential: Contact Sara or Catherina @ 056 772 2870 from 9.00am to 4.30pm Monday to Friday or e-mail regionaloffice@ssjg.ie before 11<sup>th</sup> February 2025.

### Ossory Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2025

19<sup>th</sup> May – 24<sup>th</sup> May 2025 | 5 nights direct from Cork Airport. Booking; www.joewalshstours.ie - info@joewalshstours.ie. Telephone: 01 241 0800 (ask for Martin Culleton). Prices per person sharing: Hotel Agena €949, Hotel La Solitude or Hotel Padoue €995. Cost to include: - Bus from Castlecomer or Loughboy Shopping Centre, Kilkenny to and from the airport • direct return flight from Cork to Lourdes • airport taxes. Transfers between Lourdes airport and your hotel • 5nights accommodation • full board: breakfast, lunch and dinner each day • 20kg check-in luggage + 1 very small cabin bag • full services of Joe Walsh tour assistants • full religious programme optional (not included) • single room supplement: €39 per night in Agena, €42 per night in Padoue and Solitude • pilgrimage travel insurance: €45 per person up to 79 years; €65per person 80-94 years. Booking procedure for special assisted/sick section: contact Fr. Anthony O'Connor 087 251 7766.

### Mass Intentions for Week Beginning - 27th January

Monday	10.30am;	Maura Shortall
Tuesday:	10.30am	Fr Larry Foley Catherine & Margaret Cassin
Wednesday	8.00am	Mary Hackett
Friday:	10.30am	<b>MM</b> Rose Finnegan
Saturday:	6.00pm	Rose Phelan
Sunday:	10.00am	Catherine & Louis Brennan
	11.30am	Philip, Mary, Dan & Bridget Cahill
	7.00pm	<b>MM</b> Theresa Mahony Claire Beale

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.

### Side by Side Club - 50 Years!

The Side by Side Club is celebrating 50 years of the Club this year. To mark this special occasion the Club would like to invite current and previous members and their families to join them for Mass and refreshments in the St. John's Parish Day Centre on Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> February at 2.00pm. All are very welcome.

### Opening the Bible

*Opening the Bible* is a free six-part video introduction to the Bible for those interested in Scripture and those unsure where to begin. This should be an excellent opportunity for those who wish to explore God's Word in the Scriptures. Available from 26<sup>th</sup> January at: www.tarsusscriptureschool.ie

### Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2025,

This year's theme is "Do you believe this?" (John 11:26). At least once a year, Christians come together to pray for their unity. During Christian Unity Week we are reminded of Jesus' prayer for his disciples that "they may be one so that the world may believe" (John 17.21). Congregations and parishes all over the world exchange preachers or arrange special ecumenical celebrations and prayer services. Bishop Niall Coll, Bishop of Ossory, was delighted to be the preacher at the Eucharist in St Canice's Church of Ireland Cathedral in Kilkenny on Sunday last as part of the special week of observance of our ecumenical bonds. The material for the 2025 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity was prepared by the community of Bose, an ecumenical monastery of brothers and sisters in northern Italy. The theme chosen is the Nicene Creed, celebrating its 1,700 anniversary. The prayers and reflections, prepared by the Bose community, will be part of an Ecumenical Service to be held in Laccab Church, Camross, Co Laois R32 VW57 on Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February at 3.00pm. Fr. Brian Griffin is one of the organisers and he hopes to have representatives from different Christian denominations in attendance. All are welcome as we gather to pray and reflect with our Christian brothers and sisters. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

### The Creed is 1700 year old

The Creed that we say almost every Sunday is 1700 years old this year. It was written at the Council of Nicea which took place in 325AD. The Roman Emperor Constantine called together over 300 bishops and after their meeting an agreed text was issued for the whole Church. This creed was based on earlier creeds and confirmed Jesus as 'Light from light, true God from true God', that Jesus was 'begotten, not made' and that Jesus is 'of one substance with the Father'. Pope Francis has expressed his wish to travel to Iznik, Turkey, the site of the ancient city of Nicea to celebrate the anniversary. In celebrating the anniversary Pope Francis hopes that it can help Christians today put Christ back at the centre of their lives.