

### Rosary for Lent

The Rosary is recited at 10.10am every weekday morning in St. John's Church and by the Medjugorje Youth Group at 7.00pm on Fridays.

### Petitions for Lourdes Grotto

On Easter Sunday morning Fr. Dan will travel to Lourdes with the Irish Pilgrimage Trust providing a pilgrimage/holiday for young people with additional needs. If you would like us to place a petition at the Lourdes Grotto please place it in a sealed envelope marked "Lourdes Petition" and leave it into the Parish Office at your convenience. Petitions will not be opened but placed at Our Lady's Statue. Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Bernadette, pray for us.

### St Canice's Parish Homes, Troys Court

Our Church Gate Collection takes place across the City outside all churches on 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> April. If you're available to volunteer during the collection, your help would be greatly appreciated. To volunteer or for more information please contact Frances 086 792 7408.

### Meals on Wheels

Volunteers needed - Can you spare approximately 1 hour per week? The "Meals on Wheels" service needs new volunteers to deliver meals around Kilkenny City. Must be a car driver. To join our team, please ring the Kilkenny Social Services on 056 772 1685.

### The Eucharist – An Online Course

The Eucharist is at the heart of Catholic life. This online course will explore the meaning of the Eucharist, and explore themes of Real Presence, the Eucharist as Sacrifice, and the connection between Eucharist and justice.

This course provides guided discussion around articles by a variety of authors, excerpts from key Church documents, and poems. Attention is given to parents handing on the faith, praying the liturgy of the Eucharist, and a brief look at the translation of the Roman Missal.

The course, given by Boston College begins on 16<sup>th</sup> April. Registration and more information by scanning the QR Code to the right:



### Retreat and Ministry of Healing

Retreat and Ministry of Healing at St. Mary's Church Irishtown, Clonmel, E91 FD28 on Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> April and Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> April. Led by international priest Fr. Roza Palić. For further information please contact Patricia 089 946 6193 or Imelda 089 955 8283.

### Kilkenny Bereavement Support

Kilkenny Bereavement Support Service provides free one to one support to bereaved people. Contact 086 067 0566 to make an enquiry.

### Lenten Alms

The annual Lenten Alms collection for Papal charities will be taken up next weekend.

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**Email:** stjohns@ossory.ie **Website:** www.stjohnskilkenny.com

**Office:** 056 772 1072; **Secretary:** Áine Butler; **Office Hours:** Mon-Fri 9.30 a.m. - 2.00 p.m.

**Newsletter Deadline:** Thursdays 12.00 noon

**SVP Help Line:** 086 895 1239

Monsignor Dan Carroll: 087 907 7769. Fr Raymond Dempsey: 089 497 1924.

Monsignor Michael Ryan (Retired)

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

**Mary Brennan; Jo Browne; Alan Burke; Fr Dan Carroll; Claire Coogan;  
Fr Raymond Dempsey; Luke Leydon; Paddy Manning; 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:

Brenda Whitely; Marian Eardly.

### Counselling Services - Towards Healing Confidential Helpline

1800 313 316 - www.towardshealing.ie

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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.

**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**

### Fifth Sunday of Lent - 6<sup>th</sup> April 2025

### Points to Ponder on Today's Gospel

In this Sunday's Gospel story the men who brought the woman to Jesus saw her only in terms of her immediate past, while being blind to their own past. Jesus' way of looking at her was very different; he saw the whole picture of her life, not just one little bit of it. Seeing the whole picture of her life, he also saw that she had a future as well as a past, a future that those who brought her to him would have denied her.

When the Lord looks at us, he sees the whole picture too; he does not become obsessed with one or two dark details of the picture. The Lord is attentive to the full story of our lives not just to a couple of lines of that story. He also knows that the story of our lives is always an unfinished story. It is the Lord himself who will endeavour to write the final chapter of that story when, in the words of Paul's letter to the Philippians, he will come from heaven to transfigure our lowly bodies into copies of his own glorious body. Speaking through the Prophet Jeremiah, the Lord says, 'I know the plans I have for you, the plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future full of hope.'

The Lord offered the woman, and offers all of us a future full of hope.' He can offer us such a future because, again in the words of Paul his power at work within is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine.'

### Streets of Kilkenny 5k Road Race (Road Closures) - 17/04/2024

St. John's Parish has been informed that many streets in the vicinity of St. John's Church will be closed with permission from Kilkenny County Council and the Gardai from 6.45pm to 9.30pm on Holy Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> April 2025 to facilitate a road race organised by Kilkenny City Harriers.

St. Francis Bridge, CAS Link Road, Castlecomer New Road, Hebron Road Roundabout and John's Street will be closed to traffic, effectively restricting traffic on Michael Street, Maudlin Street, Wolf Tone Street, Ballybought Street and the Hebron Road. Carparks regularly used by church goers at John's Green, Wolf Tone Street and the Carnegie Library will also be closed. Regretfully, this means the only vehicular access to St. John's Church for the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday evening will be via O'Loughlin Road and the Dublin Road from the Ring Road Roundabout.

Parishioners are asked to note these prohibitions when planning your journey to St. John's Church for the Mass of the Lord's Supper - one of the most important celebrations in the Catholic calendar. Please leave home in plenty of time and be prepared to walk some distance to church.

## Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

### Recently Deceased:

Cathy Dunne, Castlecomer Road  
Una Brennan, Castlecomer  
Greg Blanchfield, Larchfield  
Paddy Delahanty, Deerpark

Sr. Anne Tunstan, Newbridge  
Robert Shore, Castlecomer  
Mary McDonagh, Chicago  
John Phelan, Pearse Street  
Kate Drea, Bennettsbridge

**Anniversaries:** Fintan Ryan; Michael Long; Tony Feighery (6.00pm); Bob & Patricia Quigley (8.00am); Josie & Martin Manning (10.00am); Martin Ryan; Dick & Brigid O'Connell; Special Intention) (11.30am); John P. & Eily Francis; Thomas & Mary Dowling; Rosemary Maher; Sheila Delaney; Patrick Coleman; Paddy Cahill; Edward Prendergast; Peter Long Snr.

*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 To be Arranged  
8.00am To be Arranged  
10.00am Elaine Bennett  
11.00am Bernard O'Gorman & John McGourty  
11.30am To be Arranged  
7.00pm To be Arranged



### Attendance/Collections Last Weekend

Envelope Collection:	€2,730.00
<small>Mass</small>	<small>Attendance</small>
6.00pm St. John's	156
8.00am St. John's	70
10.00am Johnswell	35
11.00am Dunmore	91
11.30am St. John's	130
7.00pm St. John's	166
	648
	€2,021.00

### Taizé Chant Choir

A Taizé Chant Choir is forming to take part in the Annual Diocesan Good Friday Walk and Prayer Service, led by Bishop Niall. If you are drawn to the prayer, spirituality and music of Taizé, we invite you to join us for our rehearsal and workshop on Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm in St. Fiacre's Church, Loughboy. Instrumentalists are also welcome. Come along and be part of this beautiful, meditative prayer through music and help create an atmosphere of prayer and reflection for our Diocesan Jubilee Year of Hope Good Friday Walk Prayer Service, theme: "The Cross, A Sign of Hope." No need to book just come along.

### Table Quiz

A Table Quiz in aid of the Irish Hospice Foundation Nurses for Night Care Service. Please support Martin O'Neill who takes on a 5-day cycle challenge from Munich to Milan – Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Lichenstein, Italy from the 20<sup>th</sup> June to 26<sup>th</sup> June to raise funds for this very worthy cause. A Table Quiz will take place in the Orchard House, New Orchard Road on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April at 8.30pm. Tables of 4 €40 - €10pp includes finger food. Total raised last year - €6,286.



### Family Carers Ireland

Are you caring for a spouse, partner, child, close relative or neighbour? Then you are a family carer! Become a member of Family Carers Ireland, the national charity supporting Ireland's 500,000+ family carers nationwide. Contact 057 93 70221 or familycarers.ie for information.

### The National Conference on Stroke

The National Conference on Stroke, organised by the South Tipperary Stroke Communication Group, will take place on Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> April at the Cashel Palace Hotel, Cashel. The Conference will run from 9.30am to 1.30pm, and will provide information on aphasia (difficulties with language post stroke), brain injury, rehabilitation, therapy and recovery, support for family and carers, risks and prevention and medical advances in the treatment of stroke. All welcome. Register on Eventbrite. Visit the following link; <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/national-stroke-conference-2025-cashel-co-tipperary-tickets>

## Mass Intentions for Week Beginning - 7th April

Monday:	8.00am	John P. & Eily Francis
Tuesday:	10.30am	Thomas & Mary Dowling
Friday:	10.30am	Rosemary Maher
Saturday:	6.00pm	Michael Kelly
		Christy Burke Jnr.
Sunday:	11.30am	Moria Lynam
		Louis Feeley (MM)
		Helen Frayne
	7.00pm	Bernadette Molloy

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](http://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

## Holy Week and Easter Ceremonies in Our Parish

<b>Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Morning Mass	10.30am (St. John's)
	Vigil of Passion Sunday	6.00pm (St. John's)
<b>Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Mass of Passion Sunday	8.00am and 11.30am (St. John's)
	Mass of Passion Sunday	10.00am (Johnswell)
	Mass of Passion Sunday	11.00am (Dunmore)
	Mass of Passion Sunday	7.00pm (St. John's)
<b>Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Morning Mass	8.00am and 10.30am (St. John's)
<b>Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Morning Mass	8.00am and 10.30am (St. John's)
<b>Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Morning Mass	8.00am and 10.30am (St. John's)
	Adoration	11.00am (St. John's)
	Mass of Chrism	7.30pm (St. Mary's Cathedral)
<b>Holy Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Morning Prayer	10.30am (St. John's)
	Mass of the Lord's Supper	7.30pm (St. John's)
<b>Good Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Morning Prayer	10.30am (St. John's)
	Stations of the Cross	12 noon (St. John's)
	The Lord's Passion	3.00pm (St. John's)
	Walk the Way of the Cross	7.00pm (St. John's to Cap. Friary) Stations of the Cross
		7.30pm (Dunmore and Johnswell)
<b>Holy Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Morning Prayer	10.30am (St John's)
	Solemn Easter Vigil	9.00pm (St John's)

## Priests available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation after all of the above services

<b>Easter Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Mass	8.00am, 11.30am (St John's)
	Mass	10.00am (Johnswell)
	Mass	11.00am (Dunmore)
	Mass	7.00pm (St. John's)
<b>Easter Week, 21<sup>st</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup></b>	Mass	10.30am (St. John's)

We invite you to join with neighbours and friends to celebrate the events of Holy Week and Easter in St. John's Parish.