

Preparation for Marriage Courses

Preparing for Marriage? Weekend residential courses are available on 23rd - 25th May and 19th -21st September 2025. Details on grasta.org or at info@grasta.org. Our Grásta Preparation for Marriage Courses consist of a residential weekend course, away from the hustle and bustle of everyday life, for couples to focus on their relationship and what is important for them as a couple planning their married life together.

Filipino Community in Kilkenny

At St. John's Parish we are delighted to facilitate and welcome the members of the Filipino Community in Kilkenny to a monthly Mass and Feast in our parish. From this Easter Sunday Mass will be at St. John's Church at 3.00pm on the third Sunday of every month. All welcome.

March for Life, Dublin

The Annual March For Life organised by the Pro Life Campaign is happening on the Bank Holiday Monday, 5th of May in Dublin to draw attention to the rapidly increasing abortion rates in Ireland and call for support for pregnant women and their babies. The event will be suitable for families and have excellent speakers. Join us in standing up for mothers and their unborn babies! Book your bus seat travelling from Kilkenny. Call Teresa @ 086 392 5628.

Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration

To mark the Feast of Divine Mercy on next Sunday, 27th April: 2.30pm Rosary; 3.00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet; 2.30pm - 3.30pm Confession; 3.30pm Celebration of the Eucharist, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Eucharistic Procession and Benediction. Divine Mercy Triduum: In preparation for the feast of Divine Mercy, the Divine Mercy Prayer will be recited at the 10.30am Masses on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 24th, 25th and 26th April. All are welcome.

KATS Theatre Group

KATS Theatre Group is hosting a "May Day" Poetry Night in Cleere's Theatre, Parliament Street, Kilkenny on 1st May at 7.30pm for National Poetry Day. It is a free event and open to all. If you would like to participate and read on the night, email kats theatregroup@gmail.com.

Kilkenny Writers Anonymous

To mark Poetry Day Kilkenny Writers Anonymous will host a public reading of their original work in The Mayfair Library from 6.00pm - 7.00pm on Thursday, 1st May, on the theme 'May Day'. No booking is required. All are welcome to come along and enjoy a very creative evening.

Happy Easter to All!

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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.

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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.

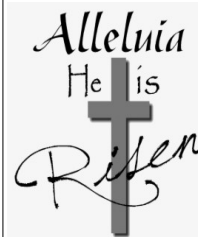
Johnswell - Sunday 10.00am

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**

Easter Day of the Lord's Resurrection - 20th April 2025

We are an Easter People!



Today, Easter Sunday, the feast of the Resurrection, gives us the joyful message that we are a 'Resurrection people'. "*We are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song!*" St. Pope John Paul II.

Today, the day of New Life, invites us to remember Easter in our Good Fridays. Easter reminds us that every Good Friday in our lives will have an Easter Sunday, and that Jesus will let us share the power of his Resurrection. Each time we show love we share in the Resurrection.

Each time, with God's grace, we forgive we share in the Resurrection of Jesus. Each time we continue to hope - even when our hope seems unanswered - we share in the power of Jesus' Resurrection.

The message of Easter is that nothing can destroy us - not pain, sin, rejection, betrayal or death - because Christ has conquered all these, and we, too, can conquer them through Christ.

Easter Pilgrimage

Fr. Dan, and some others from our parish will spend the next six days in Lourdes with the Irish Pilgrimage Trust. The IPT is a volunteer led charity which, for over fifty years, takes young people with special needs from all over Ireland to Lourdes at Easter. Visit www.irishpilgrimagestrust.com for more information.

One of the highlights of the week in Lourdes is the Mass with 1,000 Irish pilgrims which takes place on Tuesday at 9.00am Irish time. You can join in the Mass by visiting www.irishpilgrimagestrust.com. We will also gather with pilgrims from all over the world for the International Mass at 9.00am Irish time on Thursday morning. This celebration will also be available on our website - please join with us. Thanks to all who supported our fundraising in any way. Be assured of our prayers for you and your families at the Grotto.

Thank You!

We thank all who attended the Holy Week liturgies, all who helped prepare and organise the ceremonies. Thank you to the sacristans, choirs, musicians, readers, Eucharistic ministers, ushers, parish secretary and all who helped decorate our church so that it might reflect the hope and light of the Resurrection.

Throughout the year a lot of people help out and support the parish in many different ways. To all who help in the various ministries, to all who help run or organise the various parish activities and to all who help, support or participate in the life of the parish in any way at all we say a sincere word of thanks. Your commitment makes St. John's Parish very special for us all.

Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

Recently Deceased:

Sheila Gaule, Assumption Place
Margaret Devane, St Fiacre's Place
Eileen Casey, Longford

Fr John Hennebry, O.S.A. Tramore & Dublin
Pat Walsh, St Fiacre's Place

Anniversaries: Lena O'Keeffe (10.00am); Peggy Tynan (11.00am); Catherine Kavanagh (11.30am); John Byrne; Fr Tom Cassin; Ellen Cassin; Catherine Foley; James Clutterbuck; Fr. Michael Drennan; Emily Wilson; Brenda McGuinness; Tommy Holohan; John & Kitty Cleere; Paddy, Billy & Ger Cleere; Elizabeth Hanlon; Mary Crotty; Dick & Annie Burke; Noel & Maura Fry; Sarah Mahoney;

*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 Mairin Bergin
8.00am Pdraig O'Neill
10.00am Eve Brennan & Anna Ryan
11.00am Fiona McGeary & Anne Marie Ryan
11.30am Paula Rogers & James Connolly
7.00pm Eileen Kinane



Attendance/Collections Last Weekend

Envelope Collection:		€1,462.00
	<u>Mass</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
6.00pm St. John's	162	158.00
8.00am St. John's	89	226.00
10.00am Johnswell	73	102.00
11.00am Dunmore	71	107.00
11.30am St. John's	217	436.00
7.00pm St. John's	<u>126</u>	<u>225.00</u>
	738	€1,254.00

No 8.00am Mass from Monday to Saturday during the coming week!

Johnswell Bake Sale

Johnswell Youth Club have a team in the Relay for Life. To raise funds for local cancer charities, they are having a bake sale after Easter Sunday Mass in Johnswell, please come and support them.

Priests' Easter Collection

The Easter Collection for the priests of the parish and the bishop is taken up at about this time. You will find special envelopes in your envelope contribution pack which you received earlier in the year. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to contribute but don't have envelopes. Your generosity is appreciated. Thank you.

Lenten Alms Collection - Thank You

The annual Lenten Alms Collection taken up last weekend was €1,660. This collection has been forwarded and goes towards various charities nominated by the Pope.

Trócaire Family Fast Boxes

It is time to return your Lenten Family Fast Box. Please remember to return your Trócaire envelopes or box to the Church as soon as possible and we will forward the money to Trócaire.

Ossory Times

Ossory Times, our quarterly diocesan magazine is available at the doors of the churches. As usual the colourful and informative Easter edition is full of interesting stories from around the Diocese of Ossory. Cost: €2.

South Kilkenny Historical Society Lecture

Bridget Aylward, Queen of Alaska: South Kilkenny Connections. Speaker: Bridie Kineavy. Date: Friday, 25th April. Time: 8.00pm. Venue: Mullinavat Parish Hall.

Mass Intentions for Week Beginning - 21st April

Monday:	10.30am	Fr. Michael Drennan
Tuesday:	10.30am	John Byrne
Thursday:	10.30am	Fr Tom Cassin, Ellen Cassin, Catherine Foley, James Clutterbuck, Emily Wilson
Saturday:	10.30am 6.00pm	Brenda McGuinness Molly Hennessy Liam Maher Tommy McMullan
Sunday:	10.00am 11.00am 11.30am 7.00pm	Martin & Margaret Hanlon Eamon Walsh Margaret Mags Smyth Mary Corr Special Intention

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

The Kilkenny Stroke Support Group

The Kilkenny Stroke Support Group meet next Friday, 25th April, 2.00 - 4.00pm, at the Tuiscint Day Services meeting room, at St Canice's Hospital Complex. Meetings are informative and social, open to stroke survivors and carers. For information call/text Lynda @ 085 733 1522.

Postgraduate Programmes

St Patrick's Pontifical University, Maynooth has a range of postgraduate programmes for those interested in Theology, Philosophy, Healthcare Chaplaincy and more. Visit their website for more details at www.sppu.ie/courses.

American Concert Recital - St Canice's Cathedral

Tuesday 22nd April at 1.00pm - Marblehead High School Touring Choir, Orchestra & Winds from Massachusetts. A programme of traditional American and Irish music for choir, string orchestra and wind quartet. Directors: Andrew Scoglio, Julie Frias & Rachel Michtom.
Saturday 26th April at 3.00pm - Millennium High School Wind Ensemble from Goodyear, Arizona. A wonderful selection of American, popular and traditional tunes for wind ensemble. Director: Brent Godbehere.

The resurrection is the greatest miracle of Christianity, and everything depends on it. (Saint Paul VI)

Easter proclaims that nothing is impossible with God and that His love can overcome all obstacles. (Saint Francis of Assisi)

Easter reminds us that God's love is stronger than any suffering or darkness we may encounter. (Saint Padre Pio)

Easter is not just a day to celebrate; it is a season to live with renewed faith and hope. (Saint John Chrysostom)

Tell us, Mary:

say what thou didst see upon the way.

*The tomb the Living did enclose;
I saw Christ's glory as he rose!
The angels there attesting;
shroud with grave-clothes resting.*

*Christ, my hope, has risen:
he goes before you into Galilee.*

*That Christ is truly risen
from the dead we know.
Victorious king, thy mercy show!*

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