

### An Exam Prayer

God stay close to me today,  
Guide my study and light my way.  
Ease my nerves and comfort me  
With peace and love so tenderly.  
May I remember the things I need  
And understand all I study and read.  
May I strive to give my best  
And do myself justice in each test.  
May the topics I know and like appear  
On the exam paper to lessen my fear.  
And during the moments I may feel stressed  
I'll try to remember the ways I'm blessed.  
And if there are times that I feel at sea,  
Help me to trust that you're here with me.  
  
Amen.

### Dates for Your Diary

**St. Kieran's Cemetery Mass**  
Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> June @ 7.30pm

**Dunmore and Johnswell**  
**Cemetery Masses**  
Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> July @ 7.30pm

**Parish Pilgrimage to Knock**  
Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> August. Fare: €25.  
Booking at the Parish Office

### Notice of Kilkenny Older Peoples Council - Annual General Meeting (AGM).

The AGM of Kilkenny Older Peoples Council will be held in the Rivercourt Hotel, John Street, Kilkenny on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2025, commencing with registration at 10.30am. The election of the new Executive Committee will also be held at this AGM.  
Older People from Kilkenny City and County are welcome to attend.  
RSVP [agefriendlykilkenny@kilkennycoco.ie](mailto:agefriendlykilkenny@kilkennycoco.ie) or 056 779 4289.

### Care for Our Common Home

In honour of the late Pope Francis and to mark the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of *Laudato Si'*: *On Care for Our Common Home* – his encyclical on the environment – the St. John's Parish Council has decided to establish an Eco Committee in our parish. An enthusiastic leader has been found, and we now appeal for a few more interested people to help advance the project.  
Under the guidance of the new committee, we hope to take an eco-approach to worship, lifestyle, property and finance management, community outreach and contact with the developing world.  
Please contact Áine in the Parish Office (056 772 1072) if you would like to get involved.

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**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](mailto:dlp@ossory.ie)

### OUR PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES ARE:

Brenda Whitely; Marian Eardly.

**Counselling Services - Towards Healing Confidential Helpline**  
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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**

### The Most Holy Trinity - 15<sup>th</sup> June 2025

### Day for Life 2025

### Hope Does Not Disappoint: Finding Meaning in Suffering

The 2025 'Day for Life' is celebrated by the Catholic Church in Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales on this Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> June, the feast of the Most Holy Trinity. The theme is: Hope does not disappoint: Finding meaning in suffering.

This annual day offers the faithful the opportunity to express our prayerful support for all human life from conception to natural end. This year's message is an invitation to pray for those who suffer and to remain with them like the Good Samaritan, bearing witness to their unique and unrepeatable value. In their Pastoral Message the Irish Catholic Bishops say:

*For as long as history has been written, the world has never been without struggle and suffering. Through the lens of television and social media, however, the suffering of the whole world appears on our personal devices.*

*Many of us find it hard to make sense of a world in which suffering seems to press down from every direction: pandemic; war; homelessness; violence in our streets, addiction. Then, often without warning, we find ourselves caught up in the struggle when serious illness comes into our own lives.*

*Suffering touches every person at some point in their lives. It is often associated with illness, grief, and loss. It is not only caused by physical pain but includes emotional suffering as well as 'soul pain', such as depression and despair. Christians are not immune to this mystery, and we often struggle to know how best to respond to it, and where we can find hope. 'Hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us' (Rom 5:5-6). Saint Paul invites us to see that Christian hope is not just naïve optimism but, rather, an unshakeable trust in the power and presence of God who is with us always. This hope can endure the darkness of human suffering and even see beyond it. That is because Christian hope is anchored in God who is Love and whose love reaches out to us and lifts us up day after day.*

*Care for the sick and suffering was central to the ministry of Jesus. Jesus told the parable of the Good Samaritan as a way of explaining what it means to be a "neighbour" to another person. The Good Samaritan is someone who sees and is moved to compassion (while others turn away), who draws close, who "binds up wounds", who accompanies the person in need, and who continues to care for as long as it is needed.*

The full Day for Life 2025 Pastoral Message and other prayer resources are available at [councilforlife.ie](http://councilforlife.ie)

### Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

**Recently Deceased:** Melissa Bergin, De La Salle Place, Funeral Prayers on Sunday at 6.00pm in Johnstons Funeral Home. Requiem Mass on Monday at 10.30pm in St John's Church, interment in St Keirans Cemetery.

Mons. Kieron Kennedy, Freshford. Requiem Mass on Monday, at 12 noon in St. Mary's Cathedral, interment in Foulkstown Cemetery.

Tom Kinsella Ballasalla

Bernadette Wall, Walkin Street.

Lorelei Walsh, Shellumsrath

Marie Mulhall, Castlemartyr

Michael Fox, Kells Road

Terry O'Reilly, Waterford

Breda Conway, Dominic Street

**Months Mind:** Kathleen Price (6.00pm).

**Anniversaries:** Nicky & Daisy Purcell; Margaret & Pat Shortt (6.00pm); Joan Costigan (11.00am); Michael Brett; Patricia Cass; Aileen Moran (11.30am); Richard Bergin (7.00pm); Tom & Nancy Murphy; Mary Dermody; Jim Maher; May Bradley; Daniel Carroll; Joe & Imelda Heffernan; Bridget Culleton; Tim Hickey; Catherine Bergin.

*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 Ann Daly  
8.00am Billy Phelan  
10.00am Elaine Bennett  
11.00am Esther Comerford & Tom Comerford  
11.30am Anne Maria Walsh & Kay Purcell  
7.00pm Anne Maria Grace



#### Attendance/Collections Last Weekend

Envelope Collection: €1,475.00

Mass	Attendance	Baskets
6.00pm St. John's	90	159.00
8.00am St. John's	105	257.00
10.00am Johnswell	31	85.00
11.00am Dunmore	127	228.00
11.30am St. John's	180	359.00
7.00pm St. John's	127	265.00
	660	€1,353.00

#### Peter's Pence Collection

The annual Peter's Pence Collection for the Pope's charities will replace the second collection on this weekend. Please support the Church's work among the poor of the world.

#### Society of St Vincent De Paul Collection

The Monthly Collection for the local conference of the Society will take place next weekend 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> June. Contact the SVP in writing through the Parish Office or on 086 895 1239.

#### Eucharistic Adoration

You are cordially invited to join us in St Pauls Church, Lisduggan (X91 E167) for 40 Hours Adoration from 7.30pm on Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> June and ending with 11.30am Mass on Sunday.

#### Kilkenny Youth Orchestra - Midsummer's Day Concert in St John's Church

The Kilkenny Youth Orchestra is giving a free concert in St. John's Church next Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> June at 4.30pm. The hour of music includes Handel's 'Music for the Royal Fireworks', Mozart's Symphony K.95, and Rossini's Overture to 'La Gazza Ladra'. All are welcome.

#### St. Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund

This month's draw will take place on Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> June. Tickets are available from the Parish Office, or any of the priests. We encourage support for St. Mary's, our Diocesan Cathedral.

#### Fathers' Day

We give you thanks, Creator God,  
for the fathers in our lives.

We ask your blessings for them all.

Happy Fathers' Day to all the fathers in our parish. We pray that those still with us may have a very fulfilling day and we pray for eternal rest for those who have died.

### Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 16<sup>th</sup> June

Monday: 10.30am Requiem Mass for Melissa Bergin  
Tuesday: 10.30am Requiem Mass  
Wednesday: 10.30am May Bradley, Donegal  
Thursday: 10.30am Tom & Nancy Murphy  
Friday: 8.00am Special Intention  
Saturday: 4.00pm Kilkenny Youth Orchestra  
6.00pm Siobhan Hennessy  
Michael & Ann Smith  
Bridget, Tereance, Paschal, Joe, Jim Doherty

Sunday: 11.00am Mike Burke  
11.30am Paddy & Bridie McKillen

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

**May they 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

### Dunmore Church of the Most Holy Trinity

Mass-goers in Dunmore have special reason to celebrate this weekend as we celebrate the patronal feast of the local church. Dunmore church is dedicated to the Most Holy Trinity: God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Perhaps the feast of the Most Holy Trinity is a good day to announce impending repair work on the floor of the church at Dunmore. Builders are expected during the week to make good the damaged joists and floor boards. We apologise for any inconvenience and ask your patience and understanding as this necessary work is undertaken.

### Diocese of Ossory – Annual Corpus Christi Procession

Bishop Coll invites you to join him in the Annual Corpus Christi Procession on Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June gathering at 3.00pm at the Capuchin Friary. The procession will walk via James's Green and St. Mary's Cathedral for a time of prayer and reflection and will conclude at the Black Abbey Church with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. In this Jubilee Year of Hope, this is a special opportunity for our diocese to come together in public witness to the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Bishop Coll extends a special invitation to all children who received their First Communion and who were Confirmed this year. Let us walk together in faith.

#### Points to Ponder

The Trinity is not something that we can figure out with our reasoning, intellect or with our brain. We most certainly won't find the explanation to the Trinity by googling it! When we look at the news on our television or read the newspaper any day, we are often presented with news of violence, segregation and building walls. There is the reality of individuals and indeed come countries speaking about and defending their rights at the expense of dialogue and cooperation with other nations. People of different religions in the same country are often not only disagreeing with each other; they are actively fighting each other. Sadly, there is division where there could be unity, there is aggression where there could be understanding, and there is suspicion where there could be trust and mutual respect.

The Trinity offers us a model of sharing, belonging and community. It also challenges our individualism and our demand that our rights be met all the time. The Trinity asks to be mindful of our responsibilities to those around us in our families, our neighbourhood and our parish.

In the Christian tradition, when we begin our prayers, we do so by making the sign of the cross and calling on the power and presence of the Trinity. When we pray Glory be... we do the same. We deliberately and consciously ask the Trinity to be part of prayer and our daily life. Perhaps on the Feast of the Trinity we could say these prayers with power and let their meaning become part of us in a more intimate and personal way.