

Ordination to the Diaconate

We pray God's blessing and congratulations to Brother Bruno Mary Kelliher O.P. who was ordained a deacon at the 800 year old Black Abbey last weekend. Br. Bruno Mary grew up in St. Patrick's Parish, served Mass there and, following his graduation as an engineer, decided to follow the path to priesthood. We pray for Br. Bruno as he continues his studies to the priesthood in the Dominican Order.

St. John the Baptist

The feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist is celebrated on Tuesday. Jesus said of him "John was the greatest of the sons of men!" St. John is the Patron of our church at Johnswell.

Hope - for our Pilgrim Journey

The Priory Institute, Tallagh is holding a two-week on-line Summer School. It is reflective, informative and interactive and will run from 11th August. The course includes eight recorded presentations and two on-line zoom discussions and is very flexible as it is delivered entirely online. To find out more and register visit our website at prioryinstitute.com

Rosary at James' Green

The Rosary will be recited for the pro-life cause on Thursday, 26th June at the Statue of Our Lady of Kilkenny, St Jame's Green at 6.30pm. All welcome.



Peter's Pence Collection

The annual Peter's Pence Collection for the Pope's charities for the work among the poor of the world, took place last weekend. The collection raised €1,613.00. Thank you very much.

Society of St Vincent De Paul Collection

The Monthly Collection for the local conference of the Society will take place this weekend 21st and 22nd June. Contact SVP on 086 895 1239.

Newpark Community Field Day

The Newpark Residents' Association is holding the Annual Community Field Day from 1.30pm to 4.00pm on this Sunday, 22nd June on the Upper Green in Newpark. A great afternoon of fun and laughter promised. Open to all - come along and join the fun.

Dates for Your Diary

St. Kieran's Cemetery Mass

Friday, 27th June @ 7.30pm

Dunmore and Johnswell

Cemetery Masses

Friday, 4th July @ 7.30pm

Foulkstown Cemetery Mass

Thursday 31st July @ 7.30pm

Parish Pilgrimage to Knock

Thursday, 21st August. Fare: €25.

This pilgrimage is booking quickly at the Parish Office. Get your ticket while there is still room on the bus.

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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; Karna 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**

Feast of Corpus Christi - 22nd June 2025

Saint Kieran's Cemetery Mass - Next Friday, 27th June

The Annual Cemetery Mass in St. Kieran's Cemetery will be celebrated on next Friday, 27th June at 7.30pm. In the few days before the Mass there is more to be done to finish our preparations for this huge annual occasion during which we honour our beloved dead. Please inform family, neighbours and friends who may want to attend and also please continue to pray for fine and suitable weather.

All the Eucharistic Ministers assisting on the evening are in need of a volunteer to hold an umbrella (provided) - not for the rain, but to indicate the distribution points for Holy Communion. Please let Jane know in the sacristy if you are available and willing to help.

The annual Masses in Dunmore and Johnswell Cemeteries will be celebrated on the following Friday, 4th July at 7.30pm.

The Lake School

As we are welcoming a new era in St. John's Parish with the amalgamation of the schools, it is an opportunity to come together and celebrate St. John's Junior School - "The Lake School". The building and staff will be here in September under a new name, St. John's National School.

We are aware that many families have had 2 or 3 generations attend "the Lake". We would like to invite former pupils and families to visit on Wednesday, 25th June from 1.00pm - 3.00pm. There will be some music on the yard, an opportunity to visit the building, and share memories.

We will have some banners with the school name on display for photo opportunities. The parent group, which meets every Friday during term, is planning on doing a podcast about the school. If you are interested in sharing some memories of your time in the school please sign the podcast book and give your contact details and they will be in touch in September. Please spread the word to other past pupils. We are looking forward to seeing you.

Principal Ms Mary O'Neill Retires

Along with the celebrations in St. John's Junior School next week there is also sadness as the school principal Ms Mary O'Neill will be retiring from her position. Ms O'Neill has been principal in 'The Lake School' since October 2007 a total of 18 years. We are very grateful for Ms. O'Neill's years of dedicated service and the positive impact she has had on our school community, our parish and on the countless pupils and families whose lives she has enriched over the years. Thanks, Mary from the whole parish, for all you have done. Wishing you a happy and fulfilling retirement.

Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

Recently Deceased: Eddie Byrne, Larchfield. Requiem Mass at St. Fiacre's Church 12.00 noon on Monday. Interment in Foulkstown Cemetery.
Desi Kent, Kilmacow
Seamus Feehan, Millennium Court
Joan McAllister (nee Keyes), Dublin, late of Kilkenny
Noel Brett, Bishops Meadows

Mary 'Babsie' Campion, Kilderry
Willie Holohan, Castle Road
Alan Dooley, Loreto Park
Yevhenii Karban, Parc na Gowan
Tom Smith, Butts Green

Anniversaries: Siobhan Hennessy; Michael & Ann Smith; Bridget, Terence, Paschal, Joe & Jim Doherty (6.00pm); Mike Burke (11.00am); Paddy & Bridie McKillen (11.30am); Bridget Coyne; Mary Harris.

Readers for Next Weekend

6.00pm Bridget Ahearn
 8.00am Niamh Carroll
 10.00am Betsy Rice
 11.00am Fiona McGeary & Anne Marie Ryan
 11.30am Frank & Emily Bradley
 7.00pm Anne Maria Grace



Attendance/Collections Last Weekend

Envelope Collection:		€1,025.00
<u>Mass</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Baskets</u>
6.00pm St. John's	109	155.00
8.00am St. John's	91	263.00
10.00am Johnswell	36	96.00
11.00am Dunmore	93	116.00
11.30am St. John's	202	368.00
7.00pm St. John's	129	222.00
	660	€1,220.00

Johnswell National School - Principal Ms Geraldine Patterson Retires

Thank you to Ms Geraldine Patterson who will be retiring as Principal of Johnswell National School at the end of the school term. Ms Patterson taught in Johnswell for 32 years and was school principal for 8 of those years. Thank you, Geraldine, for your dedication and commitment to the role and your support of the parish and for all you did for so many pupils and families from the catchment area. We wish you all the best on your retirement from Johnswell N.S.

Diocesan Clerical Changes

On Friday evening, Bishop Niall announced personnel changes in the Diocese of Ossory. Affecting St. John's Parish will be the move of Fr. Raymond from ministry here to a position as Chaplain at St. Luke's Hospital. We wish Fr. Raymond all the best in his new ministry. Fr. Raymond will be replaced at St. John's by Fr. Tom O'Toole who is currently the Parish Priest at Glenmore in South Kilkenny. Many more priests are involved in the changes - see www.ossory.ie for the full list. Please pray for those involved and for the parishes in which they will serve. Pray also for more vocations to the priesthood in our diocese.

Dunmore Church of the Most Holy Trinity

Repair works on the floor of the church at Dunmore will continue into next week. Builders are making good the damaged joists and floor boards. We apologise for any inconvenience and ask your patience and understanding as this necessary work is undertaken.

Prayer for Good Humour by St. Thomas More • Feast: 22nd June

Grant me, O Lord, good digestion, and also something to digest.
 Grant me a healthy body, and the necessary good humour to maintain it.
 Grant me a simple soul that knows to treasure all that is good
 and that doesn't frighten easily at the sight of evil,
 but rather finds the means to put things back in their place.
 Give me a soul that knows not boredom, grumblings, sighs and laments,
 nor excess of stress, because of that obstructing thing called 'I'.
 Grant me, O Lord, a sense of good humour.
 Allow me the grace to be able to take a joke to discover in life a bit of joy,
 and to be able to share it with others. Amen.

Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 23rd June

Saturday: 6.00pm Breda Fogarty
 Denis Clowry
 Sunday: 10.00am Baby Bill Bennett
 11.30am Mary Connick
 Maud Nolan
 Kitty & Michael McCarthy

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

**May they rest in peace.
 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.

Weekdays

8.00am and 10.30am.

Saturdays

10.30am and 6.00pm.

Sundays

8.00am, 11.30am 7.00pm.

Holy Days

6.00pm (Eve)

Corpus Christ

Many people have memories of the Corpus Christ procession when the monstrance with the Blessed Sacrament was brought around the parish. All groups in the parish were represented. Children scattered petals before the Sacred Host and houses were decorated. The meaning of the feast was to bring the Lord into the streets of his people and to appreciate the gift he gives us of himself in the Eucharist. This procession still takes part in many places, especially in Europe. On Holy Thursday we also celebrate the Eucharist, but in another way, it is more of the sacrifice of Jesus on Calvary. We unite ourselves with his offering that brought him to death and look forward to the resurrection when the risen Lord will be present in many ways among people, including in the form and shape of bread and wine. On the feast of Corpus Christ, the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, the emphasis is more on gift than on sacrifice.

*Lord Jesus, we thank you for the gift of your Body and Blood, the Eucharist.
 May we always cherish this precious gift and be strengthened by it in our faith. Amen.*

Diocese of Ossory – Annual Corpus Christi Procession

Bishop Coll invites you to join him in the Annual Kilkenny Corpus Christi Procession on this Sunday, 22nd 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. Please note, children should be accompanied by an adult. Let us walk together in faith.

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and World Day of Prayer for Priests, 27th June A Prayer for Priests by St Thérèse of Lisieux

O Jesus, Eternal Priest,
 Keep your priests within the shelter of Your Sacred Heart, where none may touch them.
 Keep unstained their anointed hands, which daily touch Your Sacred Body.
 Keep unsullied their lips, daily purpled with your Precious Blood.
 Keep pure and unearthly their hearts, sealed with the sublime mark of the priesthood.
 Let Your holy love surround them and shield them from the world's contagion.
 Bless their labours with abundant fruit
 and may the souls to whom they minister be their joy and consolation here and in heaven
 their beautiful and everlasting crown. Amen.

“Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds that you plant.”

(Robert Louis Stevenson)