

Prayer For Going On Holiday

Heavenly Father,
please bless our holiday time.
Help our family to have patience and understanding.
Guide us to be mindful of this gift of time together.
Help us to make compromises when necessary and handle any chaos that comes our way with your love and grace.
Open our eyes to truly see the beauty of the memories we are creating.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Inner Healing Retreat Kilkenny

Faith Formation based on the teachings of the Catholic Church and Inner Healing and Adoration. Led by Fr. Prince Clarence S.J.

Date: Monday, 14th July 2025
Time: 6.00pm – 10.00pm

Confessions before Mass
Holy Mass and Adoration
Venue: St. Mary's Cathedral,
James's Street,

Contact: Catherine: 087 206 8338
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Email: ruachministry5@gmail.com

Fraochan Sunday on Tory Hill

Members of the South Kilkenny Historical Society will join locals and others, on Sunday, 13th July for the annual climb of Tory Hill on Fraochan Sunday. This ancient tradition pre-dates Christianity and is associated with the ancient festival of Lughanasa.
Due to the limited availability of parking and to assist those not familiar with the area, a meeting point has been arranged for 1.30pm at Mullinavat Church Car Park, where it is suggested that people would carpool if possible.

The Priory Institute

The two-week on-line Summer School is reflective, informative and interactive and will run from 11th August. The course includes eight recorded presentations and two on-line zoom discussions it is delivered entirely online. Find out more and register www.prioryinstitute.com.

Dates for Your Diary

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.

Address: St John's Presbytery, Dublin Road, Kilkenny. R95 ND2W

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
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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**

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 6th July 2025

Cmon the Cats!

All in St. John's Parish wish The Kilkenny Senior Hurling Team and their management team the very best as they face old rivals Tipperary on Sunday at 4.00pm in Croke Park in the All-Ireland Senior Hurling Championship Semi-Final. Likewise, we send our best wishes to our Senior County Camogie Panel and their management team as they also take on Tipperary in the All-Ireland Camogie quarter finals at 1.30pm in Croke Park.

To all who are travelling to match we hope you have a safe journey and an enjoyable day.



Well Done - Johnswell and Dunmore

Great numbers assembled in the Cemeteries at Johnswell and Dunmore on last Friday evening to honour and pray for their dead. Thank you for coming along. Great credit is deserved by all - young and old - who cleaned and decorated their family graves and those who look after the cemeteries in general. We thank the choirs, the sacristans, stewards, readers, Eucharistic ministers, servers, public address people and those who set up and assisted with the various parts of the liturgy. Thanks also to those who arranged and served the beautiful refreshments after the Masses.

Because of the uncertain weather Fr. Dan and the congregation at Dunmore moved into the church while Fr. Raymond, Fr. Michael and the braver people in Johnswell remained in the cemetery.

Eternal rest grant unto all our beloved dead. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Give Blood, Save a Life!

The Blood Transfusion Unit will visit O'Loughlin Gaels GAA Club on the following dates:

Monday, 7th to Thursday, 10th July

Monday, 14th and Tuesday, 15th July

3.45pm – 8.00pm each day. To book an appointment and check your eligibility Call 1800 222 111 or visit giveblood.ie

1 in 4 us will need a blood transfusion in our lifetime... and 1 blood donation can save 3 lives

Samaritans Shop Kilkenny

The Samaritans shop in St. Kieran's Street would welcome volunteers to help in the shop. If you have three hours a week to spare and would enjoy working in a shop environment, please contact Ann on 086 603 8985.

Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

Recently Deceased: Philomena Cooke, Cashel Downs. Reposing in Johnston's Funeral Home on Monday from 5.00pm to 7.00pm. Arriving on Tuesday at St. Senan's Church Kilmacow for Requiem Mass at 11.00am.

Rita Lacey, Keatingstown, Granges Road. Reposing at Hehir's Funeral Home from 4.30pm on Saturday. Requiem Mass at St. Canice's Church on Monday at 11.00am.

Goretti Trant, Limerick

Months Mind: Kitty Kearney (6.00pm).

Anniversaries: Tom Ryan (6.00pm); Aidan Kelly; Mick Butler (10.00am); Mary Carey (11.30am); Fr. Edmond Prendergast & Prendergast Family; Ger Maloney; Paddy Walsh; Mary Walsh Snr.; Joe Shortall; Bridget Ward; Bridie Walsh; Brigid Marrian; Sr Mairéad Murphy; Nicholas, Bridget & Jim Kavanagh.

Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us every day.

Readers for Next Weekend		Attendance/Collections Last Weekend		
6.00pm	Mary Lynch	Envelope Collection:	€800.00	
8.00am	Mary Elliott	<u>Mass</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Baskets</u>
10.00am	Teresa Dowling	6.00pm St. John's	96	195.00
11.00am	Eddie Holohan & Liz Holohan	8.00am St. John's	91	307.00
11.30am	Rosemary McPhillips	10.00am Johnswell	55	139.00
7.00pm	Linda O'Leary	11.00am Dunmore	78	118.00
		11.30am St. John's	178	435.00
		7.00pm St. John's	89	211.00
			587	€1,405.00



"The Sacrament of Reconciliation is not only a magnificent spiritual gift, but also a decisive, essential and fundamental step on our journey of faith. There, we allow the Lord to erase our sins, to heal our hearts, to raise us up, to embrace us and to reveal to us his tender and compassionate countenance. There is no better way to know God than to let him reconcile us to himself (cf. 2 Cor 5:20) and savour his forgiveness. Let us not neglect Confession, but rediscover the beauty of this sacrament of healing and joy, the beauty of God's forgiveness of our sins!"

(Pope Francis, *Hope Does Not Disappoint*, 23)

Hello God,
I called tonight to talk a little while.
I need a friend who'll listen to my anxiety and trial.
You see, I can't quite make it through a day just on my own...
I need your love to guide me, so I'll never feel alone.
I want to ask you please to keep my family safe and sound.
Come and fill their lives with confidence for whatever fate they're bound.

Give me faith, dear God, to face each hour throughout the day,
And not to worry over things I can't change in any way.
I thank you God, for being home and listening to my call,
For giving me such good advice when I stumble and fall.
Your Number, God, is the only one that answers every time.
I never get a busy signal, never had to pay a coin
So, thank you, God, for listening to my troubles and my sorrow.

Good night, God,
I love you, too, and I'll call again tomorrow!



Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 7th June

Thursday:	10.30am	Fr Edmond Prendergast & Family
Saturday:	10.30am	Ger Maloney
	6.00pm	Peggy Lanigan & Michael O'Connor
		Larry Nolan
Sunday:	10.00am	MM Tom Kinsella
	11.00am	Maurice, Anna & Jack Nolan
	11.30am	Paddy Bergin
		Mary Nolan & Stephen Nolan
	7.00pm	Peter O'Connor

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)
8.00am, 10.30am 7.00pm

Pope Leo's Monthly Prayer Intention for July

For formation in discernment: Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

Points to Ponder

One of the reasons we prefer to delegate our Lord's evangelistic work to priests, religious and missionaries is that we fear rejection. When, by our words and lifestyles, we tell others about Jesus, we sometimes find ourselves labelled as 'religious fanatics,' 'Bible-thumpers,' or perhaps, simply as 'old-fashioned.' Many times we take the rejection personally. So Jesus consoles us: 'Let your peace come back to you.' This means, 'Don't take it personally. You have done your part, so don't worry about the outcome.' He goes on, telling them, 'Rejoice because your names are written in Heaven' in the Book of Life! It is not up to us to force anyone to accept Jesus. Our mission is to prepare the way. If a person's heart is open, the Lord will enter in.

A recent survey asked the question, 'Why do adults join the Catholic Church in spite of the scandals publicised in the media?' Seventy-five percent of the new adult converts to the Catholic Church reported that they were attracted by a personal invitation from a Catholic who had a lively relationship with Christ and his Church. As faithful Catholics, we will attract others to the Catholic Church – just as a rose attracts people by its beauty and fragrance. It's our job. It's our responsibility. We must not miss the current opportunities to be apostles in everyday life by our words and deeds.

(*Sundaypulpit.com*)

St. John's Parish Hall

The Parish Hall is available for use by community groups and associations. Contact Áine in the Parish Office if you require a room for a once off meeting or a regular booking.

Croagh Patrick

Reek Sunday this year is 27th July with Mass on the summit hourly from 8.00am to 2.00pm. Confessions also available on the summit on the day.

The Month of July

July is the month devoted to the Precious Blood of Jesus. July, month of haymaking, month of holidaymaking, highlight of summer.

In July be with us, O Lord. During the Summer, communities assemble to celebrate various events, religious, cultural and athletic. May they be always safe. God Our Father, help us to be part of a community. May we respect God, ourselves, others and the environment and set up just and fair relationships wherever we may be. Amen.

(*Sr. Eileen, Ennis Parish Newsletter*)