

Parish Pilgrimage to Knock

Our parish pilgrimage to Knock will take place on Thursday, 21st August, the anniversary of the apparitions which occurred in August 1879. This year we have booked two coaches and currently we have 20 remaining seats at the time of publishing.

Please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible if you would like to join us. We politely invite those who have already reserved places to confirm booking by paying for their seats.

Come join this wonderful parish pilgrimage,

Kilkenny Bereavement Support Service

The Kilkenny Bereavement Support Service is a voluntary organisation offering free one to one support to people of all ages who have been bereaved.

The service is provided by volunteers who have been trained in bereavement support. This is a free and confidential service. To contact the service please call 086 067 0566.

www.kilkennybereavementsupport.com

Croagh Patrick

Reek Sunday is next Sunday 27th July with Mass on the summit hourly from 8.00am to 2.00pm. Confessions for pilgrims are also available on the summit on the day.

St Patrick's Pontifical University, Maynooth

Applications are still open at St Patrick's Pontifical University, Maynooth for programmes in Theology and Pastoral Liturgy (Higher Diploma/Diploma options). These programmes ideally suited to those active at parish or diocesan level seeking a greater understanding while gaining a recognised qualification. Visit their website for more details at www.sppu.ie/ courses. Closing date is fast approaching.

Prayer to Mary Magdalene

(Feast Day on Tuesday, 22nd July)

Saint Mary Magdalene,
woman of many sins,
who by conversion
became the beloved of Jesus
and remained at His cross.
Thank you for your witness
that Jesus forgives
through the miracle of love.

Dates for Your Diary

Foulkstown Cemetery Mass

Thursday 31st July @ 7.30pm

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Thursday, 21st August. Fare: €25.

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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**

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 20th July 2025

Visit of the Blessed Statue of the Sacred Heart

Bishop Coll welcomes the Blessed Statue of the Sacred Heart to the Diocese of Ossory. In this Jubilee Year of Hope 2025, the Pilgrim Statue of the Sacred Heart, blessed by Pope Francis on 8th January 2025, as it continues its pilgrimage throughout Ireland, will visit the Diocese of Ossory in July and August. Bishop Coll extends an invitation to all to join with him in the celebration of a Mass of Welcome, on Sunday, 20th July 2025 at 5.30pm in St Mary's Cathedral, Kilkenny.

Sunday, 20th July 2025:

Bishop Niall will celebrate a Mass of Welcome at 5.30pm in St Mary's Cathedral, Kilkenny, where the Statue will remain until Sunday, 27th July 2025.

Monday, 28th July – 3rd August 2025:

Church of the Sacred Heart, Ferrybank, Waterford.

Monday, 4th - 16th August 2025:

Church of the Sacred Heart, Moneenroe, Co. Kilkenny.

Saturday, 16th August 2025:

Bishop Niall will celebrate Mass at 6.00 p.m. in the Church of the Sacred Heart, Moneenroe, Co. Kilkenny, after which the Statue will leave the Diocese of Ossory.

The Nicæan Creed

The Creed - at the heart of the Church's faith

Why was the Council of Nicaea called? Heresy had spread through Christendom – in particular Arianism which claimed that Christ had been created by the Father who lacked eternal divine nature. While Christ was the first creature, he was nonetheless created.

Was the Council of Nicaea the first Council? No. Prior to the gathering in Nicaea there had been many synods and councils called to settle disputes that arose in Christianity.

Words in the Creed:

“Incarnate” means to have a body. When Jesus become “incarnate” it means that he took on a human body. Jesus became incarnate when Mary got pregnant with him.

Words of Wisdom

As long as you think you've got to fix everything, control everything, explain everything and understand everything, you will never be a peaceful person.

Fr Richard Rohr

Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

Recently Deceased: **Angela McEvoy**, Dunmore. (Reposing arrangements to be announced later). Requiem Mass at the Church of the Most Holy Trinity, Dunmore at 11.00am on Tuesday with interment immediately afterwards in the adjoining cemetery.

Brigid Pyke (nee Shelley), Loughboy Park. Requiem Mass in St. Canice's Church at 11.00am on Tuesday.

Michael (Mickey) Comerford, Newpark

John Walsh, Kells Road

Terry McCaughey, (née Coogan), Castlecomer.

Clinton Morris, O'Loughlin Court

Margaret Dowling, Troyswood

Months Mind: Melissa Bergin (6.00pm).

Anniversaries: Frank Power; Maurice McCreery (6.00pm); Seamus Murphy (10.00am); Aislinn Nelson Comerford (11.00am); Mary Power O'Shea; Pat Crowe (11.30am); Clare Drennan; Derek Shealy; Dick Hennessy; Séan Neary; Noeleen Foley; Eamonn Reidy; Joan Knaggs; Milo Butler; Mary & Thomas Fry; John Joe Dowling; Claire Dowling Maynard.

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 Jim Kavanagh & Claire Hanrick
11.30am Mary Hanafin & Mary Lynch
7.00pm Anne Marie Grace



Attendance/Collections Last Weekend

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| Envelope Collection: | | €790.00 |
| | <u>Mass</u> | <u>Attendance</u> |
| 6.00pm St. John's | 73 | 139.00 |
| 8.00am St. John's | 98 | 287.00 |
| 10.00am Johnswell | 89 | 174.00 |
| 11.00am Dunmore | 62 | 129.00 |
| 11.30am St. John's | 170 | 318.00 |
| 7.00pm St. John's | 119 | 221.00 |
| | 611 | €1,268.00 |

We Welcome Eoin Madigan

On Monday of this week, we welcome Mr Eoin Madigan to our parish team. Eoin is studying for the diocese priest hood at St Patricks College Maynooth and will spend his summer placement with us at St Johns Parish. Eoin will involve himself in as many parish activities as possible. Please welcome him to our parish community.

Outdoor Community Mass

An outdoor community Mass will be celebrated for the residents of Bishop Birch Place at 6.30pm tomorrow, Monday 21st July. All parishioners, residents of the surrounding estates, neighbours and friends are invited to attend this Mass of thanksgiving and celebration.

Kilkenny Stroke Support Group

Kilkenny Stroke Support Group invites stroke survivors to meet us for coffee, chat and information, at The Clubhouse Hotel, next Wednesday 23rd July from 2.30pm to 4.00pm. Text/call Lynda at 087 781 4697.

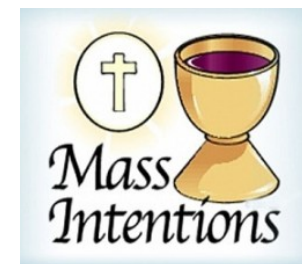
Heavenly Glory

While out for an evening walk I emerged from an area where the streets were lit by bright lamps, and came into an open, dark area. It was only then I discovered that the sky was full of stars. And I thought to myself: how easily and how effectively the earthly lights extinguished the heavenly ones.

Lord, help us to seek the things that make us rich in your sight, and grant that the glitter of this world may not dim our hopes of heavenly glory.

Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 21st July

Tuesday: 11.00am Dunmore Requiem: Angela McEvoy
Wednesday: 10.30am Clare Drennan
Thursday: 10.30am Patrick Foley,
Stephen & Richard Cassin
Friday 8.00am Derek Shealy
Saturday: 6.00pm Brid Maher
Clive O'Carroll
Sunday: 11.00am Dick Hennessy
Tony & Eileen McEvoy
Catherine Bergin
11.30am Mary McEnery
Mick Kavanagh
7.00pm Mary Foley



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

Points to Ponder

Most people on hearing today's gospel story feel some sympathy for Martha. There she is working hard in the service of Jesus and Jesus declares that Mary has chosen the better part. 'Poor old Martha' would be a fairly common response. Jesus is clearly not opposed in principle to people working hard in his service, in the service of others. The immediately preceding passage in Luke's gospel is the parable of the Good Samaritan. The Samaritan was very active on behalf of the injured man by the roadside; Jesus points to him as someone who exemplifies his own compassionate love. Yet, as the book of Ecclesiastes says, 'there is a time for every matter under heaven'. Apparently, Jesus understood that his visit to the home of the two sisters was a time for them to refrain from activity so as to listen to his word. Jesus had something to say and he wanted them to listen. It was Mary who recognized that this was the kind of hospitality Jesus wanted on this occasion, the hospitality of listening rather than the hospitality of activity. Mary was more attuned to what the Lord really wanted than Martha was. Yes, the Lord wants us to work on his behalf, but he also wants us to listen to him. Wisdom consists in knowing when it is time to be active and busy in the Lord's service and when it is time simply to sit and listen to his word.

(Fr Martin Hogan, Finglas)

Grandparents Never Give Up – a Jubilee of Hope

This year has been designated a Jubilee Year of Hope, and it is also a Jubilee Year for the Catholic Grandparents' Association. As the National Grandparents' Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine on 27th July approaches, coinciding with the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, the Church stands at a vital moment in its history.

At Knock, they gather to honour Saints Joachim and Anne, the parents of Mary and Grandparents of Jesus. Here they find strength, courage, and confidence in one another's witness and prayers. It is a place where miracles have happened in families and in the Church, emanating from Grandparents' faith.

This pilgrimage is their annual rallying cry - a chance to stand together against the tide of secularism, to renew their promise to pass on the faith, and to shine their light out to the world. This is their day, when they gather together in love, faith, and hope - a living legacy that now reaches parishes and dioceses worldwide. Grandparents never give up hope, and they never will.

Families are encouraged to mark this day not only in the Church but also at home, uniting in prayer and gratitude for all that grandparents do. "Grandparents never give up hope."

May Saints Joachim and Anne, parents of Mary, grandparents of Jesus, bless grandparents everywhere. Find resources and Grandparents' Prayer at www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org