

History & Families of Dunmore

A presentation on the History and Families of Dunmore from the 18th – 20th Century will take place in Dunmore Community Hall on Saturday, 28th March at 7.30pm. Presented by: Dr Jane Irwin, UCD. All are welcome to come and learn more about the historic and influential families in our parish.

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The Pope's Prayer Intention for March For Disarmament and Peace

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

Emigrants' Collection

The Annual Emigrants' Collection was taken up on St Patrick's Day. The collection was €1,021. Thank you. The money was forwarded to the Diocese for the Irish Bishops' Emigrant Chaplaincy Outreach and will be used to support our emigrants who have fallen on poor times.

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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

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IF YOU HAVE A SAFEGUARDING CONCERN CONTACT

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OUR PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES ARE:

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1800 313 316 - www.towardshealing.ie

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Kilkenny Stroke Support Group

The Kilkenny Stroke Support Group meets next Friday, 27th March from 2.30 - 4.00pm at Tuiscint day services meeting rooms, at St Canice's Hospital Complex, Old Dublin Road, Kilkenny.

Meetings are open to stroke survivors and carers, are social and informative. For further information text/call Lynda 087 781 4697.

South Kilkenny Historical Society lecture

Caring in the Crossfire: Northern Ireland's Health Services during the Troubles

Speaker: Dr Ruth Duffy, Queen's University

Date: Friday, 27th March. **Time:** 8.00pm

Venue: Mullinavat Parish Hall

Thought for the Day

A reflection on Sunday's Gospel

The best fertiliser stinks. But it is out of that very real stink that something amazing grows. So, it is with us: it is the dead and decaying parts of our lives, the rotting resentments, blistering wounds of old hurts, and the festering fears that are the points where we are most likely to be able to experience something new. The only way that happens is to bring them into the light of day, unbind them, and set them free – just as Lazarus was unbound and set free. Doing that takes faith in the process, a faith that Martha confessed, doubted, and then lived out – a faith in resurrection and life.

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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**

Fifth Sunday of Lent - 22nd March 2026

Holy Week and Easter Ceremonies in Our Parish

Saturday, 28th March	Morning Mass Vigil of Passion Sunday	10.30am (St. John's) 6.00pm (St. John's)
Sunday, 29th March	Mass of Passion Sunday Mass of Passion Sunday Mass of Passion Sunday Mass of Passion Sunday	8.00am and 11.30am (St. John's) 10.00am (Johnswell) 11.00am (Dunmore) 7.00pm (St. John's)
Monday, 30th March	Morning Mass	8.00am and 10.30am (St. John's)
Tuesday, 31st March	Morning Mass	8.00am and 10.30am (St. John's)
Wednesday, 1st April	Morning Mass Adoration Mass of Chrism	8.00am and 10.30am (St. John's) 11.00am (St. John's) 7.30pm (St. Mary's Cathedral)
Holy Thursday, 2nd April	Morning Prayer Mass of the Lord's Supper	10.30am (St. John's) 7.30pm (St. John's)
Good Friday, 18th April	Morning Prayer Stations of the Cross The Lord's Passion Stations of the Cross	10.30am (St. John's) 12 noon (St. John's) 3.00pm (St. John's) 7.30pm (Dunmore and Johnswell)
Holy Saturday, 4th April	Morning Prayer Solemn Easter Vigil	10.30am (St. John's) 9.00pm (St. John's)
Priests available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation after all of the above services		
Easter Sunday, 5th April	Mass Mass Mass Mass	8.00am, 11.30am (St. John's) 10.00am (Johnswell) 11.00am (Dunmore) 7.00pm (St. John's)
Easter Week, 6th - 10th April		Mass 10.30am (St. John's)

We invite you to join with neighbours and friends to celebrate the events of Holy Week and Easter in St. John's Parish.

Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

Recently Deceased: John O'Carroll (Hundy Dowling) Lord Edward Street and late of St. John's Cottage. Reposing in Shasby's Funeral Home on Sunday with prayers at 6.30pm. Requiem Mass on Monday in St. John's Church, at 10.30am and followed by burial in Foulkstown. Kathleen Bowe, 'Woodview', Leggettsrath. Reposing in Johnston's Funeral Home, John's Green, on Tuesday from 5.00pm to 7.00pm with prayers at 6.30pm. Requiem Mass on Wednesday at 12 noon in St. Joseph's Church, Ballyfoyle.

Dick Barcoe, Altamount Park & Skeoughvosteen Nicholas Rice, College Gardens

Sheila Hallinan, (née Kelly), Tipperary and late Patrick Street

Months Mind: John Joe Doherty (6.00pm). John G. Lanigan (11.30am).
Josephine Harford (7.00pm) James McDermott (Sat. 10.30am).

Anniversaries: Michael Monagle; Eamon Hennessy; Mary Cremin (6.00pm); John, Agnes and Michael Stapleton (11.00am); Eoin Corr; Bridget O'Driscoll; Catherine Leahy; Pat Grogan; Ann Kelly; Noel Lou Walsh; Mae Davitt; Anne Butler; Kitty O'Neill.

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

Readers for Next Weekend

6.00pm Bridget Ahearn
8.00am Billy Phelan
10.00am Teresa Dowling
11.00am Bernard O'Gorman & John McGourty
11.30am Paula Rogers & James Connolly
7.00pm Anne Marie Grace



Attendance/Collections Last Weekend

Envelope Collection:		€1,205.00	
Mass	Attendance	Baskets	
6.00pm St. John's	144	139.00	
8.00am St. John's	94	273.00	
10.00am Johnswell	38	128.00	
11.00am Dunmore	69	121.00	
11.30am St. John's	180	284.00	
7.00pm St. John's	64	138.00	
	589	€1,083.00	

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 March. A sincere thank you for all your generous donations. We can be contacted on 051 350 725 if anyone is in need.

Washing of Feet

As part of the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday the celebrant will wash the feet of twelve parishioners, following the example given to us by Christ. Volunteers to have their feet washed are needed from all areas. Contact Jane in the Sacristy or Aine in the Parish Office.

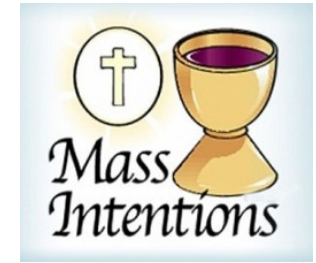
Streets of Kilkenny 5k Road Race (Road Closures) - 2/04/2026

St. John's Parish has been informed that many streets in the vicinity of St. John's Church will be closed with permission from Kilkenny County Council and the Gardai from 7.00pm to 8.30pm on Holy Thursday, 2nd April 2026 to facilitate a road race organised by Kilkenny City Harriers. St. Francis Bridge, CAS Link Road, Castlecomer New Road, Hebron Road Roundabout and John's Street will be closed to traffic, effectively restricting traffic on Michael Street, Maudlin Street, Wolf Tone Street, Ballybought Street and the Hebron Road. Carparks regularly used by church goers at John's Green, Wolf Tone Street and the Carnegie Library will also be closed. Regrettably, this means the only vehicular access to St. John's Church for the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday evening will be via O'Loughlin Road and the Dublin Road from the Ring Road Roundabout.

Parishioners are asked to note these prohibitions when planning your journey to St. John's Church for the Mass of the Lord's Supper - one of the most important celebrations in the Catholic calendar. Please leave home in plenty of time and be prepared to walk some distance to church.

Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 23rd March 2026

Monday: 10.30am Requiem Mass John O'Carroll (Hundy Dowling)
Tuesday: 12.00 noon First Confessions in Johnswell
Friday: 10.30am Tony Feighery
Saturday: 10.30am MM James McDermott
6.00pm Seamus (Scun) Donnelly
Helen Cruise: Richard Fanning
Mark Whelan
Sunday: 10.00am May Brophy
11.30am Cathy Dunne
Aileen Deegan
Mary Lawler
7.00pm Margaret & Tom O'Leary



May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

Lenten Alms Collection - Next Weekend

The annual Lenten Alms Collection will be taken up at all Masses next weekend. This collection, which takes place in every parish, goes towards various charities nominated by the Pope. Your generous almsgiving will be much appreciated.

First Holy Communion Programme

As part of the *Do This in Memory* Programme, we welcome the children who are preparing for their First Holy Communion to the 6.00pm Mass on this Saturday evening.

First Confessions - Johnswell

The boys and girls from Johnswell National School will celebrate their First Confession this Tuesday in Johnswell Church. This is an important milestone on their faith journey, and they have been preparing very well for this Sacrament.

We keep them in our prayers as they celebrate God's forgiveness in their lives and as they continue the journey of preparation for their First Holy Communion in May.

The Priory Institute

The Priory Institute is delighted to offer a free of charge Easter Triduum retreat. Journey through the Sacred Music of the Easter Triduum. The event consists of four 20-minute recorded presentations that will become available from Holy Thursday, the last one on Easter Sunday. It's free of charge and people can register to participate at any time during Lent. Visit our website prioryinstitute.com to register/find out more.

Community Garda Clinic

Garda clinics give the opportunity to local residents to meet with Garda members who can provide advice, support, and information on community safety matters. They can also discuss local issues and provide general Garda services such as signing forms.

Location – St John's Day Centre Hall **Date** – 1st April 2026 **Time** – 2.00pm – 4.00pm

No appointment is necessary – all are very welcome.

Petitions for Lourdes Grotto

On Easter Sunday morning Fr. Dan will travel to Lourdes with the Rise and Shine Trust providing a pilgrimage/holiday for young people with additional needs. Place petitions in a sealed envelope marked "Lourdes Petition" and leave it into the Parish Office at your convenience. Envelopes should not contain money, will not be opened but placed at Our Lady's Statue.

Blood Donation Clinic

Blood Donation Clinic will be in O'Loughlin Gaels Club on the following dates and times:

Monday, 23rd, Tuesday, 24th and Wednesday, 25th March, from 15:45 - 20:00 hours.

Sunday, 22nd March, from 12:00 - 15:30 hours.

Check your eligibility and book your appointment at www.giveblood.ie or call 1800 222 111