

Lenten Alms Collection - Thank You

Last weekend's annual Lenten Alms Collection raised €1,353. This collection, goes towards various charities nominated by the Pope. Your generous almsgiving is very much appreciated. Thank you very much,

Trócaire Family Fast Boxes

It is time to return your Lenten Family Fast Box. Please remember to return your Trócaire envelopes or box to the church this week. Thank you for your support.

Come and See Day

Interested in the priesthood? Come and See Day will take place in the Pallottine Centre, Thurles, Co. Tipperary E41 A271 on Saturday, 11th April: 11.00am to 4.30pm (including Eucharist). A day to explore priesthood: talks, time for prayer, answering your questions, discerning a vocation. For more information contact: carol.king@vocations.ie

The Men's Shed

Are you looking for something special for your garden? Why not give us a call. We do: benches, tables and seating, flower containers, wishing wells and much more. Why not pay us a visit at The Men's Shed at the Fen in Newpark? Open from 9.30am to 12.00 noon Monday to Friday. All welcome.

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Easter Morning Prayer

Gracious God,
on this glorious Easter Sunday,
we celebrate the Resurrection of your
Son, Jesus Christ.

As the sun rises,
may the light of His victory over death
shine in our hearts.

Fill us with joy and hope and new life
found in Him.

Amen.

Priests' Easter Collection

The Easter Collection for the priests of the parish and the bishop is taken up at about this time. You will find special envelopes in your envelope contribution pack.

Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to contribute but don't have envelopes.

Celebrating the Radical Easter Message of Liberation for Women

This Conference will take place at the Pembroke Hotel, Patrick Street, on Saturday, 25th April. The speaker will be Dr. Gráinne Doherty

Times: 10.00am - 4.30pm. Cost: €20

Please pay at the door. Booking essential: Contact Sara or Catherina @ 056 772 2870, 9.00am - 4.30pm Monday to Friday or e-mail regionaloffice@ssjg.ie before 17th April.

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.

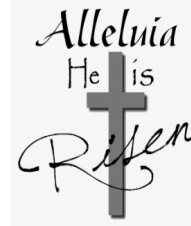
Weekdays: 8.00am, 10.30am. (Sat. 10.30am only). **Adoration:** Wednesdays at 11.00am.

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**

Easter Sunday - 5th April 2026



Easter Greetings

Jesus is risen! He is the light of the world. The stone is rolled away and light enters the tomb, from the tomb the light of Christ enters the world. At Easter we are reminded that light overcomes darkness. This Easter we pray sincerely that the blessings of the Risen Jesus will be with all our parishioners, their families and friends. May his light shine in your lives. The new Paschal Candle, lit at the Easter Vigil, is the symbol of the New Life of the Risen Jesus shining everywhere for all.

Thank You!

We thank all who attended the Holy Week liturgies, all who helped prepare and organise the ceremonies. Thank you to the sacristans, choirs, musicians, readers, Eucharistic ministers, ushers, parish secretary and all who helped decorate our church so that it might reflect the hope and light of the Resurrection.

Throughout the year a lot of people help out and support the parish in many different ways. To all who help in the various ministries, to all who help run or organise the various parish activities and to all who help, support or participate in the life of the parish in any way at all we say a sincere word of thanks. Your commitment makes St. John's Parish very special for us all.

Easter Pilgrimage

Fr. Dan, and some others from our parish will spend the next six days in Lourdes with the Rise and Shine Trust. The Rise and Shine Trust is a volunteer led charity which, for over fifty years, takes young people with special needs from all over Ireland to Lourdes at Easter. Visit www.riseandshine.ie for more information.

One of the highlights of the week in Lourdes is the Mass with 1,000 Irish pilgrims which takes place on Tuesday at 9.00am Irish time. We gather with pilgrims from all over the world for the international Mass at 9.00am Irish time on Thursday morning. Our Grotto Mass is due to take place on Friday at 7.30am Irish time. Links for these celebrations will be on www.riseandshine.ie - please join with us. Thanks to all who supported our fundraising in any way. Be assured of our prayers for you and your families at the Grotto.

St Carlo Acutis

The relic of St Carlo Acutis will be in Castlecomer Parish Church during the Easter Season. The relic is placed in a special reliquary in the church and all are welcome to visit and pray through his intercession for their needs.

Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

Recently Deceased:

Josephine Butler, Johnswell. Requiem Mass in Johnswell Church at 12.00 noon on Monday. Burial afterwards in the adjoining cemetery.

Niki O'Neill, Kilfera Court. Requiem Mass in St. Fiacre's Church at 10.30am on Tuesday. Burial afterwards in Foulkstown Cemetery.

Noreen Hurley, Freshford Road

Maureen Duggan, Kilmacow

Gabriel McCorry, Loughboy

Esther Walsh, Granges Road

Months Mind: Maria Gloria Sousa (11.30am)

Anniversaries: Bob and Patricia Quigley (8.00am); Caidan Hennessy; Dick and Annie Burke; Lizzy Geoghegan; Bridie, William and Liam O'Hanrahan; Alice Byrne; Patrick Coleman; Sheila Delaney; Lil Morris.

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

Readers for Next Weekend

6.00pm Mary Lynch
8.00am Pdraig O'Neill
10.00am Elaine Bennett
11.00am Fiona McGeary & Anne Marie Ryan
11.30am Anne Maria Walsh & Kay Purcell
7.00pm Eileen Kinane



Attendance/Collections Last Weekend

Envelope Collection:		€1,375.00	
Mass	Attendance	Baskets	
6.00pm St. John's	227	246.00	
8.00am St. John's	75	320.00	
10.00am Johnswell	23	110.00	
11.00am Dunmore	72	152.00	
11.30am St. John's	238	390.00	
7.00pm St. John's	160	263.00	
	795	€1,481.00	

No 8.00am Mass from Bank Holiday Monday to Saturday during the coming week!

A Big Welcome to Our New Eucharistic Ministers

Six new Ministers of the Eucharist were commissioned for service in our parish at the Holy Thursday Ceremonies: Susan Bofin, Jacinta Cantwell, Grace Clune, Jimmy Conway, Candida Lobo, Anju Paul. Many thanks to each and every one of them for the invaluable service they give in our churches, nursing homes and to the housebound. Thanks also to the many who have served as Eucharistic Ministers during the past number of years. Your faithful service is appreciated.

Anam Cara

Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on Wednesday, 15th April at 7.30pm in the Horse and Jockey Hotel, Thurles.

All Anam Cara events are free and open to parents whose child or children have died, regardless of the age of their child, circumstances of their death, or time since bereavement.

Thought for the Day

During Holy Week, in Scripture readings and prayer, we reflect on the sufferings of our Lord Jesus Christ and are reminded of the cruelty of humankind and the power of evil. The Cross of Calvary continues to cast a long shadow over the world.

Yet the sadness of Good Friday will give way to the joy of Easter morning. The Easter story begins "while it was still dark", but it is soon bathed in the light of the resurrection. Love defeats hatred. It overcomes the darkness of despair. Nothing, then, should be permitted to rob us of hope that goodness will triumph over evil. This is Easter Hope: the "hope that does not disappoint (Romans 5:5)."

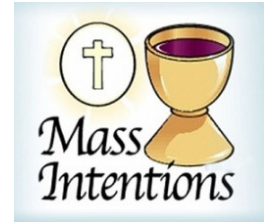
(Archbishops Eamonn Martin and John McDowell)

Cake Sale Johnswell

Johnswell Youth Club Team is hosting a Cake Sale on Easter Sunday after Mass in Aid of Relay for Life. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 6th April 2026

Saturday: 6.00pm Fintan Ryan
Maurice Dunne
MM Kay O'Neill
Sunday: 10.00am Josie & Martin Manning
Matty, Brigid & Dick Corr
11.00am Ken McDermott
11.30am Mary Corr
Martin Ryan
Sheila Gaule



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

Easter Holy Water

Easter Holy Water is available in all our churches. Easter Water reminds us of our Baptisms, the washing away of sin and the promise of eternal life.

We ask you to bring your own bottles to fill. We are trying in our own small way to reduce and reuse especially plastic.

Pope Leo's Prayer for April

Pope Leo asks us in April to entrust all priests into the Father's hands, especially those going through moments of crisis, "when loneliness weighs heavily, when doubt clouds their hearts, and when exhaustion seems stronger than hope."

"Good Father, teach us as a community to care for our priests: to listen without judging, to give thanks without demanding perfection, to share with them the baptismal mission of proclaiming the Kingdom in word and deed, and to accompany them with closeness and sincere prayer,"

Pope Leo on the War in Iran

"I'm told that President Trump recently stated that he would like to end the war...Hopefully he's looking for an off-ramp. Hopefully, he's looking for a way to decrease the amount of violence, of bombing, which would be a significant contribution to removing the hatred that's being created and that's increasing constantly in the Middle East and elsewhere."

The Pope was responding to Christopher Lamb, of CNN, who had asked him if he had a message for President Trump and the leaders of the US and Israel, "with the war escalating in the Middle East". Leo replied: "Come back to the table, to dialogue. Let's look for solutions to problems, let's look for ways to reduce the amount of violence, that peace – especially at Easter – might reign in our hearts." Two days earlier, Palm Sunday, Leo had invoked the prophet Isaiah to warn that God "does not listen to the prayers of those who wage war but rejects them".

Easter to Ascension – A Time of Remembering

In that first year the period between Christ's Resurrection - Easter Sunday - and his Ascension into Heaven – Ascension Thursday - was a time of remembrance. The apostles spent it turning over in their minds all that the Lord had said and done during his three years public ministry: from the Wedding Feast of Cana to the Entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday.

The Church asks us to do the same over the next few weeks each time we gather around the altar. We will read a lot from the Gospel of St John: the account of Jesus' Priestly Prayer, re-reading in Eastertide the words Jesus spoke on the eve of his Passion.

But this time we, like the apostles, are invited to hear these words in a new way. We are to hear them in light of the Resurrection. Jesus is Risen. His words now from before take on a new significance. We hear them again but this time after we have spent time in the Upper Room for the Last Supper, stood at the foot of the Cross on Good Friday and came to the tomb on Holy Saturday night to find it empty. We hear the words inviting us to "Remember what he told you when he was still in Galilee". Eastertide is a time of remembering.