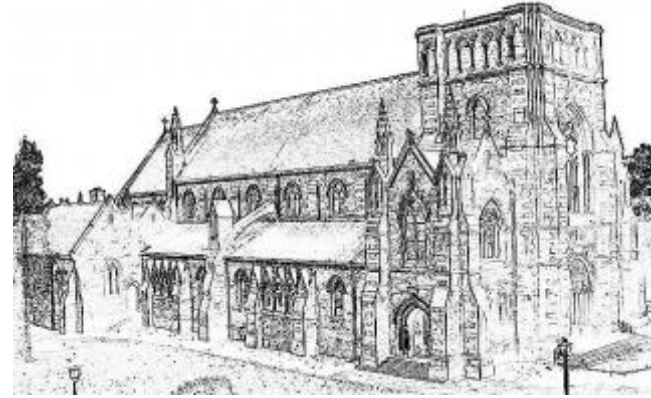


# ST JOHN'S PARISH <> KILKENNY



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**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**12<sup>th</sup> February 2017**

## **Thank You**

Thanks to all who contributed to the Parish & Diocesan collections during 2016. We thank those who support the '*Envelope Collection*' on a weekly or yearly basis, and those who contribute by means of a *Standing Order* through the Bank. All proceeds of the *Envelope Collection* and *Standing Orders* go exclusively towards the running costs of our parish.

If you have become lax in your support, we urge you to reconsider. Our wish is to maintain the high standard of services, facilities and infrastructure that we are blessed to have in St John's Parish.

We thank those who do contribute for the sacrifices you make through your regular contributions and we appeal to all parishioners, if at all possible, to **maintain, commence** or **recommence**, some regular contribution towards the running costs of our parish.

*St John's Parish Finance Committee*

## **Parish Council Meeting**

The February meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will take place on Thursday evening at 7.30pm in the Presbytery. All members are requested to attend.

## **Valentine Night Dinner**

Valentine Night Dinner in Langtons on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February.

Tickets €30.00, 4 Course Meal, Music by The Uptown Band

Spot Prizes & Auction on the Night. Tickets €30.00 available from the O'Neill Centre 7762326. All proceeds on the night will go to Enable Ireland, O'Neill Centre

## **Kilkenny Active Retirement**

The February meeting will take place this Monday 13<sup>th</sup> in the Club House Hotel at 2.30pm.

## Deaths – Month's Minds – Anniversaries

**Deaths:** John Saunders, Waterford & late of John Street.  
Renee Walsh, New Jersey & late of Dunmore.  
Lorraine Young, Kells Road.

**Month's Mind:** Joan Tynan.

**Annivs:** Catherine, James, Patrick & Joe Fogarty (6.30pm); Sarah Prendergast (10.00am); Joseph Lawlor (10.30am); Joan Tallis (12.00noon); Bridget & Michael O'Connor Snr & Jnr (7.30pm); Michael Loftus; Patrick & Eileen Hennessy; Peter Long; Maura Tyrrell; Noel Murphy; Breda Rafter; Margaret Carroll; Mary Jordan; Ellen Lanigan; Michael Brennan; Colm Kennedy; Catherine Beckett; Jack Talbot; Tina O'Driscoll; Mary & Joe Daly;

## Eucharistic Ministers for Next Weekend – Panel 2

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8.00am	Margaret Leahy
10.30am	Mary Hanafin & Seamus Mahoney
12.00noon	Anne Maria Walsh
7.30pm	Anne Marie Grace
Johnswell 10.00am	Robert Butler
Dunmore 11.00am	Stephanie Butler & Roger Curran

### Weekly Envelope Collection

Thanks to all who contribute and those who pay by Standing Order. S.O. forms available in Parish Office.

### St Vincent De Paul Society

Monthly collection will take place next weekend. Thank.

### Inside & Out

A half day conference on how to save energy expenses and new ways to improve your church environs will take place next Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February from 10.00am to 1pm in Kilkenny College, Castlecomer Road. Free admission, ample parking and refreshments served.

## Celebrate the Joy of Love!

We are eighteen months away from celebrating *World Meeting of Families 2018*, a major worldwide event that gathers families and individuals from across the world to celebrate, pray and reflect upon marriage and family. Put World Meeting of Families 2018 in your diary and start planning to join us in Dublin, Ireland from 22 to 26 August 2018!

### *Celebrate the Joy of Love This St Valentine's Day!*

Pope Francis refers directly to St Valentine's Day as an opportunity to make the most of traditional religious practices, invite couples to grow in love and help their children to prepare for their future married life. This is why, as part of the preparations for World Meeting of Families 2018, we invite you to mark this St Valentine's Day in a special way.

There are six gift tokens that you can give to your loved one this St Valentine's Day. These tokens are a special gift of your time and gestures to celebrate love and to help it grow. They include a commitment to:

- *A technology-free evening to do an activity of your choice*
- *Set aside time for prayer*
- *Go for a hand-in-hand walk together*
- *A special dinner cooked by me*
- *Loads of tender hugs*
- *A journey down memory lane: take time to remember how we met and have grown together*

The tokens are free and are available in the church porch.

### *Volunteer for World Meeting Of Families 2018*

Over 900 people have already expressed their interest to volunteer for World Meeting of Families 2018! Please consider registering your interest if you haven't done so yet, as we will need over 2,000 volunteers, not only for the event itself but in the office and at various events starting now.

### *Getting Involved Locally*

We invite you to put together a team of people in your parish or local community and register your team/individual's email address here for us to be able to forward you resources in future.

### *Become A Volunteer Translator*

We are looking for people to assist us in translating into various languages, especially Spanish, French, Italian and Irish. Help with any other language is also welcome. You do not need to be a professional, just have an advanced level of written English and of the language that you would be translating into. If you are interested, please email us at [marketing@worldmeeting2018.ie](mailto:marketing@worldmeeting2018.ie) Thank you!