

A Journey Through Holy Week

This Holy Week you are invited to pray using a line of God's Word each day and to act out that Word daily in your own life.

Palm Sunday: *Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.*

Monday: *Be just in all you say and do.*

Tuesday: *Let the blessings of others be a source of joy for you.*

Spy Wednesday: *Pray for those whom you have betrayed and those who betrayed you.*

Holy Thursday: *Sharing a meal makes us family - look around at your family.*

Good Friday: *Fast and pray!*

Saturday: *Wait with Mary and the disciples.*

Petitions for Lourdes Grotto

Fr. Dan will travel to Lourdes on Easter Sunday. If you would like him to place a petition at the Grotto please place it in a sealed envelope marked "Lourdes Petition" and leave it into the Parish Office or St. John's Sacristy. Petitions will not be opened but placed at the Grotto.

Meals on Wheels

Volunteers needed - Can you spare approximately 1 hour per week? The "Meals on Wheels" service needs new volunteers to deliver meals around Kilkenny City. Must be a car driver. To join our team, please ring the Kilkenny Social Services on 056 772 1685.

Online Advent Retreat

The Priory Institute is delighted to offer a free of charge Easter Triduum retreat. This is the Jubilee Year of Hope and this series of reflections aim to uplift our journey through the Easter Triduum with a focus on the Hope that the Gospel passages of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil offer us, and finishes with a call to be a herald of joy with the message of Easter Sunday.

Visit our website prioryinstitute.com to register/find out more.

The Eucharist – An Online Course

The Eucharist is at the heart of Catholic life. This online course will explore the meaning of the Eucharist, and explore themes of Real Presence, the Eucharist as Sacrifice, and the connection between Eucharist and justice.

This course provides guided discussion around articles by a variety of authors, excerpts from key Church documents, and poems. Attention is given to parents handing on the faith, praying the liturgy of the Eucharist, and a brief look at the translation of the Roman Missal.

The course, given by Boston College begins on Wednesday, 16th April. Registration and more information available by scanning the QR Code to the right:



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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**

Palm Sunday of The Lord's Passion - 13th April 2025

Palm Sunday

Today is Palm Sunday, the day on which we mark the Lord's triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Palm branches will be blessed at all Masses in our parish

Holy Week and Easter Ceremonies in Our Parish

Monday, 14th April	Morning Mass	8.00am and 10.30am (St. John's)
Tuesday, 15th April	Morning Mass	8.00am and 10.30am (St. John's)
Wednesday, 16th April	Morning Mass	8.00am and 10.30am (St. John's)
	Adoration	11.00am (St. John's)
	Mass of Chrism	7.30pm (St. Mary's Cathedral)
Holy Thursday, 17th April	Morning Prayer	10.30am (St. John's)
	Mass of the Lord's Supper	7.30pm (St. John's)
Good Friday, 18th April	Morning Prayer	10.30am (St. John's)
	Stations of the Cross	12 noon (St. John's)
	The Lord's Passion	3.00pm (St. John's)
	Walk the Way of the Cross	7.00pm (St. John's to Cap. Friary)
	Stations of the Cross	7.30pm (Dunmore and Johnswell)
Holy Saturday, 19th April	Morning Prayer	10.30am (St John's)
	Solemn Easter Vigil	9.00pm (St John's)

Priests available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation after all of the above services

Easter Sunday, 20th April	Mass	8.00am, 11.30am (St John's)
	Mass	10.00am (Johnswell)
	Mass	11.00am (Dunmore)
	Mass	7.00pm (St. John's)
Easter Week, 21st - 26th	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.

Lenten Alms Collection

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

Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

Recently Deceased:

Maurice Dunne, Carlow Town & late of Ossory Park Jerry Rowe, Pearse Street.
Sr. Angela Maher, Presentation Convent, Kilkenny Pauline Cantwell, Callan Road
Michael Comerford, Coon

Months Mind: Louis Feeley (11.30am);

Anniversaries: Michael Kelly; Christy Burke Jnr (6.00pm); Moira Lynam; Helen Frayne (11.30am); Bernadette Molloy (7.00pm); Dick, Mattie & Bridget Corr; Con & Johanna McGrath; Thomas Roche; Geraldine Carroll; Arthur & Annie Connick; Elizabeth McGrath; Johanna Doyle; Ellen & Edward Delaney; Michael Byrne; Vera Walsh; Rosemary Maher.

*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

9.00pm Easter Vigil: to be arranged
8.00am Niamh Carroll
10.00am Betsy Rice
11.00am Esther Comerford & Tom Comerford
11.30am Bobbie Lahart & Rosemary McPhilips
7.00pm Joan Galwey



Attendance/Collections Last Weekend

Envelope Collection:		€1,250.00
	<u>Mass</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
6.00pm St. John's	105	295.00
8.00am St. John's	81	357.00
10.00am Johnswell	71	282.00
11.00am Dunmore	71	243.00
11.30am St. John's	174	477.00
7.00pm St. John's	<u>112</u>	<u>355.00</u>
	614	€2,009.00

Streets of Kilkenny 5k Road Race (Road Closures) - 17/04/2025

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 6.45pm to 9.30pm on Holy Thursday, 17th April 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 churchgoers 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.

Please 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.

Trócaire

Trócaire is the Irish word for mercy. Irish people have a great reputation for sharing mercy and kindness to those most in need. Each Lent with our Trócaire box and generosity we show mercy and kindness to the poor, who cry out to us to please share what we have with them. Please return your Trócaire boxes during the coming week. The proceeds will be forwarded to Trócaire.

Preparation for Marriage Courses

Preparing for Marriage? Weekend residential courses are available on 23rd - 25th May and 19th - 21st September 2025. Details on grasta.org or at info@grasta.org
Our Grásta Preparation for Marriage Courses consist of a residential weekend course, away from the hustle and bustle of everyday life, for couples to focus on their relationship and what is important for them as a couple planning their married life together.

Mass Intentions for Week Beginning - 14th April

Wednesday: 10.30am Con & Johanna McGrath
Sunday: 10.00am Lena O'Keeffe
11.00am Peggy Tynan
11.30am Catherine Kavanagh

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

*May 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. Inform those who are unable to attend.

Weekdays
8.00am and 10.30am.
Saturdays
10.30am and 6.00pm.
Sundays
8.00am, 11.30am 7.00pm.

Mass of Chrism

Bishop Niall extends an invitation to all people to attend the Mass of Chrism on Wednesday, 16th April at 7.30 p.m. in St Mary's Cathedral, Kilkenny, and very much looks forward to meeting people, religious and priests on the evening.

Day Of Fasting and Abstinence

Good Friday is a day of fasting and abstinence; it is also recommended that Holy Saturday be so observed, 'so that the Church, with uplifted and welcoming heart, be ready to celebrate the joys of the Sunday of the resurrection' (*Sacrosanctum Concilium*, 110).

Annual Good Friday Walk

This year's Annual Good Friday Walk will take place on Good Friday, 18th April beginning at 7.00pm at St. John's Church, where Bishop Niall will lead the *Jubilee Year of Hope Good Friday Walk*, themed: "*The Cross – A Sign of Hope*" The walk will proceed down John Street, continue along High Street, and conclude at the Capuchin Friary with Taizé Prayer around the Cross. Bishop Niall invites all people to join this meaningful journey of reflection and faith.

Good Friday Collection for Holy Places

Pope Francis has asked that Christians who gather to pray on Good Friday would support their fellow Christians in the Holy Land. A collection will be taken up at all services in St. John's Parish on Good Friday. At this time of war and death, they need our support.

Pope Receives King Charles and Queen Camilla

In a statement on Wednesday the Vatican said: "Pope Francis met privately with King Charles and Queen Camilla, on Wednesday. In the course of the meeting, the Pope expressed his best wishes to Their Majesties on the occasion of their wedding anniversary and reciprocated His Majesty's wishes for a speedy recovery of his health." A post on The Royal Family account on X on Thursday morning, noted, "The King and Queen were deeply touched by the Pope's remarks about their 20th anniversary and honoured to be able to give their best wishes to him.

Thought for the day

Sometimes we are given the impression that the saints are glad to suffer, that it is a mark of their sanctity. But the Saint of Saints, Jesus himself, saw suffering and torture and cruelty for what they were, hideous and evil. There is one great comfort to us weak sinners in the Agony in the Garden. The only thing Jesus wanted was his Father's will; please God that is what we want too. His Father sent an angel to strengthen him, and in one form or another, his Father will send his angel to strengthen us.

Mayfair Library

Easter-Themed Crafternoon takes place on Wednesday, 16th April at 3.30pm. Age group: 5+. Children must be accompanied by a parent. Booking is essential Tel 056 779 4174.