

Rosary at the Grotto

The Rosary will be recited each Sunday during the month of May at the Grotto on the Callan Road at 3.00pm.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

The public adoration of the Blessed Sacrament continues in St. John's Church between 11.00am and 1.00pm on Wednesdays.

Scripture Study Group

This parish group continues in the Presbytery at 7.30pm on Thursday evenings. All are welcome to come and reflect on the Mass readings for the following Sunday.

Other Dates for Your Diary

Corpus Christi Procession at St. Kieran's College - Sunday, 2nd June at 5.30pm

St. Kieran's Cemetery Mass - Friday, 28th June @ 7.30pm

Dunmore and Johnswell Cemetery Mass - Friday, 5th July @ 7.30pm

Parish Pilgrimage to Knock - Wednesday, 21st August. Fare: 20. Booking at Parish Office.

Society of St Vincent De Paul: 'Thank You'

Members of the local conference say a sincere thank you for all your generous support at last weekend's collection. Remember the local conference can be contacted in writing through the Parish Office or on 086 895 1239.

Blessed Carlo Acutis to be Canonised

On Thursday, Pope Francis decreed that a second miracle has been attributed to Carlo Acutis, an Italian teenager who was born in London in 1991, before moving to Milan with his Italian parents. He died aged 15 in 2006. This second miracle through his intercession approved by Pope Francis qualifies the teenager for canonisation. Carlo had a great devotion to the Eucharist and used computers to encourage others to grow in their relationship with Christ. He also cared for the poor and those in need. For more information on the life of Carlo you can visit his website <https://www.carloacutis.com/>

Tobar na Gaeilge

Bígí linn a chairde! Irish Summer Camp based in Johnswell, Kilkenny's own Gaeltacht Village, for páistí 9 - 12 years old. All camp activities through the medium of Irish... Ciorcal Comhrá gach maidin, Baking, Science, Sport, Art, Treasure Hunt, Table Quiz and even a trip to Siopa Ann to put their Gaeilge into practice. Neart spórt agus spraoi. 22nd - 26th July, 10.00am - 1.00pm. Tuilleadh eolais/More Info: tobarnagaeilge@yahoo.com nó 087 667 3302.

Rosary in St James's Green

The Rosary will be recited in St. James Green on Thursday, 30th May at 6.30pm. It is for the pro-life intention. All are welcome.

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Monsignor Michael Ryan (Retired)

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Fergal Brennan; Mary Brennan; Jo Browne; Alan Burke; Fr Dan Carroll; Claire Coogan; Fr Raymond Dempsey; Luke Leydon; 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:

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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.

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

Johnswell - Sunday 10.00am

Dunmore - Sunday 11.00am

The Most Holy Trinity - 26th May 2024

The Mystery of God

This weekend we celebrate the feast of the Most Holy Trinity, the dogma that there are three persons in one God. It is the deepest of all Christian mysteries. The Church spent many years devising a formula for this mystery. We believe that there is only one God but there are three persons God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit in God. When we consider the Trinity we think of: God as a Father, a Father who cares deeply about us.

We think of Jesus as a Brother who died for us.

We think of the Holy Spirit as a Friend and Comforter.

Our church in Dunmore is dedicated to the Most Holy Trinity.

Corpus Christi Procession 2024

On the weekend of 2nd June we will celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi - the Body and Blood of Jesus. This year we are going to move the celebration of the 5.30pm Mass from St Mary's Cathedral to the grounds of St. Kieran's College. Hopefully, the weather will oblige, and the Mass will be on the front lawn with a Corpus Christi Procession afterwards in the grounds of the College. Our celebration will be led by Bishop Niall. This gathering in faith will help us recall the days when many of the people of Kilkenny used go to the College on that June weekend for the first blessings of the newly ordained priests.

This is a beautiful and traditional diocesan expression of our faith in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. We invite as many parishioners as possible from St. John's Parish to attend and participate. Bishop Niall invites the children who made their First Holy Communion in recent weeks to come in their communion outfits and walk in the procession.

St Patrick's Pontifical University, Maynooth

Considering a postgraduate study programme? Check out the options in Theology, Philosophy, Youth Ministry, Chaplaincy, Church Music and more at St Patrick's Pontifical University, Maynooth. www.sppu.ie/courses. Applications close soon.

Relay for Life

This year's Relay for Life takes place on 6th/7th July at Kilkenny Rugby Club, Waterford Road. If you would like to donate to this very worthy cause, you can go to www.relayforlife.ie/event/kilkenny/home and donate through the website. Your donation will help raise vital funds for the Irish Cancer Society who support cancer patients and their families across Ireland.

C'mon the Cats

This weekend Derek Lyng's team get set to meet Wexford in the final game of the Leinster Championship round-robin. Best wishes to the management and Kilkenny team especially our O'Loughlin Gaels Club members. Throw in at UPMC Nowlan Park at 2.00pm.

Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

Recently Deceased: Claire McCormack, Magdalen Court
 Teresa Green, Manchester (nee Dillon Ballasalla) (10.00am) Ann O’Driscoll, Loughboy
 Imelda Heffernan, Parnell Street Peter Cassidy, London

Months Mind: Thomas McMullen (6.00pm);

Anniversaries: Carrie Doheny; Kit Holohan (6.00pm); Joan Dempsey (8.00am); Thomas, Bridget & Michael Long; Pat & Mai Shortis (11.30am); Marie & John Buggy (7.00pm); Sarah & Shelia Cleary; Anastatia Walsh; Richard & Mary O’Dwyer; Fr. Willie Meany; Mary Gleeson; Agnes Dermody; James Quirke; Bridget & Margaret Brennan; Ann Coffey; Arthur & Barbara Blake; Fr Brian Flynn.

*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 Mairin Bergin
 8.00am Jo Browne
 10.00am Fiona & Sarah Manning
 11.00am Christy Murray & Maise Powell
 11.30am Anne Maria Walsh & Kay Purcell
 7.00pm Marie Fogarty



Attendance/Collections Last Weekend

Envelope Collection:		€1,080.00
	<u>Mass</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
6.00pm St. John’s	71	181.00
8.00am St. John’s	104	327.00
10.00am Johnswell	72	199.00
11.00am Dunmore	64	111.00
11.30am St. John’s	152	376.00
7.00pm St. John’s	<u>92</u>	<u>219.00</u>
	555	€1,413.00

St. Mary’s Cathedral Restoration Fund

This month’s draw will take place on Wednesday, 29th May. Tickets are available from the Parish Office, or any of the priests. We encourage support for St. Mary’s, our Diocesan Cathedral.

St. Mary’s Cathedral Chapter House Bookshop

St. Mary’s Cathedral, Chapter House Bookshop welcomes you to visit the shop now open 5 days a week. Monday 9.30am till 1.00pm Tuesday - Friday 9.30am till 5.00pm.

A Thought for Exam Students

- Don’t undermine your worth by comparing yourself with others;
 It is because we are different that each one of us is special.
- Don’t set your goals by what other people deem important;
 Only you know what is best for you.
- Don’t take for granted the things closest to your heart;
 Cling to them as you would your life, for without them life is meaningless.
- Don’t let your life slip through your fingers by living in the past;
 By living your life one day at a time, you live all the days of your life.
- Don’t give up when you still have something to give;
 Nothing is really over until the moment you stop trying.
- Don’t be afraid to admit that you are less than perfect;
 It is this fragile thread that binds us to each other.
- Don’t be afraid to encounter risks;
 It is by taking chances that we learn how to be brave.
- Don’t dismiss your dreams;
 To be without hope is to be without purpose.
- Don’t run through life so fast that you forget where you’ve been but also where you’re going;
 Life is not a race, but a journey to be savoured, each step of the way.

Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 27th May

Monday: 10.30am Seán Kelly
 Thursday: 10.30am Sarah & Sheila Cleary
 Friday: 8.00am Anastatia Walsh
 10.30am Fr Willie Meany
 Saturday: 6.00pm Michael Owens
 Earl Leroux
 Sunday: 8.00am Mary Grogan & Mary Brennan
 11.00am Govner Delaney
 Mary & Dan O’Hanlon
 11.30am Philip Morrissey
 Richard Walsh
 MM Breda Butler

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.

Holy Days
 6.00pm (Eve) 8.00am,
 10.30am 7.00pm

Points to Ponder

Understanding the Trinity is to understand the revelation of God to us; in the form of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Understanding each of the Three Persons of the Godhead, each Person in God’s own time as He gradually reveals Himself to humanity enables us to slowly and systematically begin to understand why we are here and what kind of people we are meant to become; God’s holy people as we are reminded time and again in the Old and New Testaments.

To reveal Himself all at once in the persons of the Trinity would have been too much for humanity to assimilate, therefore God’s plan has been revealed to us over thousands of years drawing us ever closer to Himself in pure love and into His image of moral likeness. We have before us in the understanding of the Trinity all the revelation we need to have in knowing what God is and what God expects of us. (Fr Stephen Haines, www.stgeorgescathedral.org)

For Exam Students

St. John’s Parish is supportive of our students preparing for the Leaving and Junior Cert Exams which begin on 5th June. To show our solidarity and support we will celebrate a special Mass for the students, their parents, family members, teachers and other students and friends. We invite all to join us at St. John’s Church at 10.30am on Monday, 3rd June when we will pray for our students and families.

Exam Prayer

Bishop Niall has offered the following prayer to all students preparing for exams.

Lord, I know you are with me and love me.
 Give me peace of mind as I prepare for this time of study.
 Help me focus on my books and notes.
 Keep me from all distractions so that I will make the best use of this time that is available to me.
 Give me insight that I might understand what I am studying, and help me to remember it when the time comes.
 Above all, I thank you for the ability to be able to study and for the many gifts and talents you have given me.
 Help me always to use them in such a way that they honour you and do justice to myself. Amen

