

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.

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.

St. Mary's Cathedral Chapter House Bookshop

St. Mary's Cathedral, Chapter House Bookshop welcomes you to visit the shop which is now open 5 days a week.

Monday 9.30am till 1.00pm
Tuesday - Friday 9.30am till 5.00pm.

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.

Dates for Your Diary

St. Kieran's Cemetery Mass

Friday, 28th June @ 7.30pm

Dunmore and Johnswell Cemetery Masses

Friday, 5th July @ 7.30pm

Parish Pilgrimage to Knock

Wednesday, 21st August. Fare: €20. Booking at Parish Office.

Pope's Prayer Intentions for June

Pope Francis' monthly prayer intention this June is for "those fleeing their own countries." The prayer intention is entrusted to the entire Catholic Church through the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network during the month in which the United Nations commemorates World Refugee Day on 20th June.

Bereavement Support Line

The Bereavement Support Line, set up by the Irish Hospice Foundation in partnership with the HSE, is a freephone service available mornings Monday to Friday. It provides a confidential safe space for those who have lost a loved one. Bereavement Support Line: 1800 807 077. Mon - Fri; 10.00am to 1.00pm.

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Email: stjohns@ossory.ie **Website:** www.stjohnskillkenny.com

Office: 056 772 1072; **Secretary:** Áine Butler; **Office Hours:** Mon-Fri 9.30 a.m. - 2.00 p.m.

Newsletter Deadline: Thursdays 12.00 noon

SVP Help Line: 086 895 1239

Fr Dan Carroll: 087 907 7769. Fr Raymond Dempsey: 089 497 1924.

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:

Brenda Whitely; Marian Eardly.

Counselling Services - Towards Healing Confidential Helpline

1800 313 316 - www.towardshealing.ie

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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

Corpus Christi - 2nd June 2024

Feast of Corpus Christi

In 1264, Pope Urban IV, impressed by a Eucharistic miracle that had taken place in Bolsena, near Orvieto in Italy where he was residing, decreed a new solemnity to be celebrated after Pentecost. St Thomas Aquinas was asked to write the prayers and hymns for the feast. He wrote the hymn which we now know as Panis Angelicus.

The now traditional procession of Corpus Christi was introduced by Pope John XXII in 1316 during his visit to Orvieto and its beautiful cathedral.

In the Eucharist, Jesus Himself re-presents for our benefit His Sacrifice on Calvary (Luke 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 11:26-29), gives Himself to us in Holy Communion (Exodus 16:4, 35; John 6:1-14, 48-51), and remains among us until the end of the age (Luke 24:13-35; Mt. 28:18-20). He comes to us in this humble form, making Himself vulnerable, out of love for each one of us.

Yet, as God Himself, the Body and Blood of Christ deserves our utmost respect and love, as well as our adoration.

The Second Vatican Council declared that the Eucharist is the "source and summit of the Christian life" (Lumen Gentium, no. 11).

St. Francis of Assisi said, "...In this world I cannot see the Most High Son of God with my own eyes, except for His Most Holy Body and Blood."

Corpus Christi Procession 2024

This Sunday 2nd June as we celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi - the Body and Blood of Jesus, 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. Our celebration will be led by Bishop Niall.

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.

May Altar

Thanks to all who contributed flowers for our May Altar and thanks to Jane for maintaining it so well throughout the month.

St Mary's Cathedral Concert

An Orchestral Concert will take place in St Mary's Cathedral on Saturday June 8th at 7.30pm featuring New Albany High School Orchestra, Ohio, USA under the direction of Erica Donahoe and Stephanie Dismore. Donations accepted on the night to help support the ongoing renovation in St Mary's Cathedral. Come and enjoy a wonderful concert while supporting a worthy cause.

No 8.00am Mass on this Bank Holiday Monday

