Scripture Study Group

come to come and reflect on the Mass readings 11.00am and 1.00pm on Wednesdays. 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. Mavnooth. 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

This parish group continues in the Presbytery at The public adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 7.30pm on Thursday evenings. All are wel- continues in St. John's Church between

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.

Address: St John's Presbytery, Dublin Road, Kilkenny, R95 ND2W Email: stjohns@ossory.ie Website: www.stjohnskilkenny.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 Aguinas 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

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

Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

Recently Deceased: Margaret Walsh, Lintown Crescent. Reposing in Johnston's Funeral Home on Sunday from 5.00pm to 7.00pm with Vigil Prayers at 6.00pm. Requiem Mass at St.

John's Church at 12.00 noon on Monday. Interment in Foulkstown Cemetery

Patricia Dalton, Bishops Meadows. Requiem in St. Canice's Church on Monday at 11.00am Katheen O'Neill, Waterford Road. Requiem Mass in St. Patrick's Church on Sunday at 12.30pm

Sharon Owen, late of Millennium Court Veronica Shortall, Sion Meadows

Agnes Ruth (nee Dermody), Foulkstown Liam O'Hanrahan, Dean Cavanagh Place Fr Noel Prendergast, Graiguenamanagh Baby Finn Cahill, Shellumsrath

Kathleen Player (nee O'Rourke). Norfolk & late of Cellarstown.

Months Mind: Breda Butler (11.30am).

Marie Donnelly Nolan (7.00pm).

Anniversaries: Michael Owens, Earl Leroux (6.00pm); Mary Grogan, Mary Brennan (8.00am); Governor Delaney, Mary & Dan O'Hanlon (11.00am); Philip Morrissey, Richard Walsh (11.30am); Lester Ryan; Anastasia Massey; Mary Lanigan; Thomas O'Connor; Bridget Culleton; David McGrath; Joseph Maher; Eugene & Thomas Jordan; Nora Barcoe; Joe & Mollie Bergin: Annie Carroll: Mick O'Donnell: Msgr. Jim Cassin: Dinie Brennan: Loughlin O'Keeffe.

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:		€660.00	
	Mass Atte	ndance	Baskets	
	6.00pm St. John's	118	302.00	
	8.00am St. John's	91	405.00	
	10.00am Johnswell	80	264.00	
1	11.00am Dunmore	59	208.00	
	11.30am St. John's	229	550.00	
	7.00pm St. John's	<u>98</u>	<u>331.00</u>	
	_	675	€2,060.00	

First Friday of June

Next Friday is the First Friday of June. The sick and housebound will be visited at the usual times. Please inform the Parish Office on 056 772 1072 or one of the priests if you have a relative or neighbour who would like this service.



Points to Ponder

As a young boy, I vividly recall how my family gathered each night to share dinner. My sister and I often laughed, cried, argued, and were reprimanded by our parents during dinner. In fact, our family life unfolded at the kitchen table, which was the heart and soul of our home. Sunday dinner was the high point of the week, as my parents' invited neighbours and friends to join us, all considered family as we sat at the table to share a bowl of pasta.

If there are any hidden graces caused by the pandemic we have endured, perhaps one such grace is our deep desire to share our life with those whom we love in personal ways. If we endured isolation and quarantine, who did not have an aching heart that wanted simply to laugh, cry, or hug our loved ones? The pandemic vividly reminded me of our genuine human desire to share life together as a family.

By receiving Christ - body, blood, soul, and divinity - in the Eucharist, our minds are enlightened, our hearts are strengthened, and like the apostles we are renewed in spirit to go out into the world as missionary disciples of the Lord.

There is an invitation for everyone who will listen. And a seat waiting to be filled by the gift of your presence. In this moment of grace, let us take the opportunity to recommit ourselves to active participation in the Body of Christ. For it is at the table of the Lord that our ecclesial family is strengthened, and we receive the grace to witness to Christ.

Bishop Frank J. Cagginao, www.uscatholic.org

Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 3rd June

Monday: 10.30am Mass for Students

12.00 noon Funeral: Margaret Walsh

Wednesday: 8.00am **Special Intention**

8.00am Thursday: Lester Ryan

Saturday: 6.00pm Matthew Redmond

MM Catherine Babs Foley

Sunday: 10.00am Thomas Comerford

> 7.00pm Brendan Conway

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

Templemartin Cemetery Mass

Mass will take place in Templemartin cemetery next Thursday 6th June at 8pm.

Lough Derg Pilgrimages

Three day pilgrimage season begins this weekend and continues until 15th August (13th August is the last day to begin) booking advised, concessions for students, seniors and groups. One day retreats: 17th, 20th, 25th, 26th and 31st August.

4th, 7th, 10th, 14th, 15th, 21st, 22nd September. Quiet Day: Friday, 13th September.

Pilgrim Path: Sunday 8th September.

Hermitage Week at Lough Derg (new for 2024) takes place on Wednesday, 21st and Thursday, 22nd August. See www.loughderg.org. For information email info@loughderg.org or telephone 071 986 1518.

Mass For Exam Students

All students who sit exams this summer and their families and friends are invited to a special Mass at 10.30am on Monday, 3rd June in St. John's Church. Come along and pray with our students and their families for success in this year's state exams. All students should be assured of the prayers and best wishes of our parish community as you sit your exams.

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

