

Our Lady of Fatima

First Saturday Devotions in the Black Abbey will take place next Saturday 6th July at 10am. Anointing of the Sick during Mass.

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.

Dates for Your Diary

Dunmore and Johnswell Cemetery Masses

Friday, 5th July @ 7.30pm

Foulkstown Cemetery Mass

Thursday, 25th July

Parish Pilgrimage to Knock

Wednesday, 21st August. Fare: €20.

Ballyfoyle Agricultural Show

The Ballyfoyle Agricultural Show will take place on this Sunday in aid of Carlow/Kilkenny Homecare and local charities. Baking, Arts and Crafts, Lego Competitions, Food and Craft Fair and much more... Horticultural section.

Rest in Peace

With sadness we note the passing of broadcaster and sports commentator Micheál Ó Muircheartaigh. Micheál kindly launched the history of our parish in 2008. Suaimhneas sioraí dá anam uasal.

Mayfair Library Events

Dawn of the Devil; Author Talk with Maeve Callan on Tuesday, 2nd July @ 6.30pm
Family Fun Game Show - Thursday, 4th July @ 6.00pm

Creative Characters with Storyteller Helena Byrne (age 4+) on Thursday, 18th July @ 6.00pm

All events are free, but booking is required.

Tel 056 779 4174 mayfair@kilkennylibrary.ie

South Kilkenny Historical Society

Members of the South Kilkenny Historical Society will join locals and others, on Fraochan Sunday 14th July for the climb of Tory Hill.

This ancient tradition pre-dates Christianity and is associated with the ancient festival of Lughnasa. John Dwyer, who has written extensively on Pilgrim Paths of Ireland, will give a talk, on the summit of the hill, on the traditions associated with Fraochan Sunday and Mass will be celebrated, by the Bishop of Ossory Dr. Niall Coll, at 3.30pm.

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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.

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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

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 30th June 2024

The Universal Synod



In preparation for the Universal Synod of the Church to be held in Rome in October a group of theologians (lay men and women, bishops, priests, and consecrated men and women) have worked on 107 reports from Bishops' Conferences around the world, including Ireland's. They also worked with contributions from religious, university faculties, associations and individuals from around the world. The reports are the fruit of the work that local churches did since the Synthesis Report of the first session of the 16th Assembly last October.

Among the themes most frequently mentioned in the reports are formation for synodality, the functioning of participatory bodies, the role of women, young people, attention to the poor, inculturation, transparency and a culture of accountability on the part of those who assume ministry in the Church, but also catechesis and Christian initiation, collaboration among churches, the figure of the bishop, etc. According to Cardinal Grech, Secretary General of the Synod, each document was carefully read with the aim that at the end of the gathering, the group would present a text that reflected "the work, questions and insights received from the grassroots."

Over the next few weeks this body of work will be further studied and distilled and a working document (*Instrumentum Laboris*) will be prepared for the Synod this autumn.

More information is available at www.synod.va/en.html

Easter Holiday to Lourdes

The Irish Pilgrimage Trust, of which Fr. Dan is local chaplain, offers an Easter holiday in Lourdes for young people with additional needs. Apply today for our fully supported holidays to Lourdes for young people with physical, medical and additional social needs. All costs of travel are covered. The holidays are for those who are 11 – 30 years old with additional needs who will travel without a parent. Selected applicants travel free.

Our pilgrimages are fully supported by our volunteer carers, doctors and nurses. Closing date for Easter 2025 is 15th October 2024. Apply online by going to irishpilgrimagetrust.com and click on the guest application form on our homepage. Call our headquarters on 091 796 622 or talk to Fr. Dan for more information.

Schools Out for Summer!



Our parish schools have wrapped up another school year last Tuesday. Congratulations to all who graduated. Best wishes to all pupils, families, teachers, and staff and we wish you a good, safe and enjoyable holiday.

March for Life

Please come and support the March for Life which will take place in Dublin on Saturday, 6th July leaving Parnell Square at 1.30pm and walking down O'Connell Street and the Quays.

Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

Recently Deceased: Maud Nolan, Newpark. Requiem Mass at St. John's at 11.30am on Sunday. Dennis Clowry, Ossory Park, Requiem Mass at St. John's at 10.30am on Monday. Una O'Leary, Killarney and Ballybought Street. Requiem Mass at St. John's at 2.00pm on Mon. Bridget Coyne, Tullaroan Road Marie Dowling, Fr Murphy Square Micheál Ó Muircheartaigh, Dingle, Co. Kerry Joe Butler, Knock, Danesfort Nicholas Gabriel Teehan, Freshford Road Mary Sheedy, Parcnagowan Josie Keane nee Lawless, Coventry & late of Lisnafunchin

Months Mind: Margaret Walsh (6.00pm)

Anniversaries: Patrick & Margaret Shortt (6.00pm); Kitty & Michael McCarthy (11.00am); Breda Fogarty (7.00pm); Mary Connick, Patrick Comerford, Tom McDonald; Eileen Delaney; Josephine & Richard Ryan; Bridie Madden; Teresa Magnier Lindsay; Nicholas, Bridget & Jim Kavanagh; Julia Carroll; Brigid Marrinan; Michael Wall; Bridget, Thomas & Jimmy Grace; Richard and Alice Duggan.

Readers for Next Weekend

6.00pm Mairin Bergin
8.00am Billy Phelan
10.00am Betsy Rice
11.00am Esther Comerford
11.30am Mary Hanafin & Mary Lynch
7.00pm Anne Marie Grace



Attendance/Collections Last Weekend

Envelope Collection:		€1,055.00
Mass	Attendance	Baskets
6.00pm St. John's	113	193.00
8.00am St. John's	105	494.00
10.00am Johnswell	34	166.00
11.00am Dunmore	75	195.00
11.30am St. John's	192	615.00
7.00pm St. John's	98	262.00
	683	€1,925.00

First Friday of July

Next Friday is the First Friday of July. 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.

Providing Compassionate Care at the End of Life

To address the sensitive issue of compassionate care at the end of life, and in response to the need to inform the faithful of Catholic teaching on this important life issue that affects so many families, the Bishops of Ireland have published the pastoral letter: *Freedom to Live Fully, Until Death Comes*. You are invited to read this letter and view the accompanying video *Through the Valley*, which offers personal testimonies by carers and people with terminal illness. The key message of both letter and video asserts that every person possesses inherent, infinite dignity that remains intact regardless of their circumstances. In this context, the bishops strongly oppose the Oireachtas Committee's proposal to Government to legislate for assisted suicide and call on support for healthcare workers who uphold the sanctity of life.



Scan the QR code to read the Bishops' letter and to watch *Through the Valley*.

Johnswell Cemetery Cleanup

A cleanup of the cemetery and Church surrounds is planned for this coming Tuesday, 2nd on Friday next the Dunmore Cemetery Committee invites you to attend for a planned cleanup at Dunmore Cemetery on this Tuesday, 2nd July at 7.00pm. Many hands make light work.



Dunmore Cemetery Cleanup

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Ní neart go cur le chéile.

Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 1st July

Monday	8.00am	Special Intention
	10.30am	Funeral - Dennis Clowry
	2.00pm	Funeral - Una O'Leary
Tuesday:	10.30am	Tom McDonald
Wednesday	10.30am	Eileen Delaney
Thursday:	8.00am	Josephine & Richard Ryan
		Bridie Madden
Friday:	8.00am	Special Intention
Saturday:	10.30am	Teresa Magnier Lindsay
	6.00pm	MM Sharon Owen; Ciara Lawlor
		Peggy Lanigan & Tosh O'Connor
Sunday:	10.00am	Mick Butler
	11.30am	Paddy Bergin
		Thomas & Clare Drennan
		MM Veronica Shortall

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

Peter's Pence Collection

The Peter's Pence collection will be taken up worldwide this weekend. This is an opportunity for communities around the world to support the Pope's work – a mission of peace, charity, and solidarity with those in need. By donating to the second collection at Mass this weekend we can actively contribute to the universal mission of Pope Francis. This mission is more necessary than ever in a world troubled by wars, the arms race, injustices, the suffering of many poor people, and attacks on the sanctity of human life and personal dignity. The message of the Successor of Peter is universal and rooted in the Gospel. In order to reach everyone, it needs the support of each of us. Peter's Pence is a donation that can be small in amount, but which holds great symbolic value.

Points to Ponder

To have access to his heart, to Jesus' heart, there is only one requirement: to feel in need of healing and to entrust yourself to him. I ask you: do each of you feel that you need to be healed? Of something, of some sin, of some problem? And, if you feel this, do you have faith in Jesus? These are the two requirements in order to be healed, in order to have access to his heart: to feel in need of healing and to entrust yourself to Him.

In this Gospel passage the themes of faith and of new life, which Jesus came to offer to all, are intertwined. When he enters the house where the dead girl lies, he sends outside those who are weeping and making tumult (cf. v. 40), and he says: 'The child is not dead but sleeping' (v. 39). Jesus is Lord, and before him physical death is like a dream: there is no reason to despair. Another death is the one to fear: that of the heart hardened by evil! When we feel we have a hardened heart, a heart that is hardened, allow me to say, a mummified heart, we should be afraid of this. But sin too, the mummified heart too, is never the last word with Jesus, because he has brought us the infinite mercy of the Father. It is beautiful to hear that word of Jesus addressed to each one of us: 'I say to you, arise! Go. Stand up. Take courage, arise!'. Jesus restores life to the little girl and restores life to the healed woman: life and faith to both.

Pope Francis, Angelus, July 2018

St Kieran's Cemetery Mass 2024

Amidst the uncertain weather conditions, huge crowds flocked to St. Kieran's Cemetery on Friday evening for our annual Mass for deceased family and friends. We thank especially the priests, sacristans, readers, choir, Eucharistic ministers, helpers, Local Authority staff, public address operatives, parking assistants and collectors for making the occasion so meaningful, helpful and appropriate for those assembled who came from far and near to pray for the dead.

The annual Mass in Dunmore and Johnswell Cemeteries will be celebrated on next Friday, 6th July at 7.30pm