

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

St. John's Church between 11.00am and 1.00pm on Wednesdays.

### Scripture Study Group

In the Presbytery at 7.30pm on Thursday evenings. We reflect on Sunday's Mass readings.

### Pioneer Pilgrimage to Knock

The Pioneer Pilgrimage to Knock will take place on Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> July. Mass at 3.00pm will be followed by Eucharistic Blessing and procession to the shrine. Pioneers along with friends and relations of people who are living "one day at a time" with addiction are welcome.

### Parish Pilgrimage to Knock

Our parish pilgrimage to Knock which takes place on Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> August (the anniversary of the apparitions) is almost booked out. Contact the Parish Office to secure the final places or to go on a waiting list. Those who have reserved places already are politely asked to pay for their seats in advance. Coach: €20 per person.

### Medjugorje Irish Centre April - October

Seven nights apartment B&B from €273 pps. Airport transfer available on request. Contact us for details and book the dates that suit you. Call 01 443 4510, Web: med-irishcentre.com or by email: reservations@med-irishcentre.com

### Give Blood, Save a Life!

The Blood Transfusion Unit will visit O'Loughlin Gaels GAA Club on the following dates:

Monday, 15<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> July 2024

15.45pm – 20.00pm. Call 1800 222 111 to book an appointment. Check your eligibility at [giveblood.ie](http://giveblood.ie)

### Croagh Patrick Ireland's Holy Mountain

Pope Francis has dedicated 2024 as a Year of Prayer and this year's Croagh Patrick pilgrimage theme is: 'To pray for and honour grandparents and the elderly'. This year, the annual pilgrimage takes place on the weekend of 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> July.

#### Reek Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> July

8.30am. Tóchar Phádraig Pilgrimage begins at Ballintubber Abbey.

6.30pm. Vigil Mass in Saint Mary's Church, Westport, Archbishop Francis Duffy of Tuam.

#### Reek Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> July

7.30am until 2:00pm: Confessions will be heard on the summit.

8.00am: First hourly Mass on the summit. Mass will be celebrated every hour on summit.

2.00pm Last Mass on the summit.

Find out more at [www.westportparish.ie](http://www.westportparish.ie)

Give the gift of life



Donate blood

# Parish Of Saint John The Evangelist

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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

### Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 14<sup>th</sup> July 2024

### Valuing Women in the Church

The *Instrumentum Laboris* (The Working Document) for the upcoming session of the Synod of Bishops, which will take place in Rome from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> October was published on last Tuesday. Among many items the document gives ample space (nn. 13-18) to reflection on the role of women in all areas of the Church's life, highlighting "the need to give fuller recognition" to their charisms and vocation.

"God chose women as the first witnesses and heralds of the Resurrection," recalls the *Instrumentum Laboris*; therefore, "by virtue of Baptism, they enjoy full equality, receive the same outpouring of gifts from the Spirit, and are called to the service of Christ's mission..."

In some cultures, the *Instrumentum Laboris* notes, "the presence of machismo remains strong"; therefore, the second synodal session calls for "a wider participation of women in the processes of ecclesial discernment and all stages of decision-making processes" along with "wider access to positions of responsibility in dioceses and ecclesiastical institutions," as well as in seminaries, institutes, theological faculties, and "an increase in the number of women judges in all canonical processes."

The suggestions also concern consecrated women. It stressed the need for "greater recognition and support" for their life and charisms, along with "their employment in positions of responsibility."

The full *Instrumentum Laboris* can be accessed at [synod.ie](http://synod.ie) or by clicking on the code on the right.



### Pray and Work for Peace

At the conclusion of Mass in Trieste, Italy last weekend, Pope Francis asked everyone to renew their commitment to pray and work for world peace. The Pope's words came just before leading the recitation of the Angelus prayer during his Sunday visit to the Italian city.

*"From this city, let us renew our commitment to pray and work for peace: for martyred Ukraine, for Palestine and Israel, for Sudan, Myanmar and every people that suffers because of war. And let us invoke the Virgin Mary, venerated on Monte Grisa as Mother and Queen."*

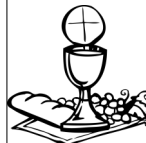
Let us join the Pope in praying for an end to war and bloodshed.



### Outdoor Community Mass at Newpark

An outdoor Mass for all communities will be celebrated on the Upper Green in Newpark at 7.00pm on this Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> July. Light refreshments will be served after the ceremony.

This has become a very popular annual event and residents from other local communities are invited to come along to celebrate the Eucharist and later enjoy some conviviality and fun on the Green.



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**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](mailto:dlp@ossory.ie)

### OUR PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES ARE:

Brenda Whitely; Marian Eardly.

### Counselling Services - Towards Healing Confidential Helpline

1800 313 316 - [www.towardshealing.ie](http://www.towardshealing.ie)

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**Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died**

**Recently Deceased:** Cyril Walsh, Kilderry, Johnswell  
 Aidan (Ned) Kelly, Irishtown & late of Ballasalla, Johnswell  
 Tom Ryan, Rosemount Declan Stynes, Thomastown & late of Talbot's Inch  
 John Brophy, Bishops Meadows Martin Moylan, New Ross & late of Bigwood  
 Ann Mulhall, Mothel, Ballyfoyle

**Months Mind:** James Hayes (6.00pm);  
 Philip Comerford (11.00am);  
 Mattie Byrne (7.00pm);

**Anniversaries:** Larry Nolan (6.00pm); Brenda Flynn (8.00am); Martin Manning (10.00am); Richard Hennessy (11.00am); Mary Nolan, Stephen Kelly (11.30am); Peter O'Connor Phelan, Mary Power O'Shea (7.00pm); Seamus & Carmel Cleary; Richard & Stephen Cassin; Paddy Foley; Patrick Slattery; Margaret Cullen; Patricia Wiltshire; Mary Delaney; David Gaffney; Christy, Brigid & Pat Murray; Kate & Christy Burke Snr.; Thomas & Mary Fry; Jim Foley.

*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 Claire Coogan  
 8.00am Mary Elliott  
 10.00am Theresa Dowling  
 11.00am Liam Burke & Liam Maddock  
 11.30am Frank & Emily Bradley  
 7.00pm Joan Galwey



**Attendance/Collections Last Weekend**

Envelope Collection:		€1,255.00
	<u>Mass</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
6.00pm	St. John's	99
8.00am	St. John's	109
10.00am	Johnswell	30
11.00am	Dunmore	63
11.30am	St. John's	180
7.00pm	St. John's	<u>125</u>
		<u>606</u>
		<u>323.00</u>
		<u>437.00</u>
		<u>216.00</u>
		<u>195.00</u>
		<u>436.00</u>
		<u>328.00</u>
		<u>€1,935.00</u>

**Society of St. Vincent De Paul Collection**

The Monthly Collection for the local conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will take place next weekend, 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> July. A sincere thank you for all your generous support in the past. Please remember the local conference can be contacted in writing through the Parish Office or by telephone on 086 895 1239.

**Pope's Prayer Intentions for July**

Pope Francis is inviting the Church to pray for the pastoral care of the sick during the month of July: *"Let us pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick grant the Lord's strength to those who receive it and to their loved ones, and that it may become for everyone an ever more visible sign of compassion and hope."*

**St Patrick's Pontifical University**

Considering a postgraduate study programme? Check out the options in Theology, Philosophy, Youth Ministry, Church Music and more at St Patrick's Pontifical University, Maynooth, sppu.ie/courses. Applications close 2<sup>nd</sup> August.

**Mayfair Library**

**Repair Café**

With our expert volunteer you can learn how to do some basic repairs to your garments.  
 Wednesday, July 31<sup>st</sup> 10.30am - 12.30pm.

**Observational Drawing Classes for Adults**

Free classes take place from 11.00am - 1.00 pm on 15<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> July.  
 Please book by calling 056 7794174

**Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 15th July**

Tuesday:	10.30am	Seamus & Carmel Cleary
Friday:	10.30am	Richard & Stephen Cassin Paddy Foley
Saturday:	6.00pm	Nicky McCullagh MM Aileen Moran
Sunday:	10.00am	Seamus Murphy
	11.00am	Mike Burke
	11.30am	Mary McEnery

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

**Freedom to Live Fully, Until Death Comes**

The Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference has published a pastoral statement entitled *Freedom to Live Fully, Until Death Comes* to inform people of faith and goodwill who wish to protect and support human life with dignity and compassion, especially in the last weeks of terminal illness.

The Pastoral Letter came out at the end of June 2024, in view of national discussions following the Dail's "Final Report of the Joint Committee on Assisted Dying" published in March, in which the government introduces legislation allowing for assisted dying in certain circumstances.

The pastoral statement consists of a text, but also a 35-minute video that explains and illustrates the Church's teachings on end-of-life care, and especially its focus on the compassionate care needs of the whole person. The aim of the video is to better convey the human reality of these issues.

The video is entitled "Through the Valley" and features a collection of reflections and conversations with the terminally ill, family members of people who have died with terminal illness, and healthcare professionals. Bishop Doran believes, "this medium of film helps to capture... a human story which is so important in getting across the message that it is actually possible to live fully and richly, even in terminal illness and even in palliative care."

The Pastoral Letter at the outset underscores that "every human person possesses an infinite dignity, inalienably grounded in his or her very being, which prevails in and beyond every circumstance, state, or situation the person may ever encounter." The text of the letter and the video are available at [www.catholicbishops.ie](http://www.catholicbishops.ie) or by scanning the QR code on the right.



**Light the Fire Pilgrimage**

The Light the Fire Pilgrimage at Ballintubber Abbey, Co Mayo will take place on Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> August, from 12.00 noon to 4.00pm. Archbishop Francis Duffy, along with Deacon John Taaffe will celebrate Mass as part of the Light the Fire rosary/healing service. Eurovision's Dana Rosemary Scanlon will also sing her new song for Saint Patrick which recalls how our patron saint lit the fire of faith. Below is a schedule of events for the day

12.00 - 1.00pm	Gathering
1.15pm	Rosary
2.00pm	Holy Mass
3.00pm	Eucharist Healing Service
4.00pm	Depart for home