

### Rosary on The Green

The Rosary will be recited in St. James's Green on Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> of July at 6.30pm. It is for the Pro-Life cause.

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

### 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 at [www.sppu.ie/courses](http://www.sppu.ie/courses). Applications close 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2024.

### National Day of Intercession for Priests

National Day of Intercession for Priests with Sr. Briege McKenna takes place on 5<sup>th</sup> August at Knock Shrine, Co. Mayo.

11.30am – Holy Rosary & Eucharistic Holy Hour of Prayer and Praise (Parish Church).  
3.00pm Holy Mass with Eucharistic Healing Service (open to all) in the basilica.

### St. Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund

This month's draw will take place on Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup> July. Tickets are available from the Parish Office, or any of the priests. Your support for our Diocesan Cathedral is appreciated.

### 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)

### 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."*

Let us pray for those in our parish who are unwell at the moment.

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### 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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# Parish Of Saint John The Evangelist

*incorporating | St John's | Dunmore | Johnswell | church areas*

### 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**

## Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 21<sup>st</sup> July 2024

### The Benefits of the Rosary

According to St. Louis Marie de Montfort, the Rosary recited while contemplating the mysteries provides the following marvellous results:

- It gradually brings us a perfect knowledge of Jesus Christ.
- It purifies our souls from sin.
- It gives us victory over all our enemies.
- It makes the practice of virtue easy.
- It sets us on fire with the love of our Lord.
- It enriches us with graces and merits.
- It supplies us with what is needed to pay all our debts to God and to our fellow men
- and finally, it obtains all kinds of graces from God.



### Parish Pilgrimage to Knock

Our parish pilgrimage to Knock on Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> August (the anniversary of the apparitions) is booked out and we have a significant waiting list. If a few more people indicate a willingness to travel we will book additional transport. Please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible so that we can make an informed decision. Those who have reserved places already are politely asked to confirm booking by paying for their seats.

### Annual St James Walk

The annual Camino Jenkinstown Walk will take place on Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> July beginning at Jenkinstown Church Car Park at 2.30pm. This coincides with the Jubilee celebrations in St. James Cathedral Santiago De Compostela. Each walker will be given a scallop shell from Santiago De Compostela. The Scallop shell is the symbol of the pilgrim.

### Scripture Study Group

Pope Francis wrote in 2022: *Opening the Word of God to God's people requires serious study, deep love and openness to the beauty and power of Scripture. The best incentive for understanding comes from contemplating it with love, lingering over its pages and reading it with the heart. If we approach it this way, its beauty will amaze and constantly excite us.*

The St. John's Parish Scripture Group meets on Thursdays at 7.30pm in the Presbytery. We always have a relaxed and enjoyable chat while opening our hearts and minds to what is being said to us by the Holy Spirit in the Scriptures for the coming Sunday. All are welcome.

### 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 this weekend, 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> July. A sincere thank you for your generous support in the past. Please feel free to contact the Parish Conference in writing through the Parish Office or by telephone on 086 895 1239.

## Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

### Recently Deceased:

Arek Soltys, Emmet Street. Requiem Mass (in Polish) at St. John's Church at 10.30am on Tuesday followed by burial at St. Kieran's Cemetery.

Billy Thornton, Lisdowney Christy Wall, St Rioch's Street  
Margaret Murray, Loughboy Jimmy Hanrahan, New Ross

**Months Mind:** Aileen Moran (6.00pm).

**Anniversaries:** Nicky McCullagh (6.00pm); Seamus Murphy (10.00am); Mike Burke (11.00am); Mary McEnery (11.30am); Mary Walshe; Derek Shealy; Joan Knaggs; Bid Byrne; Eamonn Reidy; Liam Davitt; Seán Neary; Matthew Thornton; Kevin Brennan; Milo Butler; Peter Daly.

*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 Ann Daly  
8.00am Jo Browne  
10.00am Seán Coogan  
11.00am Eddie Holohan & Liz Holohan  
11.30am Kathleen Ferguson  
7.00pm Eileen Kinane



### Attendance/Collections Last Weekend

Envelope Collection:		€1,120.00
Mass	Attendance	Baskets
6.00pm St. John's	91	327.00
8.00am St. John's	121	645.00
10.00am Johnswell	55	162.00
11.00am Dunmore	160	364.00
11.30am St. John's	185	499.00
7.00pm St. John's	110	531.00
	606	€2,528.00

### Adult Learning Service

Adult Learning Service, 43 Patrick Street, is holding an Open Day, on Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> August from 10.00am - 3.00pm. We welcome the community to come to see our facilities and to chat to us about our programmes. All the classes are free and include the following: -

Certified QQI awards from levels 1 - 4 and uncertified courses

Small friendly group and one-to-one classes available

Classes can be held in outreach centres in local communities. We offer classes in improving reading, writing and maths skills, Computer Skills, Smart Technology, Family Learning, Driver Theory and English language classes.

### Prayer to Mary Magdalene – Feast Day on Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> July

Saint Mary Magdalene,  
woman of many sins,  
who by conversion  
became the beloved of Jesus  
and remained at His cross.  
Thank you for your witness  
that Jesus forgives  
through the miracle of love.

Pope Benedict XVI referred to Mary Magdalene as “a disciple of the Lord who plays a lead role in the Gospels.” The Pope recalled Mary Magdalene’s presence “beneath the Cross” on Good Friday, as well as how “she was to be the one to discover the empty tomb” on Easter morning. “The story of Mary of Magdala reminds us all of a fundamental truth,” Pope Benedict said. “A disciple of Christ is one who, in the experience of human weakness, has had the humility to ask for his help, has been healed by him and has set out following closely after him, becoming a witness of the power of his merciful love that is stronger than sin and death.”

## Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 22<sup>nd</sup> July

Monday: 10.30am Mary Walshe  
Thursday: 8.00am Derek Shealy  
Saturday: 6.00pm Brid Maher  
Frank Power  
MM Dennis Clowry  
Sunday: 11.00am Tony & Eileen McEvoy  
Catherine Bergin  
11.30am Barbara & Tony Teehan  
Maeve Sullivan/Sullivan Family  
7.00pm MM Siobhan Hennessy

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

### Thought for The Day

Today's gospel story is for people busy with caring for others. Jesus' desire for peace and quiet was disturbed by the crowds who needed him. This is an image of many parents, carers and people in helping professions. We need rest and time to recharge the energy and love of the heart; but at times the needs of others will take over. Prayer can unite both – the prayer of our action and the prayer of love. The place of our mind can be very crowded with the cares and concerns of life. We need time to give these over to God in prayer and then time just to be still. Stillness is of the essence of prayer.

[www.sacredspace.com](http://www.sacredspace.com)

### From: *Benedictus: Book of Blessings*

This is the time to be slow,  
Lie low to the wall  
Until the bitter weather passes.

Try, as best you can, not to let  
The wire brush of doubt  
Scrape from your heart  
All sense of yourself  
And your hesitant light.

If you remain generous,  
Time will come good;  
And you will find your feet  
Again on fresh pastures of promise,  
Where the air will be kind  
And blushed with beginning.

John O'Donohue

John O'Donohue, Ph.D., was born in County Clare in 1956. He spoke Irish as his native language and lived in a remote cottage in the West of Ireland until his untimely death in January 2008. A highly respected poet and philosopher, he lectured throughout Europe and America and wrote a number of popular books, including *Anam Cara* and *To Bless the Space Between Us*.

### Grandparents' Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine



The Annual Grandparents' Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine will take place on Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> July. The Principal Celebrant on the day will be Archbishop Luis Mariano Montemayor, Papal Nuncio to Ireland. Archbishop Montemayor will lead the pilgrimage and the celebration of the fourth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly at Knock Shrine.

Ceremonies in the Basilica will commence with Anointing of the Sick at 2.30pm with the Pilgrimage Mass at 3.00pm followed by an outdoor Rosary Procession (weather permitting). For those who are unable to join the pilgrimage in person, the ceremonies will be streamed live on the Knock Shrine website.