

Relics of Saint Bernadette of Lourdes

The Diocese of Ossory will host a visit of the Relics of Saint Bernadette of Lourdes on the weekend of Saturday and Sunday, 21st and 22nd September 2024 in St. Mary's Cathedral, Kilkenny. This is an initiative to bring a small piece of Lourdes to Ireland and make it possible for more people to experience something of what is close to the hearts of those who travel on our diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes each year. Details later. See www.stbernadette.ie

National Novena to Our Lady of Knock 14th to 22nd August 2024

Daily Ceremonies at 3.00pm and 8.00pm
Anointing of the Sick at 2.30pm.

Candlelight Procession each evening

Guest Speakers: Dr Austen Ivereigh, Fr Richard Leonard SJ, Toni Pyke, Msgr Kevin Gillespie, Donna Taggart, Judith King, Bishop Kevin Doran, Sr Orla Treacy, Fr Michael McCullagh CM, Dr Gráinne Doherty, Fr Richard Gibbons, Fr Jos Moons SJ.

Daily Workshops. Guided Prayer Sessions.

Family Day on Sunday, 18th August.

Witness Walk on the evening of the Apparition, 21st August. Daily Historical Tours.

For further up-to-date information please visit
www.knockshrine.ie
Telephone 094 938 8100.

Prayer for Those Awaiting Exam Results

God our Father,
may your presence be felt
as young people receive exam results at this
time.

May they know that their worth and value
is based on your great love for them.
Help them to trust in your goodness,
fix their eyes firmly on you
and guide their steps
along the path before them.

Thank you for the doors open to them
give them wisdom digging and hope
in the challenges and opportunities
that lie in the future.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

All in our parish join in prayer for those who
are awaiting their examination results and CAO
offers. Good luck to every one of you.

Seeking, Serving and Sharing Christ in a Synodal Church

The Priory Institute two-week online Summer
School is reflective, informative and interactive
and will run from 19th August.

The course includes eight recorded presenta-
tions and three on-line zoom discussions and is
very flexible as it is delivered entirely online.
Find out more and register visit prioryinstitute.com.

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Monsignor Michael Ryan (Retired)

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

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IF YOU HAVE A SAFEGUARDING CONCERN CONTACT

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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

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 11th August 2024

Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady into Heaven

The commemoration of the death of the Blessed Virgin Mary is known as the Assumption because of the tradition that her body did not decay but that she was raised up, body and soul, into heaven. This tradition was already present in the sixth century; by the beginning of the twentieth century it was widespread and, after consulting the views of bishops all over the world, the Pope formally and infallibly declared the doctrine of the Assumption to be part of the authentic and ancient doctrine of the universal Church.

On Thursday next we celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin into Heaven. It is a holy day of obligation and Masses at St. John's Church will be celebrated at 6.00pm on Wednesday, 8.00am and 10.30am and 7.00pm on Thursday.

St. John's Parish Pilgrimage to Knock

Because of heavy booking for our parish pilgrimage to Knock on Wednesday, 21st August (the anniversary of the apparitions) we have decided to provide extra transport. This means there is now room for a few more pilgrims. Please contact the Parish Office to book your seat - fare is only €20. Transport leaves St. John's Church at 7.00am sharp returning at about 10.00pm. Pilgrims will break the journey enroute for optional breakfast and dinner - some may prefer to bring their own sandwiches.

Book Fair in St. John's Parish Centre in aid of IPT

A book fair will take place in St John's Parish Centre from 11.00am to 6.00pm on next Friday 16th, Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th August. A large collection of books - old and new - featuring cookery, history, travel, sports etc available. A broad selection of CDs, DVDs and Games also available. Come and get lots of bargains. All proceeds from the book fair will go to the Irish Pilgrimage Trust. The Trust provides a Fun Trip to Lourdes each Easter for young people with additional needs.

Have a look - choose a book - support a trip!

Prayer to Our Blessed Mother

Take my hand O Blessed Mother,
Hold me firmly lest I fall,
I am nervous when I am walking,
And to thee I humbly call.

Guide me over every crossing,
Watch me when I am on my way,
Let me know you are beside me,
Listen to my frequent prayers.



Bring me to my destination,
Safely every single day,
Help me with my understanding,
As the hours pass away.

And when evening falls upon me,
And I fear to be alone,
Take my hand O Blessed Mother,
And once again guide me home.

Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

Recently Deceased: Philomena Sheil, Johnswell Road. Reposing at Johnston’s Funeral Home on Monday from 5.00pm to 7.00pm with Vigil Prayers at 6.30pm. Requiem Mass at St. John’s Church at 10.30am on Tuesday followed by burial at St. Kieran’s Cemetery.

Seán Kelly, formerly of Maudlin Street. Requiem Mass at St. Patrick’s Church at 11.00am on Monday followed by burial in St. Kieran’s Cemetery.

Tom Duggan, Glenmore. Requiem Mass at St. James’ Church, Glenmore at 12.00 noon on Monday followed by burial in the adjoining cemetery.

Andy Comerford, Gowran Ann Walsh, O’Loughlin Road Mary Power, Shandon Park

Anniversaries: Mary Cleere, Ollie Doran (6.00pm); Kathleen Butler Treacy (10.00am); Paddy Tynan (11.00am); Jim Langton; Aileen Byrne; John Browne; Michael Walsh; Patsy Davitt; Mary Boland; Mary Hazel; Brigid and Martin Kane.

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 Mary Lynch
 8.00am Mary Elliott
 10.00am Eve Brennan & Anna Ryan
 11.00am Stephanie Butler & Roger Curran
 11.30am Mary Hanafin & Mary Lynch
 7.00pm Anne Marie Grace



Attendance/Collections Last Weekend

Envelope Collection:		€895.00
Mass	Attendance	Baskets
6.00pm St. John’s	135	382.00
8.00am St. John’s	92	409.00
10.00am Johnswell	81	307.00
11.00am Dunmore	53	165.00
11.30am St. John’s	184	502.00
7.00pm St. John’s	116	298.00
	661	€2,063.00

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Please note Masses will be celebrated in St. John’s Church at 6.00pm on Wednesday and 8.00am, 10.30am and 7.00pm on Thursday. There will be no 11.30am Mass at St. John’s Church and no Mass in Johnswell and Dunmore Churches on the feast day.

Summer Concert at St. John’s Church

St. Patrick’s Brass and Reed Band Kilkenny proudly invites you to their free Summer Concert at St. John’s Church, Kilkenny on this Thursday, 15th August at 8.00pm (Following 7.00pm Mass). Please join the band and their guests for an unforgettable evening featuring a delightful mix of classical and modern tunes, perfect for all ages. Bring your family and friends for great entertainment and a perfect way to enjoy a mid-August evening. Special Guests: Kilkenny City and District Pipe Band. Free admission.

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, 17th and 18th August. A sincere thank you for all your generous support. Please remember the local conference can be contacted in writing through the Parish Office or by telephone on 086 895 1239.

Medjugorje - Evening of Prayer

Rosary, Mass, Adoration, Prayer for Healing will take place in St. Fiacre’s Church, Loughboy on Monday, 12th August at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

The Pope’s Prayer Intentions

During the month of August the Holy Father invites the faithful to join him in prayer “that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and the common good, taking care of those who have lost their jobs and giving priority to the poorest. Please keep this intention in mind this month. See the Pope’s video request on www.popesprayer.va/

Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 12th August

Tuesday: 10.30am Philomena Sheils (Funeral)
 Wednesday: 10.30am Jim Langton
 Thursday: 7.00pm Aileen Beirne
 Saturday: 6.00pm Lukas Funtal
 Jim, Betty and Seamus Cauty
 Mary McCarthy
 Sunday: 10.00am Aidan Kelly (MM)
 Derek Butler
 11.30am Mary O’Dwyer

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

Mass in Ladywell

Bishop Coll will celebrate Mass in Ladywell on Thursday, 15th August at 3.00pm. The annual Novena begins on 1st September and continues to 8th September at 7.30pm each evening.

Kilkenny Bereavement Support Service

The Kilkenny Bereavement Support Service is a voluntary organisation offering free one to one support to people of all ages who have been bereaved. The service is provided by volunteers who have been trained in bereavement support. This is a free and confidential service. To contact the service please call 086 067 0566. Website: kilkennybereavementsupport.com

Points to Ponder

We tend to attach a lot of importance to preparing for every eventuality. We like to feel that we are in control and that if anything unexpected happens we will have the resources to deal with it. In this morning’s gospel reading Jesus sends out the twelve, remarkably unprepared by today’s standards. They were to take nothing for their journey except a staff, no bread, no haversack, no coppers for their purses. They can wear sandals, but they were not to bring a spare tunic. As he sent them out, they were certainly not in control; they were not self-sufficient. Rather, they were to depend on the generosity and hospitality of those who welcomed their ministry. Perhaps Jesus was trying to teach them that, in reality, they are not in control; God was ultimately in control, and they would have to learn to trust in God more than in themselves. There is a message there that we all need to keep on learning. The reality is that we are not in control of our lives, not matter how well we prepare ourselves for unexpected eventualities.

A brush with serious illness can bring that home to us. Suddenly, all our plans and preparations have to be put to one side. The realization that we are not in control of our lives, that we are not Lord of our lives, frees us to surrender ourselves more fully to God, the real Lord of our lives.
(Frmartinshomiliesandreflections.com)

Camogie All Ireland Intermediate Final!

This weekend our Kilkenny Intermediate Camogie team takes on Cork in Croke Park at 3.00pm in the All Ireland Intermediate Camogie Final. We wish the management and Kilkenny team the very best for the day and all who are travelling a safe and enjoyable day and hopefully bring home some silverware!

Welcome to Kilkenny Arts Festival

We welcome all who have come to Kilkenny for the annual Arts Festival. There are concerts, exhibitions and crafts in abundance, many with free admission. Enjoy your time among us.