Rosary on The Green

Society of St Vincent De Paul Says 'Thank You'

A sincere thank you for all your generous sup- James's Green on Thursday 29th Auport at last weekend's collection. Remember the gust at 6.30pm. It is for the Pro-Life local conference can be contacted in writing cause. All are welcome. through the Parish Office or on 086 895 1239.

Pilgrimage to Greece/Footsteps of St. Paul From 23rd October to 2nd November 2024 expe- gle with reading and writing, 1 in 4 adults strugrience a 10-night/11-day pilgrimage covering gle with maths and 1 in 2 adults struggle with all major sites associated with St. Paul includ- digital skills? ing an overnight stay on the island of Patmos. Do you or a family member need to improve Cost: €2,040 (Land only). Please contact Ange- your reading, writing, maths or digital skills? la McMorrow at 089 210 7277 or stpau- We can help. All courses are free. 12024@proton.me for more information.

Bereavement Information Evening

Anam Cara is holding an Online Bereavement Information Evening for bereaved parents on Tuesday, 3rd September at 7.00pm. Our guest speaker for this month's talk is Bryan Nolan. Brvan has an M.A. in Healthcare Chaplaincy DCU, Certified Healthcare Chaplain, End of Starting point and time: St. Kevin's Church, Life and Grief and Loss specialist, Training and Facilitation expert. The link to join is: https:// us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAqf-6gqT4vGtf09D7YFGe9vJbbfNz82QEA. If you need any further information on supporting bereaved parents please do contact us: Anam Cara Parental Bereavement Support, 01 404 5378 or Information Line 085 288 8888.

The Rosary will be recited at St.

Adult Literacy for Life (ALL)

Do you know that in Ireland, 1 in 6 adults strug-

Contact: Kilkenny Adult Learning Service (KCETB) 056 776 3149 or freephone 1800 20 20 65 or email allinnovation@solas.ie.

South Kilkenny Historical Society -**Upcoming Events - Heritage Week 2024** Mystery Tour of Carrigeen

Tour Guide: Eoin Walsh - Sunday, 25th August. Carrigeen at 2.00pm. Free, all welcome

Walking in the footsteps of the O'Neills of Owning

Tour Guide: Paddy O'Shea - Saturday, 31st August. Starting point and time: Owning National School at 10.45am. Free, all welcome. Come and view our heritage.

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

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time - 25th August 2024

The Season of Creation

This year's theme for Season of Creation (1st September – 4th October) is "To Hope and Act with Creation"; taking the inspiration from the letter of St Paul to the Romans in chapter 8, "Creation is groaning". Creation is, in our present time, groaning because of the unsustainable actions that harm her: global warming: extreme weather events, damaging gas emissions into the atmosphere, the destruction of biodiversity in earth and seas. Those who suffer most are the poorest of the Earth.

Consequently, we are called to hear the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. We are also called to hope through action for a more sustainable world.

Pope Francis Speaks about the Eucharist

Over the past five weeks the Church throughout the world has read from Chapter 6 of St. John's Gospel. In this chapter St. John the Evangelist records Jesus' teaching on the Bread of Life – the Eucharist.

Speaking about this Gospel last weekend Pope Francis noted how Jesus, in speaking of himself as the "bread from heaven", is a gift that "exceeds all of our expectations". By appreciating how Jesus is offering His entire life, flesh and blood, for our salvation and everlasting spiritual nourishment, we can only be grateful, the Pope remarked, as "we recognize Jesus where he makes himself present for us and with us".

"Christ, the true man" knows of our need to eat in order to live, but food for our stomachs is not enough, the Pope explains, as Jesus "prepares an even greater gift: he himself becomes true food and true drink", and for this we can only say "thank you, Lord Jesus!"

The "heavenly Bread" from the Father is Jesus made flesh and satisfying the hunger "in our hearts" - our hunger for hope, truth, and salvation - that only the Lord can satisfy. Thanks to the Lord "we can live in communion with God and among ourselves" the Pope concluded, as Jesus saves us, "nourishing our lives with his forever." This "living and true Bread" however does not simply solve all our problems in life, but they give immense hope in our world that often deprives the poor of their daily bread.

The Pope then recommended we ask ourselves if we hunger and thirst for salvation not only for ourselves but for others as well. And when we receive the Eucharist, do we have a sense of awe before "the Body of the Lord, who died and rose again for us, offering this 'miracle of mercy'?"

Book Fair in Aid of Irish Pilgrimage Trust

A sincere thank you to all who donated books, CDs, money and their time to last weekend's Book Fair. It was a huge success. Your donations will go a long way to helping providing a holiday/pilgrimage to Lourdes next April. As of yet we do not have a total for the amount raised as donations are still being handed in.

Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

<u>Recently Deceased</u>: Jacqueline Kiely, Kilkenny. Requiem Mass in St. John's Church on Sunday at 11.30am. Funeral afterwards to St. Kieran's Cemetery.

Jim Carroll, Castlecomer. Requiem Mass at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Castlecomer on Sunday at 11.00am.

Maureen Brennan, Jacob Street

Padraig Brennan, Attanagh

<u>Month's Mind:</u> Aislinn Nelson Comerford (11.00am). Tom Ryan (7.00pm).

<u>Anniversaries</u>: Eoin O'Donovan, Seamus Murphy, Jimmy O'Neill (6.00pm); Johnnie Barry (8.00am); Eva Grazyte (7.00pm); Dominick Tynan; The Mahoney Family; Martin Ward; Patrick Culleton; Philip & Mary O'Keeffe; Richard Dixie Leahy; Josie Hackett; The Duggan Family; Sr Agnes O'Shea; Ellen Brophy; Jim Doherty; Patrick Ruth.

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 | | Attendance/Collections Last Weekend | |
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| 10.00am 11.00am 11.30am | Ann Daly Billy Phelan Eve Brennan & Anna Ryan Martina Brennan & Tom Keating Frank & Emily Bradley Joan Galwey | Envelope Collection: <u>Mass</u> <u>Attendance</u> 6.00pm St. John's 98 8.00am St. John's 92 10.00am Johnswell 125 11.00am Dunmore 58 11.30am St. John's 173 7.00pm St. John's 92 638 | €585.00 |

Back to School

Best wishes to all the boys and girls from our parish who start or return to school this week. We wish them health, happiness and wisdom.

St John's Parish Pilgrimage to Knock

A big thank you to all who travelled on our Pilgrimage to Knock on last Wednesday. A great day was had by all. We convey our heartfelt thanks to Frank Cody and Áine Butler for organising the day and also to Fr. Dan for leading the Pilgrimage.

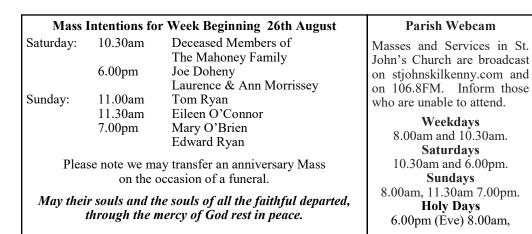
Cathedral Restoration Fund Draw

St. Mary's Cathedral, Kilkenny is truly a gem, a wonderful addition to our City and the Diocese of Ossory. Needless to say, it costs a lot to maintain and improve this great diocesan structure. During the past year, in addition to general improvements and maintenance work, insulation and heat retention work was carried out in the attics at a cost of €37,000. Attention is now being turned to the outside space between the Cathedral and the Chapter House and consideration of how best to attend to this area. Other smaller works have been attended to already.

The annual St. Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund Draw, now entering its tenth year, is a very important source of income for the care, maintenance and development of the Cathedral – to date the draw has raised over \notin 750,000, a figure which testifies to the generosity and commitment of so many people and parishes around the diocese.

At the launch of the draw for the next year, Bishop Niall and the Committee thank you for your support in the past and appeal for your renewed backing for this enter-

prise. Tickets are available in the Parish Office, the Sacristy at St. John's Church, Ann Brennan, Johnswell or any of the priests at a cost of $\in 10$ per month or $\in 120$ for the year. The first draw of the new season will be held on Wednesday, 28th August. Please consider supporting our Diocesan Cathedral.



Thank You to Co. Kilkenny – from Mary's Meals

The recent collections in Kilkenny and Castlecomer were a wonderful boost to the work of Mary's Meals. Our Kilkenny walkers joined with others from seven different starting points around the country, to arrive at Knock safely on 15th August – the Feast of the Assumption. Your generosity from Co Kilkenny will provide meals for over 90 children on each day throughout the school year. Thank you so much. God Bless, Paul McKiernan (Kilkenny Contact for Mary's Meals – <u>paulmckiernan@live.ie</u>).

Catholic Mothers Ireland – Family Day

We will be holding our inaugural Annual National Mass on Saturday, 7th September in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Tullysaran, Co. Armagh (near Armagh City). Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Eamon Martin at 12.00 noon.

Email <u>catholicmothers@outlook.ie</u> for more information and booking.

Integritas Programme 2024

Integritas, a domestic centre of Christian living based at Ennisnag, outside Kilkenny, is resuming contemplative prayer on each Wednesday evening at 8.00pm from Wednesday, 18th September next.

In anticipation of this resumption, we will also be hosting an evening on Wednesday, 4th September next, again at 8.00pm. During this evening, a presentation will be given by Rev. Dr. Eugene Duffy, on the inner dynamic of the Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius of

Loyola. Contemplative Prayer takes place weekly on Wednesday evenings at 8.00pm, from September to June. Visit <u>www.integritas.ie</u> for more information.

Saint Fiacre – Feast Day 30th August

Saint Fiacre was born in Ireland at the end of the sixth century. He was raised in a monastery where he became a monk and imbibed knowledge of herbal medicine. In time he had his own hermitage and perhaps a monastery, possibly near St. Fiacre's Well at Cill Fiachra (Kilferagh), Sheastown, on the Bennettsbridge Road just outside Kilkenny City.

As crowds flocked to him because of his reputation for his holiness and cures, he sailed to France in search of greater solitude.

When he arrived at Meaux in 628, the bishop St Faro, granted him a site. Fiacre cleared the ground of trees and briers, made a cell for himself, a garden for herbs and vegetables, a chapel and a hospice for travellers. All this developed into the village of Saint-Fiacre. Again in time the crowds flocked to him in search of cures. He died around 670.

He has become the patron saint of gardeners. In 1999 a garden in his honour was made at the National Stud in Kildare. It has become a major tourist attraction. Fiacre is also the patron of taxi-drivers. Mass will be celebrated at the Well at 3.00pm on this Sunday.