

### Society of St Vincent De Paul Says 'Thank You'

A sincere thank you for all your generous support at last weekend's collection. Remember the local conference can be contacted in writing through the Parish Office or on 086 895 1239.

**Pilgrimage to Greece/Footsteps of St. Paul**  
From 23<sup>rd</sup> October to 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2024 experience a 10-night/11-day pilgrimage covering all major sites associated with St. Paul including an overnight stay on the island of Patmos. Cost: €2,040 (Land only). Please contact Angela McMorrow at 089 210 7277 or stpau12024@proton.me for more information.

### Bereavement Information Evening

Anam Cara is holding an Online Bereavement Information Evening for bereaved parents on Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September at 7.00pm. Our guest speaker for this month's talk is Bryan Nolan. Bryan has an M.A. in Healthcare Chaplaincy DCU, Certified Healthcare Chaplain, End of Life and Grief and Loss specialist, Training and Facilitation expert. The link to join is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZAqf-6gqT4vGtf09D7YFGc9vJbbfNz82QEA>. 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.

### Rosary on The Green

The Rosary will be recited at St. James's Green on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August at 6.30pm. It is for the Pro-Life cause. All are welcome.



### Adult Literacy for Life (ALL)

Do you know that in Ireland, 1 in 6 adults struggle with reading and writing, 1 in 4 adults struggle with maths and 1 in 2 adults struggle with digital skills?

Do you or a family member need to improve your reading, writing, maths or digital skills?

We can help. All courses are free.

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

### South Kilkenny Historical Society - Upcoming Events - Heritage Week 2024

#### Mystery Tour of Carrigeen

Tour Guide: Eoin Walsh - Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> August. Starting point and time: St. Kevin's Church, Carrigeen at 2.00pm. Free, all welcome

#### Walking in the footsteps of the O'Neills of Owning

Tour Guide: Paddy O'Shea - Saturday, 31<sup>st</sup> August. Starting point and time: Owning National School at 10.45am. Free, all welcome.

Come and view our heritage.

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

### OUR PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES ARE:

Brenda Whately; 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**

### Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time - 25<sup>th</sup> August 2024

### The Season of Creation

This year's theme for Season of Creation (1<sup>st</sup> September – 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

