

Saint Vincent de Paul

Saint Vincent de Paul is one of the best known and best loved saints. Born in 1581 in France, he died on 27th September 1660. He writes of two years as a slave, and on getting his freedom and returning to Paris he became chaplain to the galleys. He gathered a number of people around him who assisted in attending to slaves and the poor. This led to the establishment of the Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul, whose mission was to look after the needy. He gathered a group of priests about him who busied themselves with priestly formation and parish missions. In 1883 Frederick Ozanam set up a group of people who would minister to the needy, and in looking for a patron he picked St. Vincent de Paul. The Society serves in our parish and in 153 countries worldwide.

Pope's Prayer Intention for September

For the Season of Creation and for his prayer intention for September, Pope Francis invites us to pray for the care of the planet and to listen 'to hear the pain of the millions of victims of environmental catastrophes'. He reminds us that 'the ones suffering most from the effects of climate change are the poor and that it is necessary to commit ourselves to the fight against poverty and the protection of nature.' How will we respond?

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Prayer to St. Bernadette

O Saint Bernadette, who, as a meek and pure child, did eighteen times at Lourdes contemplate the beauty of the Immaculate Mother of God and received her messages, and who afterwards wished to hide yourself from the world in the convent of Nevers, and to offer thyself there as a victim for the conversion of sinners, obtain for us the grace of purity, simplicity and mortification that we also may attain to the vision of God and of Mary in Heaven. Amen.

Rosary at St James's Green

Rosary will be recited at St James's Green on Thursday, 26th September at 6.30pm for the Pro Life cause. All are welcome.



Cathedral Restoration Fund Draw



September begins a new year of the St Mary's Cathedral Restoration Draw. The first draw will be held on Wednesday, 25th September. Please consider supporting our Diocesan Cathedral. 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 €10 per month or €120 for the year.

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

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 22nd September 2024



Relics of St. Bernadette

The Relics of Saint Bernadette arrived in Kilkenny yesterday and the visit to Kilkenny will conclude today. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for us to honour the little girl from Lourdes who received 18 visits from Our Lady in 1858. The official timetable is as follows, but the relics will be available for private prayer and veneration outside these times: -

Sunday, 22nd September

11.00: Sunday Mass (beginning with sprinkling the congregation with the Water of Lourdes). Celebrant: Fr. Dermot Ryan Adm., St. Mary's Cathedral

15.00: Rosary. Leader : Breda Campion, Ossory Lourdes Pilgrimage Group

17.30: Sunday Mass (beginning with sprinkling the congregation with the Water of Lourdes). Celebrant: Fr. Anthony O'Connor Director of the Ossory Lourdes Pilgrimage.

19.30: Bishop Coll leads a Farewell Ceremony involving a reading from the account given by Saint Bernadette of the apparitions followed by a Ceremony of Light. by Saint Bernadette of the apparitions followed by a Ceremony of Light.

John's Quay/John Street Urban Design Strategy

Public Consultation events are being held to guide the design and preparation of the John's Quay/John Street urban design strategy by Kilkenny County Council.

This consultation aims to enhance the quality of life in the area by improving public spaces, supporting local businesses and preserving the cultural and historical identity of the community.

Your participation will be crucial in creating a vibrant, sustainable, and inclusive environment for all. The public survey will be live between 5th and 26th of September and can be downloaded via the attached QR code. Hard copies of the survey are available also at County Hall, John Street. In addition, there will be a workshop for the public.

Workshop 2

Date: 14th October 2024

Time: 18:00 – 20:00

Location: The Carnegie Library

John's Quay, Kilkenny.

All welcome to drop into this workshop. For further details, please contact: planning.ireland@cbre.com

John's Quay / John Street
Urban Design Strategy

Have Your Say!



Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

Recently Deceased: Christina Grace, Assumption Place Sr. Olive McEvoy, Clontarf and Hebron Road
 Bridget O'Reilly (nee Ryan), Freshford
 Loughlin McKenna, Kilmeague, Kildare
 William (Billy) Hanlon, Paulstown
 Kathleen Moore (nee Maher) Galway & late of Kilkenny
 Paddy Brennan, USA & late of the Old Golf Links Road

Billy Cassidy, Ossory Park
 Christy O'Brien, Clondalkin
 Felix Nolan, Freshford Road
 Mary Morris, Vicar Street
 Anne Brennan, Eden Vale Close
 John Hetherington, Castlecomer

Months Mind: Jacqueline Kiely (11.30am).

Anniversaries: Michael Denieffe, Kathleen Maher, Phyllis Dunne (6.00pm); Maragret and James Butler (10.00am); Sharon, Michael, Jim and Mary Brennan (11.00am); Paddy Larkin (11.30am); John Foley; Michael and Bridget Maher; Diarmaid Ryan; Danny Butler; Seamus Brennan; Kathleen Tobin; Maureen Delaney.

*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 Billy Phelan
 10.00am Betsy Rice
 11.00am Eddie Holohan & Liz Holohan
 11.30am Mary Hanafin & Mary Lynch
 7.00pm Anne Marie Grace



Attendance/Collections Last Weekend

Envelope Collection:		€1,045.00	
Mass	Attendance	Baskets	
6.00pm St. John's	120	271.00	
8.00am St. John's	88	353.00	
10.00am Johnswell	24	161.00	
11.00am Dunmore	72	166.00	
11.30am St. John's	139	526.00	
7.00pm St. John's	110	420.00	
	553	€1,902.00	

Scripture Group

This informal group meets each Thursday at 7.30pm in the Presbytery to discuss the following Sunday's scriptures. All are welcome, and everyone simply 'goes with the Holy Spirit' as we chat about how the texts move each of us. No specialist knowledge required or indeed expected. Simply, we discuss what the words are saying to us in a very relaxed setting.

Wedding Anniversaries

We join in wishing all who are celebrating significant wedding anniversaries a very happy weekend. In particular we congratulate John and Mary Kelly, Newpark as they mark 71 years of married life. You provide a great example to all and are a blessing to our parish. *Ad multos annos!*

Neville Ryan Memorial Tractor Run

Neville Ryan Memorial Tractor Run, Vintage Cars and Motorbikes takes place next Sunday, 29th of September, in Johnswell, R95RP89. Registration takes place from 1.30pm. €20 Entry Fee per vehicle which includes admission to entrants. Raffle for three great prizes. Proceeds raised are in aid of Castlecomer District Hospital.

Legion of Mary – Pilgrimage to Knock

Legion of Mary Pilgrimage to Knock will take place on Sunday 29th September. The bus will leave the Parade at 7.30am. Cost is €25. Bookings can be made through St. Mary's Parish Office on 056 772 1253 or Kay at 087 942 8305. All are very welcome.

'Give A Little' Sale of Work

'Give A Little' will hold a Sale of Work in the St. John's Parish Day Centre on Saturday, 28th September from 2.00pm - 4.00pm. Clothes, books, bric a brac, DVDs. All money raised goes to local charities.

Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 23rd September

Thursday 10.30am John Foley, Michael & Bridget Maher
 Saturday: 10.30am Diarmaid Ryan
 Seamus Brennan
 6.00pm Eamon Morrissey
 Marie Holohan
 Jean Murphy
 Sunday: 11.30am Elizabeth Brett
 MM Seán McGuinness
 Mary McGuinness
 7.00pm Alan Bergin
 Statia, Stephen & Bosco Buckley

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

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

Calling all Killians, Kilians, Cillians...

This October an historic pilgrimage will involve the visit of Saint Kilian's relics, along with those of his martyred colleagues, Saints Totnan and Kolonat to Ireland from their resting place in the Altar of Würzburg Cathedral in Germany. The relics inlaid with precious stones are contained in a specially preserved glass case and it will be the first time that they will have left Germany.

St Patrick's College Maynooth has been chosen as a stopping point on the journey, with the relics open to the public for veneration in the College Chapel following Vespers at 6.30pm on Wednesday, 2nd October. The College has issued a special invitation to all who share the Saint's name and are putting a call out to all Kilians, Killians or Cillians to come and join the special evening on 2nd October.

The Spiritual Fruits of Medjugorje

For the last 40 years or so Medjugorje has been a place of pilgrimage and devotion for countless pilgrims, including many from Ireland and Kilkenny who travel there each year to draw closer to God and be spiritually renewed.

On Thursday last, a press conference was held at the Vatican led by Cardinal Victor Manuel Fernández, Prefect of the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith, with the assent of Pope Francis, at which was granted approval (*Nulla Osta*) for devotion linked to Medjugorje, recognizing the abundant spiritual fruits received at the Sanctuary of the Queen of Peace without making a declaration on the supernatural character of the Marian apparitions.

"The time has come to conclude a long and complex history that has surrounded the spiritual phenomena of Medjugorje. It is a history in which bishops, theologians, commissions, and analysts have expressed a series of divergent opinions."

Pope Francis approved the Note on 28th August. It recognizes the goodness of the spiritual fruits linked to Medjugorje, authorizing the faithful to adhere to it – according to the new norms for discerning these phenomena – since "many positive fruits have been noted in the midst of a spiritual experience, while negative and dangerous effects have not spread among the People of God."

The overall judgment of the messages is generally positive, though several clarifications are offered regarding certain expressions. "It is important to clarify from the outset that the conclusions of this Note do not imply a judgment about the moral life of the alleged visionaries," and, in any case, the spiritual gifts "do not necessarily require those involved to have moral perfection." For a full text of the statement please go to <https://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/pubblico/2024/09/19/240919i.html>. A Medjugorje Prayer Group meets each Friday at 7.30pm in St. John's Parish Centre. All are welcome.