

## On the Death of the Beloved

Your love was like the dawn  
Brightening over our lives,  
Awakening beneath the dark  
A further adventure of colour.  
The sound of your voice found for us  
A new music that brightened everything.

Whatever you enfolded in your gaze  
Quickened in the joy of its being,  
You placed smiles like flowers  
On the altar of the heart.  
Your mind always sparkled  
With wonder at things.  
Though your days here were brief,  
Your spirit was alive, awake, complete.  
We look toward each other no longer  
From the old distance of our names;  
Now you dwell inside the rhythm of breath,  
As close to us as we are to ourselves.

Though we cannot see you with outward eyes,  
We know our soul's gaze is upon your face,  
Smiling back at us from within everything  
To which we bring our best refinement.

Let us not look for you only in memory,  
Where we would grow lonely without you.  
You would want us to find you in presence,  
Besides us when beauty brightens,  
When kindness glows  
And music echoes eternal tones.

May you continue to inspire us:  
To enter each day with a generous heart.  
To serve the call of courage and love  
Until we see your beautiful face again  
In that land where there is no more separation,  
Where all tears will be wiped from our mind,  
And where we will never lose you again.

John O'Donohue

### John Paul II Awards

Calling all young people between 16 and 18 years. Our parish will be involved with this year's John Paul II Awards. The Award is "committed to helping young people to discover, rediscover and grow in their experience of life and faith. They youth are invited to do so through participation in school, parish and community activities which aim to enhance their spiritual, physical, emotional and social development." The award involves candidates committing to one hour per week in their parishes and one hour per week in their communities over 8, 14 or 20 weeks depending on the Award level. Visit: [www.thepopejohnpauliaward.com/ossory](http://www.thepopejohnpauliaward.com/ossory) for more information and registration documents.



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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**

## Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time - 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2024

### St. John's Parish Annual Remembrance Mass

The annual Remembrance Mass for those of our parishioners who died during the past year will be celebrated in the Church of St. John the Evangelist at 7.30pm on Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> November. We remember in particular 81 of our parishioners who died between November 2023 and October 2024. We are currently writing/emailing the next of kin of those who died inviting them and their families to be present at the Remembrance Mass. Please inform relatives and friends who live away from Kilkenny so that they may make arrangements to come home for the Mass. The celebration will also be available on our parish website. More details later.

### Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

The one Church of Christ is made up of three parts - there is the Church triumphant in heaven that we celebrated on the feast of All Saints; the Church militant on earth (that's us), soldiering on in faith and love as best we can; and the Church suffering in purgatory. On All Saints Day (1<sup>st</sup> November) we reflected on how we are helped by the example and prayers of the saints in heaven, on All Souls Day (2<sup>nd</sup> November) and during the whole month of November we reflect on our responsibility to pray for the souls in purgatory. As the Second Book of Maccabees tells us: "It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from their sins" (2 Maccabees 12:46). Prayers for the dead have been included in the Eucharistic celebration from earliest times and continue today in our Catholic tradition. At this special time, let us pray: Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

### Prayers for the Dead During November

During November the priests of the parish will offer up Masses for your deceased relatives and friends. There are Remembrance Slips at the church porches. You are invited to write the names of your deceased relatives and friends on the slips and to place them in the baskets before the altars. November offering envelopes are included in the envelope pack which you received earlier in the year. Your contribution makes up the salaries of the priests and bishop. If you did not receive an envelope or have misplaced it you may use any envelope with your name and address attached. Thank you for your generosity.

### Hon the Loughs

We commiserate with the O'Loughlin Gaels senior hurlers and camogie players who were defeated in last weekend's games. You represented your parish well and we are proud of your achievements. Well done on your commitment and dedication.

### SVP Big Furniture Clearance Sale

A big furniture clearance sale will take place on Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> November for one day only at the St. Vincent de Paul Shop, St. Canice's Parish Community Hall. From 11.00am to 4.00pm.

**Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died**

**Recently Deceased:** Maria Gomes, Hawthorn Park, Parcnagowan and formerly of Middleknock and Portugal. Requiem Mass at St. John’s Church at 10.30am on Monday.  
 Sr. Betty O’Shea, Presentation Convent, Parnell Street Emma Cahill, Callan  
 Paddy Mahony, Dingle and formerly Fr. Murphy Square  
 Bernadette Dooley, Dean Cavanagh Place

**Anniversaries:** Bernie & Tom Little (6.00pm); Thomas Dowling (8.00am); Martin Ryan (11.00am); Michael & Ellen O’Gorman, Albert & Angela Kilufungu; Patrick & Eileen Bofin (11.30am); Billy & Mary Fitzpatrick; Mary Fitzgerald; Gregory, Catherine, Joe & Sr Marian Byrne; Patrick Patsy Ryan; Peig & Jim McAndrew; Edward & Sarah Ciss Walsh; Michael Delaney; Agnes Byrne; Joe Phelan; Anne & Patrick Nolan; Shelia Butler; James, Mary & the Kavanagh Family; P.J. Marrinan.

*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 Mary Elliott  
 10.00am Betsy Rice  
 11.00am Esther Comerford & Tom Comerford  
 11.30am Mary Hanafin & Mary Lynch  
 7.00pm Anne Marie Grace



Attendance/Collections Last Weekend			
Envelope Collection: €1,550.00			
	Mass	Attendance	Baskets
6.00pm	St. John’s	109	297.00
8.00am	St. John’s	122	503.00
10.00am	Johnswell	58	252.00
11.00am	Dunmore	84	247.00
11.30am	St. John’s	206	600.00
7.00pm	St. John’s	<u>86</u>	<u>313.00</u>
		665	€2,212.00

**St Joseph’s Young Priests Society**

The St John’s branch of the St Joseph’s Young Priests Society will hold their monthly meeting in the Presbytery this Monday at 11.00am. The society promotes and supports vocations to the priesthood. All are very 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> November. 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.

**Pledge for November**

Most people offer spiritual support to a relation who is struggling because of alcohol or an addiction problem. Prayer and penance have been part of the response by many Irish families to the challenges which they have met across the centuries. “Offering it up for the Holy Souls” or “off the drink for Lent” are expressions which remind us that “the bonds of friendship and affection do not unravel with death” ... or with addiction or sickness. Parishioners who wish to take a short-term pledge during the month of the Holy Souls are invited to visit [www.pioneers.ie/pray](http://www.pioneers.ie/pray)

**Missing Persons**

Jo Jo Dullard is missing 29 years this November. Jo Jo was 21 years of age at the time of her disappearance. At the time she disappeared she was making her way from Dublin back home to Callan in Co. Kilkenny. To mark the anniversary a walk and service to remember Jo Jo will take place on Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> November at the Courtyard of Kilkenny Castle at 2.00pm. This is an opportunity for all of us to gather 29 years on to ensure that Jo Jo is not forgotten and the search for her will continue. It is also a time to pray for all, including those from our parish, who are missing from home at this time.

**Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 4<sup>th</sup> November**

Monday	8.00am	Special Intention
	10.30am	Requiem Mass: Maria Gomes
Tuesday	10.30am	Billy & Mary Fitzpatrick
Wednesday	10.30am	Mary Fitzgerald
Saturday:	6.00pm	Kathleen & Michael McGarry Breda Murphy MM John Dollard
Sunday:	8.00am	Stephen & Josephine Deegan
	11.30am	Willie Maher MM Dan Butler Dermot Butler

Please note we may transfer an anniversary Mass on the occasion of a funeral.

**Parish Webcam**

Masses and Services in St. John’s Church are broadcast on [stjohnskilkenny.com](http://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,

**“For those who have lost a child” - Pope Francis’ Prayer Intention for November**

The loss of a child is the worst pain a parent can endure. There are no words that can describe such a profound grief. Pope Francis asks us to join him in prayer this month for parents who have lost children, to listen to them and be near them with love just like Jesus when he cared for the most vulnerable.

Hear the Pope’s message at this link or QR Code: <https://youtu.be/0ydmFxXxQDk>



**Mass for Deceased Nurses and Midwives**

Mass for deceased nurses and midwives will take place on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November at 10.30am in St. Fiacre’s Church, Loughboy. A tea/coffee morning will be held in the adjoining Parish Centre after Mass. Collection in aid of the Carlow/Kilkenny Home Care Team.

**St. Charles Borromeo and the Synod**

Now that the Synod on Synodality has concluded in Rome, it is likely that we will be hearing a lot more about how to be a synodal Church and what that means. As has been stated many times, this development towards a more synodal Church has both possibilities and risks. One risk is misunderstanding that being a synodal Church is something new or something invented by Pope Francis. Rather it goes right back to the early Church with the Council of Jerusalem when the question arose about whether new Christians should first become Jews. There are other examples from history when great saints and leaders built a synodal Church at a time of great challenge and revival.

On 4<sup>th</sup> November, the Church celebrates the feast day of one such leader who helped build a missionary Church and who can inspire us do the same today. Charles Borromeo was born in Arona, Italy, in 1538. He was given a good education and by the time he was 21, he had degrees in both civil and canon law. Despite the possibility of a well-paid career as a lawyer, Charles sensed a call to the priesthood and was ordained in 1563, aged 25. Two years later, he was chosen to be Archbishop of Milan which was the largest archdiocese in Italy with about 3,000 priests and 800,000 people. He was a nephew of the Pope at the time - Pope Pius IV, who invited him to take part in the final stages of the Council of Trent. This detail is important for it introduced Charles to the work of a synod when the Church gathers to discern matters of doctrine and pastoral care. For the next 21 years, Charles worked tirelessly to implement the reforms of the Council across his archdiocese, meeting with people and priests and providing the spiritual leadership required for his reforms to be successful.

On the feast of St. Charles Borromeo, may God fan into a flame the gift of the Spirit so that, like Charles, we may be closer to God and one another, having a burning desire to preach the love of Christ and teach the Gospel. And may each of us become reformers of the Church from within, beginning with ourselves.

*(Fr. Billy Swan)*