

### 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: [thepopejohnpauliiaward.com/ossory](http://thepopejohnpauliiaward.com/ossory) for information and registration.



### Gaelscoil Osraí

Bunaíodh Gaelscoil Osraí sa bhliain 1984. Beidh 40 bliain na scoile á cheiliúradh ar 22 Samhain, 7.00, sa scoil. Fáilte roimh iar-phobal na scoile chun tamall a chaitheamh ar bhoithrin na smaointe. Gaelscoil Osraí welcomes past pupils, teachers, and all who contributed to the school during the last 40 years. On 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 7.00pm, we will celebrate the establishment and growth of the school. Fáilte roimh iar-phobal na scoile. RSVP [go@osrai.com](mailto:go@osrai.com)

### SVP Society 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.

### Pope's 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. Tune in and hear Pope Francis's message by using the QR Code or going to this link: <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. A tea/coffee morning will be held in the Parish Centre after Mass. Collection in aid of the Carlow/Kilkenny Home Care Team.

**SVP Big Furniture Clearance Sale**  
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.

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**Newsletter Deadline:** Thursdays 12.00 noon **SVP Help Line:** 086 895 1239

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### 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 Whitely; Marian Eardly.

**Counselling Services - Towards Healing Confidential Helpline**  
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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-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - 10<sup>th</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 on next Thursday at 7.30pm 14<sup>th</sup> November. We remember in particular 82 of our parishioners who died between November 2023 and October 2024. 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 and radio link, 106.8fm.

### Praying for our Dead in November

The Church dedicates the month of November to the contemplation of the mystery of the Communion of Saints. This communion of love includes the faithful who have already reached heaven, the faithful departed who are still being purified and made ready for full union with God and the pilgrim faithful here on earth.

"In this wonderful exchange, the holiness of one profits others, well beyond the harm that the sin of one could cause others." (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #1475). As the celebration of Mass is the highest means the Church can provide for charity for the dead, we invite you to submit the names of your deceased parents, relations, friends and all for whom you wish to pray. These names will be placed in the Sacred Space before the altars in the churches in our parish. Throughout the month of November, the basket of names left at the foot of the altar and your intentions are prayed for at every Eucharistic Sacrifice of the Mass in our parish.

*"We pray with Christian hope that they are with God in paradise, in the expectation of being together again in that Mystery of Love that we don't understand, but which we know is true because it is a promise that Jesus made." – Pope Francis*

### 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 (1st November) we reflected on how we are helped by the example and prayers of the saints in heaven, on All Souls Day (2nd 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.*

**Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died**

**Recently Deceased:** Joan McCarthy, The Sycamores, Freshford Road. Requiem Mass at St. Canice's Church at 11.00am on Monday. Anne O'Neill, Killorglin, Kerry  
 Agnes Hogan, Dominic Street. Requiem Mass at St. Patrick's Church at 11.00am on Monday. Ann Delaney, St Fiacre's Place Pat O'Hanlon, Kilmacow  
 Sr. Charlotte McNeill, Glencairn

**Months Mind:** John Dollard (6.00pm). Dan Butler (11.30am).  
 Joe Bergin (11.00am).

**Anniversaries:** Kathleen & Michael McGarry; Breda Murphy (6.00pm); Stephen & Josephine Deegan (8.00am); Patricia Lewis (11.00am); Willie Maher; Dermot Butler (11.30am); Greg Moynihan; Mary Mulcahy; Walter Tallis; Tom Brennan; Peggy Hoyne; Brennan, Dullard & Forristal Families; Petra & Tom McGuinness; Josephine, Mary & Michael O'Driscoll; Jack, Jimmy & Mai Kavanagh; Francie O'Neill; Terence Doherty.

*Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us every day.*

**Readers for Next Weekend**

6.00pm Bridget Ahearn  
 8.00am Jo Browne  
 10.00am Fiona & Sarah Manning  
 11.00am Nora Guilfoyle & Fiona McGeary  
 11.30am Anne Maria Walsh & Kay Purcell  
 7.00pm Marie Fogarty



**Attendance/Collections Last Weekend**

Envelope Collection:		€960.00	
Mass	Attendance	Baskets	
6.00pm St. John's	130	213.00	
8.00am St. John's	90	199.00	
10.00am St. Johnswell	34	62.00	
11.00am Dunmore	77	125.00	
11.30am St. John's	197	345.00	
7.00pm St. John's	86	189.00	
	614	€1,133.00	

**Pope Francis on the Sacrament of Confirmation**

Speaking at the General Audience last week Pope Francis warned against "reducing" Confirmation "in practice," to "last rites", that is the "Sacrament of 'departure' from the Church," because rather it "is the Sacrament of the beginning of an active participation in its life."

"It is a milestone that can seem impossible, given the current situation throughout the Church," the Pope said, "but this does not mean that we should stop pursuing it." He acknowledged it will not be the case for all preparing for Confirmation, but, regardless, he said, "it is important that it is at least for some who will then go on to be the animators of the community."

In this Sacrament's laying on of hands, the Pope recalled we receive the indelible seal of the Holy Spirit which emboldens us to spread and defend the faith as Christ's true witnesses in the world. Moreover, he reminded that Confirmation increases and deepens the life of the Spirit poured out upon us at Baptism and encourages us, and especially the young people who receive the Sacrament, to actively engage in the life and mission of the Church.

We welcome those who are currently enrolling in the Confirmation programme in our parish schools and we pray that for them it will be the beginning of a long and active participation in the life of the Church.

**New President of US**

The Vatican responded to Donald Trump's election through Cardinal Pietro Parolin: "At the beginning of his mandate, we wish him much wisdom because that is the principal virtue of those who govern, according to the Bible". Asked about Mr. Trump's statement during the campaign and after his victory that "I'm not going to start wars, I'm going to stop wars," Cardinal Parolin responded, "Let us hope, we hope, we hope!" But, he added, "I don't think that even he has a magic wand." He emphasized that to end war, "there is a need for much humility, much willingness and the need to seek the interests of humanity as a whole, rather than focusing on particular interests."

**Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 11<sup>th</sup> November**

Monday	10.30am	Walter Tallis
Tuesday	10.30am	Tom Brennan, Peggy Hoyne Brennan, Dullard & Forristal Families
Wednesday	10.30am	Petra & Tommy McGuinness
Thursday	8.00am	Josephine, Mary & Michael O'Driscoll
	7.30pm	Bereavement Mass
Saturday:	6.00pm	Mary Mulcahy
Sunday:	11.00am	Mary & Andrew Brennan
	11.30am	Maura Leahy
		Martin & Peggy Brett
		Jim Fogarty
	7.00pm	Deceased Staff & Committee Members of Kilkenny Mart

**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

**"Join us for Taizé Prayer with Special Guests from Taizé"**

All are warmly invited to gather for a special Taizé prayer service with guests from the Taizé community, who are visiting Ireland during November. This beautiful service will take place at St. Mary's Cathedral, Kilkenny City on Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00pm.

Come and experience the serene atmosphere of Taizé prayer, a time of song, silence, and reflection. Everyone is welcome.

**Please Return Your 'CHY3 Cert'**

This week we issued 'CHY3 Certs' to parishioners. The parish receives 'tax relief' from the Revenue Commissioners from eligible donations over €250 within a Tax Year. This is calculated from the sum of all donations to church and clergy funds - e.g. weekly or annual envelopes, Lenten stations, October Stations, November Offerings and Christmas Offerings. This is a very important source of income for parish funds in times of dwindling numbers of parishioners actively supporting parish income. So, if you recently received a 'CHY3 Cert' from us for signature please return it ASAP for processing.

If you received a Cert and it does not apply to your circumstances, please let us know so that we will not issue you one again. We thank all of you who make great efforts to support your parish to the best of your ability on an ongoing basis.

**Saint Leo the Great**

St. Leo the Great is celebrated on 10<sup>th</sup> November. Pope Leo I, or Leo the Great, was Pope from 29<sup>th</sup> September 440 to 10<sup>th</sup> November 461. He was a Roman aristocrat and the first Pope to whom the title "the Great" was attached. He is perhaps best known for having met Attila the Hun outside Rome in 452, in an attempt to persuade the king not to sack the city. Since Attila withdrew his attack, Leo has traditionally been credited with saving Rome.

St. Leo the Great is also known for his theological insights and pastoral care. He defended the unity of the Church and protected it from various heresies, most notably through his powerful teaching on the nature of Christ. His wisdom and devotion continue to inspire, especially his emphasis on Christ's love and humility as central to the Christian life. St. Leo's life reminds us of the importance of courage, humility, and unwavering faith in guiding and serving others.

**Sisters of Mary Morning Star Craft Sale**

Sisters of Mary Morning Star will hold a craft sale on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> November at St. John's Church after the weekend Masses. The sisters handmade craft work consists of jam, chutney, candles, rosaries, soap, pottery, CDs, cards, incense and more. A perfect opportunity to find some Christmas gifts! The sisters would love to meet you and receive your prayer intentions. Thank you for your support