

### Parish Remembrance Mass

Thanks to all who attended our annual parish Remembrance Mass on last Thursday evening. The large congregation appreciated the prayers of thanksgiving for the lives of those who had died. Thanks also to the many people who prepared the Mass and participated on the evening. We continue to remember in our prayers those of our families and friends who have died.

### 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.

### Please Return Your 'CHY3 Cert'

We have issued 'CHY3 Certs' to parishioners. The parish receives 'tax relief' from the Revenue Commissioners from eligible donations over €250 within a Tax Year. Thank you to all who are return the form so far. If you haven't done so yet if you could return it next week to the office for processing it would be greatly appreciated. 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.

### A Prayer Before Bedtime

O my God,  
As the evening falls, I come to you in prayer.  
I thank you for being with me in every moment of  
this day, guiding me and protecting me,  
keeping me from harm.

On this November night I bring before you in  
prayer all those dear to me who have died.

Remember them God  
in your loving kindness.

May they now rest in your eternal peace.  
May all of us who still miss them  
and grieve for them find comfort in our belief  
that we will one day see them again  
in the kingdom of heaven.

I remember in my prayer this night  
all those who have died  
and who have no one to pray for them.  
For these and for our loved ones I pray:  
Eternal rest grant unto them,  
O Lord, let perpetual light shine upon them.  
May they rest in peace. Amen.

### SVP Big Furniture Clearance Sale

Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> November for one day only at the St. Vincent dePaul Shop, from 11.00am to 4.00pm.

### Coeliac Hosts

Low gluten hosts are available for parishioners who are gluten intolerant. Please indicate your preference to the minister when you go to Holy Communion.

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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

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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

### OUR PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES ARE:

Brenda Whitely; Marian Eardly.

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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-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - 17<sup>th</sup> November 2024

### Collection for the Ossory Priests Society

The Ossory Priests Society is charged with making suitable financial provision for the care of the priests in the Diocese of Ossory in sickness and old age. The Annual Collection for this good cause takes place on next weekend, the Feast of Christ the King, 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> November. A contribution to the Ossory Priests Society collection is an opportunity to show appreciation for the many years of service our sick and retired priests have given to God and to His people throughout the Diocese of Ossory. Your support is very much appreciated.

### Dunmore Cake Sale

Join us for our Annual Christmas Bake Sale on Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> December after the 11.00am Mass. Please drop baked good and raffle prizes into the Hall before Mass. Everyone is very welcome to come along for a cuppa and refreshments.

### Do This In Memory

We welcome the children from St. John's Junior School and Johnswell National School who are preparing for the Sacraments of First Penance and First Eucharist to our 6.00pm Vigil Mass at St. John's Church and 10.00am Mass at Johnswell on next weekend. As they continue the *Do This in Memory* Parish Programme of preparation, we keep them in our prayers and pray that with God's help their parents and families may truly pass on the light of faith.

### The Feast of Christ the King

Celebrate The Feast of Christ the King on Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> November from 2.00pm to 5.30pm in the Tower Hotel, Waterford. Prayer, Praise, Music, Scripture, Sharing and Healing Ministry. All are welcome. Further info: Sile 086 859 0394. Organised by Word of God Outreach (Waterford / S.E. Charismatic Renewal).

### Adoration for Vocations with a gift from Pope John Paul II

A monstrance, one of six, which was blessed by the late Pope Saint John Paul II on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2004 for the purpose of praying for an increase in vocations will visit Ireland and travel across 12 dioceses from 18<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> November. The monstrance will be here in St. John's Church on Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> November. The monstrance will be used for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament during a Holy Hour between 7.30pm and 8.30pm. The Holy Hour will end with Benediction. This event is organised by the Ossory Vocation's Team. Please join us in praying for our current seminarian, and through the intercession of St. Pope John Paul II, pray the Lord of the harvest to inspire those he is calling to the priesthood for the future.

### John Paul II Awards

Calling young people between 16 and 18 years. Our parish will be involved with this year's John Paul II Awards. Visit: thepopejohnpauliiaward.com Thanks to those who have already enrolled. More are needed - come and join our team of young helpers.

**Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died**

**Recently Deceased:** Damien Dowling, Newpark Close. Requiem Mass at 11.30am on this Sunday in St John’s Church. Funeral afterwards to St Kieran’s Cemetery.  
 Vladislav Udatny, Hebron Road Richard Landy, Windgap  
 Sr Johanna de Ste Gertrude, Little Sisters of the Poor, Ferrybank.  
 John Joseph Gaule, St Gabriels

**Anniversaries:** Teresa Holohan; Mary Mulcahy; Martin & Peggy Brett (6.00pm); Mary & Andrew Brennan (11.00am); Deceased Staff & Committee Members of Kilkenny Mart (7.00pm); Maura Leahy; Jim Fogarty; Tony Melia; Patrick Kavanagh; Seán Walsh; Rebecca Ashmore; Ned & Bridie Langton; O’Conor & Langton Families; Michael Kearney; John Madigan; Andrew Murphy; Aileen Hehir; Joe Murphy; Seamus Loughman; Peter Blanchfield; Johanna Maher; Mary & Jimmy Meany; Noreen & Michael Maher; Thomas, Elizabeth, Bernadette & Frances Ivory; Canon Tom Murphy; Fr Pat Comerford; John Darcy; Margaret & Patrick Doran; Edward, Catherine & Michael Delaney; Jack McDonald; Richard Duggan.

*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.*

**Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 18<sup>th</sup> November**

Monday	10.30am	Jim Fogarty
Tuesday	8.00am	Tony Melia
Wednesday	10.30am	Patrick Kavanagh
Thursday	8.00am 10.30am	Seán Walsh & Rebecca Ashmore Ned & Bridie Langton O’Connor & Langton Families
Saturday:	6.00pm	Ann Stapleton & Stapleton Family Ned Lawless
Sunday:	10.00am 11.00am 11.30am	Jim Brophy The Sullivan Family Gay Noonan Tom & Kathleen Cody
	7.00pm	Stephen, Statia & Bosco Buckley MM Joe Morris

**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

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 the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

**Readers for Next Weekend**

6.00pm	Mairin Bergin
8.00am	Billy Phelan
10.00am	Eve Brennan Anna Ryan
11.00am	Liam Burke & Liam Maddock
11.30am	Frank & Emily Bradley
7.00pm	Joan Galwey



**Attendance/Collections Last Weekend**

Envelope Collection:		€1,244.00
	<small>Mass</small>	<small>Attendance</small>
6.00pm St. John’s	180	541.00
8.00am St. John’s	76	311.00
10.00am Johnswell	34	241.00
11.00am Dunmore	80	188.00
11.30am St. John’s	247	727.00
7.00pm St. John’s	99	391.00
	716	€2,399.00

**World Day of the Poor**

Pope Francis has declared today Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> November to be the Eighth World Day of the Poor, with the theme *The prayer of the poor rises up to God.*

The expression that gives the 2024 World Day of the Poor its theme is taken from the Book of Sirach (cf. Sir 21:5), which Pope Francis says is not sufficiently known and deserves to be discovered for the richness of its themes.

In his message for this World Day of the Poor, the Holy Father reiterates that “the poor hold a privileged place in God’s heart” and invites everyone to learn to pray for the poor and to pray together with the poor, with humility and trust.

“God knows the sufferings of his children because he is an attentive and caring father. As a father, he takes care of those who are most in need: the poor, the marginalised, the suffering and the forgotten. No one is excluded from his heart, for in his eyes, we are all needy.”

In his message Pope Francis criticises policies that promote wars. He writes: “The violence caused by wars clearly shows the arrogance of those who consider themselves to be powerful before men and women, but they are poor in the eyes of God. How many more people are impoverished by misguided policies involving weapons! How many innocent victims! Yet we cannot turn our backs to this reality.”

The Holy Father highlighted the example of Mother Teresa of Calcutta, who spent her life working for the poor and who described herself as “only a poor sister who prays.” “We are called in every circumstance to be friends of the poor, following in the footsteps of Jesus who always began by showing solidarity when dealing with the least among us,” the Pope said.



**The Persecuted Church**

A Week of Witness for Persecuted Christians takes place from this Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> November to 24<sup>th</sup> November with Red Wednesday falling on 20<sup>th</sup> November. The Week of Witness is an invitation to Christians across the island of Ireland to stand in solidarity with and bear witness to the heroic example of our persecuted brothers and sisters in faith across the world. You are invited to pray for peace and offer hope in the midst of persecution, war and violence. More details on [www.acnireland.org](http://www.acnireland.org)

**St. Mary’s Cathedral Restoration Fund**

This month’s draw will take place on Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> November. Tickets are available from the Parish Office, or any of the priests of St. John’s Parish. We encourage your support for St. Mary’s, our Diocesan Cathedral.

**Sisters of Mary Morning Star Craft Sale**

Sisters of Mary Morning Star will hold a craft sale next weekend 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 Christmas gifts. The sisters would love to meet you and receive your prayer intentions.

**Presentation Day**

To mark the feast of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary the pupils and staff of Presentation Secondary School, Loughboy will celebrate their feast day Mass at St. John’s Church 11.30am on next Friday. We welcome them to our parish.

**The Priory Institute – Online Advent Retreat**

The Priory Institute is delighted to offer a free of charge online retreat “Keeping Vigil for the Vulnerable God. Visit our website to register/find out more. [www.prioryinstitute.com](http://www.prioryinstitute.com)

**Scoil Aireagail Secondary School Christmas Market**

Scoil Aireagail Secondary School Christmas Market, Ballyhale, Co. Kilkenny, R95 AH30 will hold a Christmas Market on Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> December, 11.00am to 2.00pm. Join us for a festive day filled with music, baking, crafts, and holiday cheer! Discover unique, handmade gifts for your loved ones, delicious treats, and festive tunes to get you in the Christmas spirit. Don’t miss this opportunity to support a local community.