

Love Revealed - Familial Love & Friendship Course Day at Integritas

On Saturday, the 7th of December, from 10.00am, we are beginning a new course here entitled 'Love Revealed - Familial Love and Friendship'. The purpose of this course is to explore how God speaks to each of us through our close human relationships (i.e., what we receive), and how these relationships, in turn, challenge us to mirror God's own nature as self-surrendering love (i.e., what we are called to give). The first of two sessions will concentrate on how central human relationships are in revealing God's love to us, together with how the deepest nature of divine love (which we are called to reflect into the world) is self-surrendering. The second session will focus on how God's love is mirrored in parental love for a child and, in particular, how the 'letting-be' of the child is so central to reflecting God's generous love for us. This morning will conclude by sharing a method of prayer by which we can glimpse divine love from the everyday encounters we have with family and friends. The day will conclude with lunch at 1.30pm. If you would like to attend this day, please let us know. Linda Rainsberry (Tel: 087 293 6951), Patrick Treacy (Tel: 087 227 0969). E-mail: enquiries@integritas.ie Website: www.integritas.ie

Collection for the Ossory Priests Society – Feast of Christ the King

The Ossory Priests Society is responsible for the financial provision for the care of priests in the Diocese of Ossory in infirmity, sickness and old age. The Annual Collection for this good cause takes place this weekend of the Feast of Christ the King, 23rd and 24th 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.

St. Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund

This month's draw will take place next Wednesday, 27th 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.

Scoil Aireagail School - Christmas Market

Scoil Aireagail Secondary School Christmas Market, Ballyhale will hold a Christmas Market on Sunday, 1st 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.

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Email: stjohns@ossory.ie **Website:** www.stjohnskilkenny.com

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

OUR PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES ARE:

Brenda Whitely; Marian Eardly.

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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

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - 24th November 2024

Holy Hour For Vocations – St John's Church

On 24th November 2004, the late Pope Saint John Paul II blessed six monstrances for use for people to pray for an increase of vocations to ordained ministry and consecrated life. The monstrances were designated for Eucharistic Adoration for vocations for each major continent or geographical area around the world as a symbol of the connection between the Eucharist and priestly vocations. The six regions given a monstrance are: North America, Latin America, Europe, Asia, Africa and the Pacific. The monstrance that was given to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops is being brought to Ireland and will visit 12 dioceses in November of this year. The Diocese of Ossory will receive the monstrance on Wednesday, 27th November. Ossory Vocations will hold a Holy Hour for Vocations in St. John's Church, on next Wednesday, 27th November at 7.30 p.m. All are invited to come and pray for vocations in the diocese.

Two New Saints Announced

Pope Francis announced on Wednesday that Blessed Carlo Acutis and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, two young Catholics beloved for their vibrant faith and witness to holiness, will be canonized during two major jubilee celebrations in 2025.

Carlo, an Italian computer-coding teenager who died of cancer in 2006, is known for his great devotion to the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist and is referred to as the first millennial saint. He is remembered for saying: "People who place themselves before the sun get a tan; people who place themselves before the Eucharist become saints." His canonization will take place during the Jubilee for Teenagers on 25th - 27th April 2025.

Pier Frassati, a native of Turin who died at the age of 24 in 1925, is also beloved by many today for his enthusiastic witness to holiness that reaches "to the heights." Frassati was beatified by Pope John Paul II in 1990 who called him a "man of the eight beatitudes". He will be canonized at the Jubilee of Youth gathering in Rome, 28th – 3rd August 2025.

Christmas Concert

A Christmas Concert will be held in St John's Church on Sunday 8th December from 3.00pm to 5.00pm. Artists include Mount Juliet Chamber Choir, Presentation Senior Choir, Cois Nore Choir, Martina Burke, Sospiro Male Choir, Trish Carroll and James Rice and Waterford High Hopes Choir. €10 entrance fee payable at the door. Amazing raffle on the day. All proceeds to Kilkenny Helping the Homeless and Carlow/Kilkenny Irish Pilgrimage Trust.

Sisters of Mary Morning Star Craft Sale

Sisters of Mary Morning Star will hold a craft sale this weekend 23rd and 24th November at St. John's Church after the weekend Masses. A perfect opportunity to find Christmas gifts. The sisters would love to meet you and receive your prayer intentions.

Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

Recently Deceased: Micheál Brennan, Waterford and late of St Fiacre's Place
Oisín Hayes, France and late of Greenfields Road

Anniversaries: Sheila Phelan Callanan; Ann Stapleton & Stapleton Family; Ned Lawless (6.00pm); Jim Brophy (10.00am); The Sullivan Family (11.00am); Gay Noonan; Tom & Kathleen Cody (11.30am); Stephen, Statia & Bosco Buckley; Joe Morris (Months Mind) (7.00pm); Michael & Margaret Smullen; Thomas & John O'Neill; Patrick J. Crotty; John Geoghegan; John Kennedy and Family; Fr. Ignatius Phelan; Jack Rowe; William Sullivan; Madeline Geoghegan; Hannah Byrne; Deceased Staff and Pupils of St John's Senior School; Dan McEvoy; James Kavanagh; Mark & Lil Lynch; Deceased members of the Hennessy Family.

*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 Mary Lynch
8.00am Pdraig O'Neill
10.00am Teresa Dowling
11.00am Eddie Holohan & Liz Holohan
11.30am Kathleen Ferguson
7.00pm Eileen Kinane



Attendance/Collections Last Weekend

Envelope Collection:		€1,244.00	
Mass	Attendance	Baskets	
6.00pm St. John's	92	302.00	
8.00am St. John's	71	296.00	
10.00am Johnswell	44	184.00	
11.00am Dunmore	83	215.00	
11.30am St. John's	333	809.00	
7.00pm St. John's	<u>132</u>	<u>414.00</u>	
		€2,220.00	

Readers Rota - St John's Church and Johnswell Church

The readers rota for the coming year is available for collection in the sacristies in St John's Church and Johnswell Church. Thanks to all who undertake this very important ministry in our parish. Your commitment is appreciated.

First Confession and First Holy Communion

It's a great pleasure to welcome to Mass this weekend the children who are preparing to celebrate the sacraments of Confession (Reconciliation) and Holy Communion for the first-time next year. We welcome also their parents and family members. Our focus this weekend will be on Christ the King. The special Masses will be at St. John's Church at 6.00pm on Saturday and at Johnswell Church at 10.00am on Sunday.

Christmas Wreath Making Workshop

This workshop will take place in Johnswell Hall on Thursday, 5th December at 7.00pm. Price: €40 (€20 Deposit confirms booking). Numbers are limited. All supplies are provided (please bring your own secateurs). For further information please contact Mary on 087 996 4119.

Dunmore Cake Sale

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

Advent Evenings of Reflection

The Dominican Community, Black Abbey, Kilkenny, invite you to four Thursday evening reflections on the Gospels for the Sundays of Advent, which will take place on 28th November and 5th, 12th and 19th December 2024, from 7.15pm – 8.30pm, in the Black Abbey, Kilkenny, facilitated by Father Stephen Cummins, O.P. Further information please contact 056 772 1279 or by email blackabbey@dominicans.ie

Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 25th November

Monday	10.30am	Hannah Byrne Deceased Staff & Pupils of St John's Snr. School
Wednesday	10.30am 7.30pm	Dan McEvoy Holy Hour for Vocations
Thursday	10.30am	James Kavanagh
Friday	10.30am	Mark & Lil Lynch
Saturday:	10.30am 6.00pm	Deceased Members of Hennessy Family John Holmes Larry O'Shea Helen Purcell
Sunday:	11.30am 7.00pm	Eileen Tynan (nee Roche) Mary Shelly Ollie Bergin Kathleen & Michael Slattery Liam Leydon

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 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

Points to Ponder - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Ninety-five years ago Pope Pius XI said that he wanted to establish an annual liturgical feast precisely so that we could all gain 'much strength and courage ... to form [our] lives after the true Christian ideal.' He said that if Christ is truly our king, 'He must reign in our minds, which should assent with perfect submission and firm belief to revealed truths and to the doctrines of Christ. He must reign in our wills, which should obey the laws and precepts of God. He must reign in our hearts.

In short, for Christ to reign, he must be King of my time, of my family, of my wallet, of all parts of my life. Living in his kingdom will inevitably make us more like the King we know, we love, we serve, and he has sent us out to announce.

Today, Jesus wants us to make a personal choice for him. He asks each of us, as he asked Pilate, 'Do you say that I am a king on your own or because others have told you about me?' It's not enough for him to be the King of 'others' or even the King of the 'universe.' It's not enough for the pope, or the priests, or the catechism to proclaim him sovereign Lord. It's not adequate, in order words, even that the whole Church in heaven and on earth acclaims him as the Saviour and Lord. Jesus wants each of us personally and intimately to say and mean, 'thy Kingdom come,' rather than just doing so because others have told us about this reality.

Fr Roger J. Landry - www.catholicpreaching.com

Confirmation Candidates

An enrolment service for the Confirmation candidates will take place on next Tuesday, 26th November in St John's Church at 7.30pm. Please keep the young adults and their families in your prayers as they prepare to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit next February.

Annual Mass for Deceased – Glanbia & Tirlán

Annual Memorial Mass for the deceased family members, work colleagues and friends of Tirlán and Glanbia will take place in St Canice's Church Kilkenny on Friday, 29th November. Rosary for the Deceased at 7.15pm, Mass at 7.30pm.

Family Carers Ireland Church Gate Collection

Family Carers Ireland are holding a Church gate collection this Sunday, 24th November. Your support would be greatly appreciated.