Kilkenny Sub Aqua Club

This local club will hold a church gate collec- We join in congratulating the Prior and Dominition in Kilkenny on next weekend Saturday, 25th and Sunday, 26th January. Please support.

Programme at Integritas, Ennisnag

For January contemplative prayer will continue at the Integritas Centre, Ennisnag at 8.00pm on each Wednesday evening.

On Saturday, 8th of February, at 10.00am Linda will give a presentation in her series of seminars on 'The Christian Vision of Humanity'.

This will continue an exploration of the doctrine Kilquan Drama Group presents "Stop it Nurse" specifically Christian view of humanity.

please let us know beforehand.

The Priory Institute

The Priory Institute provides online theology For the Right to an Education: Let us pray for courses to degree level. Attend Saturday lec- migrants, refugees and those affected by war, tures in Tallaght or from the comfort of your that their right to an education, which is necesown home. Register before 11th February. Find sary to build a better world, might always be out more on our website, prioryinstitute.com

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Public Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament con- The annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

The Black Abbey Celebrations

can Community at the Black Abbey on their 800th anniversary in Kilkenny. The Dominicans arrived in Kilkenny in 1225, their third establishment in Ireland, and have served the people of the City and county since. The Abbey was "founded in honour of the One and Undivided Trinity, by William Marshall, the younger, Earl of Pembroke, in 1225." Ad multos annos!

Kilquan Drama Group

of creation. It will focus on two areas of the by Sam Cree - Directed by Benny Mills, a comedv in Three Acts in Coon Hall (Eircode R93 This seminar will continue until 1.30 pm when EC89). Play will be performed on 31st January, lunch will be provided. If you wish to attend it, 1st, 2nd, 7th, 8th and 9th February at 8.00pm. Doors at 7.00pm. Admission €10

Pope's Intention for January 2025

respected.

Ossory Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2025

tinues at St. John's Church between 11.00am 2025 will take place from Monday, 19th until and 1.00pm on Wednesdays. We invite you to Saturday, 24th May. 5 nights from €949 per join us and spend some time in prayer before person. For further information and bookings, please contact: Joe Walsh Tours 01 241 0800.

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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.

Weekdays: 8.00am, 10.30am. (Sat. 10.30am only). Adoration: Wednesdays at 11.00am.

Johnswell - Sunday 10.00am

Dunmore - Sunday 11.00am

St. John's Parish, St. Mary's Parish, St. Patrick's Parish, St. Canice's Parish together form the Kilkenny City Pastoral Area

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - 19th January 2025

Church Unity Week 2025

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is from the 18th to 25th January – the octave of St. Peter and St. Paul – and we are reminded annually of Jesus' prayer for his disciples that "they may be one so that the world may believe" (John 17.21).

The theme for this year's week of prayer is 'Do you Believe This?' The theme, prepared by an ecumenical community at Bose in Northern Italy, reflect on the story of Martha's confession of faith in Jesus as narrated in John 11:17-27. Each one of us is called to sit with Jesus provocative question to Martha: "Do you believe this?"

Bishop Coll will visit St Canice's Cathedral to preach at their Sunday Eucharist.

Catholic Schools Week 2025 - Alive in Christ

Sunday, 19th January, marks the beginning of Catholic Schools Week 2025. The theme for Catholic Schools Week this year is: Alive in Christ. The theme is taken from Pope Francis who reminds us in *Christus Vivit*: "Christ is alive and he wants you to be alive!"

This week we celebrate the unique contribution that Catholic schools make to our parishes and acknowledges the work of Boards of Management, teachers, staff, parents and pupils of our schools. We look forward to welcoming the pupils and staff of St. John's Senior School to our 10.30am Mass at St. John's Church on Monday. The Senior School will also have a Grandparent's day on next Friday morning where all grandparents are invited to the school at 11.15am for tea and scones and to share with the young people.

We also welcome the children preparing for First Holy Communion from the Junior School to our 10.30am Mass next Tuesday at 10.30am.

A Prayer for Catholic Schools

Almighty God, You sent forth your Son as a beacon of hope for all people.

As a teacher, he has given us the prime example of the importance of education.

As disciples, we look to him for inspiration and strength.

Thank you for the many people who have dedicated their lives

in service to our Catholic Schools.

Our teachers and Boards of Management who sustain our schools.

Our parents who have given support and witness to the importance of Catholic education.

Our students who work hard to further their education.

Bless all our Catholic Schools and the many people who advance our mission.

May our schools be a home for those who seek to grow in openness, faith, love, intellect and commitment to justice. In your name, we pray. Amen.

Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

Recently Deceased:

Tadhg Fitzgerald, Rioch Terrace. Requiem Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral at noon on Monday. Eugene Walsh, Tullaroan Br Killian O'Sullivan, De La Salle Brothers

Fr Raymond Liddane, Waterford Patrick Morrissev, Rioch Street Phil Larkin, Upper Patrick Street Elma Cronin, Cork

Gary Lynch, Wellington Square Sarah McCauley, Leixlip

Davy Ryan, Lord Edward Street

Months Mind: Helen Butler (6.00pm) Mary Kiely (7.00pm).

Anniversaries: Mary Lahert; Maura & Tommy Anderson (6.00pm); Patrick & Catherine Guidera; Teresa (Tess) Hillman (11.30am); Eoghan Moran (7.00pm); Mary & Kevin Fanning; Brendan O'Brien; Carmel Maher; Eamon Goulding; Joe Doherty; Nelly Donnelly; Margaret & Patrick Doran; Catherine & Michael Delaney; Maureen Fitzgerald; Ann Hawe; Bernadette Egan; Christy Slattery.

> 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	Attendance/Colle	ections L	ast Weekend
10.00am 11.00am 11.30am	Bridget Ahearn Billy Phelan Teresa Dowling Christy Murray & Maise Powell Paula Rogers & James Connolly Anne Marie Grace	Envelope Collection	1: Attendance 136 76 42 111 221	€2,635.00 <u>Baskets</u> 368.00 341.00 208.00 294.00 638.00 399.00
		7.00pm St. John S	$\frac{118}{704}$	€2, 248.00

Leaving Cert Irish Oral Exam Workshop 2025

A three-part Leaving Cert Irish Oral Workshop which will cover all elements of the Leaving Cert Irish Oral examination will take place in Johnswell Community Hall on the following dates: 8th, 15th and 22nd of March. These workshops will provide an opportunity for students to learn, prepare and practice for their upcoming Leaving Cert Irish Oral Exam. To book or for further information please contact tobarnagaeilge@yahoo.com or 087 667 3302 (Maria Ní Thuama).

Alliance Française

The Alliance Française in Kilkenny in Kilkenny are starting their French classes again, with enrolment on Tuesday, 21st January from 7.00pm in the Club House Hotel (where the classes will be run). So, if you are a beginner and want to know what do you say after you say "Bonjour", or you want to revive your school French, or get better value from your French holiday or are good at French but just need a chance to practice it and build on that, well, there are classes for all levels. There are also classes for Leaving and Junior Cert students. The teachers are native French but very patient with the struggling Irish. And you get an appreciation of French culture in the Cultural Evenings each month, and you can watch a carefully chosen French film each month in the Watergate Theatre. So discover some Joie de Vive at the Alliance Française. See www.afkilkenny.org for more details.

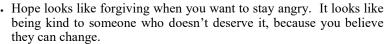
South Kilkenny Historical Society Lecture

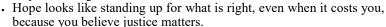
Title: Some Interesting South Kilkenny lives. Speaker: Donal Cadogan. Date: Friday, 31st January 2025. Time: 8.00pm. Venue: Mullinavat Parish Hall (opposite St. Beacon's Church).

Mass I	ntentions for	Parish Webcam		
Tuesday: Thursday: Friday: Saturday:	10.30am 10.30am 10.30am 10.30am	Special Intention Maureen Fitzgerald Ann Hawe Bernadette Egan Christy Slattery	Masses and Services in St. John's Church are broadcast on stjohnskilkenny.com and on 106.8FM. Inform those who are unable to attend.	
Sunday:	6.00pm 8.00am	Richard (Dick) O'Shea Billy Malone; Richard Grace MM Maurice Ryan Frank Walsh	Weekdays 8.00am and 10.30am.	
J	10.00am 11.00am	Nancy Comerford Claire & John Irwin Renee & Jarlath Walshe	Saturdays 10.30am and 6.00pm. Sundays	
	11.30am 7.00pm	Dick Brennan; Margaret Murray Johanna McEneaney Patrick & Hugh Meany	8.00am, 11.30am 7.00pm.	
	·	Ann, Michael, Bridget & Michael Jnr O'Connor	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.		10.30am 7.00pm	

Jubilee Year 2025 - 'Pilgrims of Hope'

As we celebrate Jubilee Year 2025 on the theme, Pilgrims of Hope. Bishop Niall Coll, Bishop of Ossory, published five points on 'Hope'. In his message Bishop Coll said, "We may ask what is the "hope" that Pope Francis calls us to, in other words what might it look like in the concrete circumstances of our own lives:





- Hope is getting out of bed in the morning when you're struggling and depressed and uncertain – believing – just maybe – that today might bring something new.
- Hope looks like parents raising children in a digital world, helping them to understand that their value goes beyond screens, and teaching them to find their identity in something deeper than "likes" and "comments" on social media.
- Hope looks like peacemakers who refuse to give up on reconciliation ... and so much more."

Bishop Coll said "As we journey through this Jubilee Year, I invite both you and those rather weathered friends of mine that I mentioned to embrace the hope that does not disappoint. Let hope inspire us to deepen our faith, to act with love, and to become beacons of hope in our homes, parishes and wider communities. In doing so, we fulfil the very essence of our calling as 'Pilgrims of Hope' bringing light to the world and drawing closer to the heart of Christ. Truly the work of the Lord's disciples!"

St. Brigid's Cross Workshop

Making a St. Brigid's Cross Workshop for adults takes place in Loughboy Library on Wednesday, 29th January from 2.00pm - 4.00pm. Learn to make the St. Brigid's Cross with craft expert Monica Fleming. Using locally sourced rushes, various regional cross designs will be created.

You will also learn about similar traditions, crafts and crosses from Europe. Places are limited. Phone 056 779 4176 or email loughboy@kilkennylibrary.ie to book.

