

## Ossory Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2025

19<sup>th</sup> May – 24<sup>th</sup> May 2025 | 5 nights direct from Cork Airport. Booking; [www.joewalshstours.ie](http://www.joewalshstours.ie) - [info@joewalshstours.ie](mailto:info@joewalshstours.ie). Telephone: 01 241 0800 (ask for Martin Culleton). Prices per person sharing: Hotel Agena €949, Hotel La Solitude or Hotel Padoue €995. Cost to include: - Bus from Castlecomer or Loughboy Shopping Centre, Kilkenny to and from the airport • direct return flight from Cork to Lourdes • airport taxes. Transfers between Lourdes airport and your hotel • 5 nights accommodation • full board: breakfast, lunch and dinner each day • 20kg check-in luggage + 1 very small cabin bag • full services of Joe Walsh tour assistants • full religious programme optional (not included) • single room supplement: €39 per night in Agena, €42 per night in Padoue and Solitude • pilgrimage travel insurance: €45 per person up to 79 years; €65 per person 80-94 years. Booking procedure for special assisted/sick section: contact Fr. Anthony O'Connor 087 251 7766.

### Side by Side Club - 50 Years!

The Side by Side Club is celebrating 50 years of the Club this year. To mark this special occasion the Club would like to invite current and previous members and their families to join them for Mass and refreshments in the St. John's Parish Day Centre on Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> February at 2.00pm. All are very welcome.

## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Public Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament continues at St. John's Church between 11.00am and 1.00pm on Wednesdays. We invite you to join us and spend some time in prayer before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

### The Most Holy Rosary

A number of parishioners gather each morning at St. John's Church to recite the rosary at 10.10am. All are welcome to come and join in this beautiful Marian prayer.

### Scripture Study Group

This parish group continues in the Presbytery at 7.30pm on Thursday evenings. All are welcomed to come and reflect on the Mass readings for the following Sunday.

### Mayfair Library

Mayfair Library is hosting a Board Games afternoon on Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> February; 2.30-4.30pm for ages 7 years+. Booking 056 779 4174.

### Clothes Collection

A Clothes Collection in aid of the Annual Conahy Parish Christmas Party. Clothes can be dropped into the dressing room in the Conahy Shamrocks GAA Grounds from Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> to Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> of February. Donate unwanted clothes, belts, shoes, linen, and cuddly toys with no hard plastic. No duvets or pillows.

**Address:** St John's Presbytery, Dublin Road, Kilkenny. R95 ND2W

**Email:** [stjohns@ossory.ie](mailto:stjohns@ossory.ie) **Website:** [www.stjohnskilkenny.com](http://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

Monsignor 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](mailto:dlp@ossory.ie)

### OUR PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES ARE:

Brenda Whitely; Marian Eardly.

### Counselling Services - Towards Healing Confidential Helpline

1800 313 316 - [www.towardshealing.ie](http://www.towardshealing.ie)

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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**

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 9<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

### Safeguarding Sunday

Safeguarding Sunday is a time for the Diocese of Ossory to remind our parish communities and wider society that protecting children and vulnerable people is at the heart of the Christian message. It is opportunity for all parishes to pray as one and to acknowledge the dedication of Church personnel and volunteers who serve in the ministry of Safeguarding across the 42 parishes in our diocese. Take a leaflet at the door for further information.

In St. John's Parish, we value and encourage the participation of children and young people in all parish activities that enhance their spiritual, physical, emotional, and social development. We recognise the dignity and rights of all children and are committed to ensuring their protection and support.

The Safeguarding Representatives in this parish are Brenda Whitely and Marian Eardly. If you, or anyone you know, has a Safeguarding concern please contact Ms. Ailish Higgins, Diocesan Director of Safeguarding and Designated Liaison Person at 087 802 1633 – email [dlp@ossory.ie](mailto:dlp@ossory.ie)

TUSLA: Kilkenny 052 617 7302; Laois/Offaly 044 935 3997; Waterford 053 919 8201

An Garda Síochána: 1800 555 222 or your local Garda Station.

Towards Healing Helpline: 1800 313 416 [www.towardshealing.ie](http://www.towardshealing.ie)

Towards Peace Helpline: 01 505 3028 [www.towardspeace.ie](http://www.towardspeace.ie)

### Safeguarding Prayer

*Lord Jesus, may we welcome the Kingdom of God anew into our hearts and lives, embracing discipleship and openness to others. You call us to walk with integrity in the service of others. May our service be filled with kindness, and respect for all God's people, giving special protection to children and the vulnerable. May we seek the truth, listen to those wounded by abuse, and choose to act with compassion and justice. Give us the strength, to serve humbly and faithfully, and to love one another as we are so loved by you. Amen.*

### Parish Confirmations 2025

*Next Thursday - 11.00am - St. John's Church*

The Sacrament of Confirmation for the 'Class of 2025' will take place in St John's Church on next Thursday morning at 11.00am. Bishop Niall Coll will administer the sacrament. This year we have 49 candidates for Confirmation. Please pray for them and their families.

*Please note that there will be no 10.30am Mass on Thursday morning*

## Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

### Recently Deceased:

Anne Croke, Cyprus Court, Loughboy. Requiem Mass at St. John's at 10.30am on Tuesday.  
Pat Delaney, Deerpark, Granges Road Noreen Holland, Upper Patrick Street  
Helena Tynan Comerford Perry, Cork Brendan Collins, Bantry, Co. Cork

**Anniversaries:** Esther Ryan; Paddy Fogarty (6.00pm); Sarah Prendergast; Mary Butler (10.00am); Edward & Beezzie McEvoy; Mick & Mai Loftus (11.00am); Geoff Doyle; Ann O'Keefe (11.30am); Stasia & Nicholas Power; Letica Hanrahan; Bill Carroll; Eddie & Mamie Byrne; Peter O'Rourke; Isabella Doyle; Hannah Heany; Celine McNamee; Peter Long; Christy Slattery; Abraham & Margaret Anderson; Mary & Joe Daly; Geoffrey Leahy; Mary Moll Jordan; Margaret & Kathleen Doran; John Delaney; Seán Barry; Geoffrey Leahy.

*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 Claire Coogan  
8.00am Mary Elliott  
10.00am Betsy Rice  
11.00am Bernard O'Gorman & John McGourty  
11.30am Frank & Emily Bradley  
7.00pm Linda O'Leary



### Attendance/Collections Last Weekend

Envelope Collection:		€3,495.00
Mass	Attendance	Baskets
6.00pm St. John's	107	244.00
8.00am St. John's	78	331.00
10.00am Johnswell	55	276.00
11.00am Dunmore	74	266.00
11.30am St. John's	228	776.00
7.00pm St. John's	109	331.00
	651	€2,216.00

### 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 next weekend, 15th & 16th February. 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.

### Confession – St John's

The priests are available for public confessions after the 10.30am Mass on a Saturday mornings. The priest on duty will be available in the church pews adjacent to the sacristy door.

### Medjugorje - Evening of Prayer

Rosary, Mass, Adoration, Prayer for Healing will take place in St Fiacre's Church, Loughboy on Monday the 13<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

### "Listening to the Voices of Women in the Bible"

This Conference will be on 15<sup>th</sup> February in The Pembroke Hotel, Patrick Street, Kilkenny from 10.00am to 4.30pm. The speaker is Dr. Gráinne Doherty and the cost is €20 (includes tea/coffee) pay on the door. Booking essential: Contact Sara or Catherina @ 056 772 2870 from 9.00am to 4.30pm Monday to Friday or e-mail regionaloffice@ssjg.ie before 11<sup>th</sup> February 2025.

### 2025 Divine Mercy National Conference

Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> to Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February in the Main Hall, RDS, Ballsbridge, Dublin. Bus will be leaving from the Butts Green on Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February at 8.00am. For bookings, please call 085 133 3320. Tickets: Saturday €35 and available on the door or on the Divine Mercy website. Divine Mercy Conference will be viewable free on www.divinemercyconference.com and churchservices.tv or via audio-only on www.RadioMaria.ie. Guest Speakers include Róisín Doherty, Fr. James Blount, Fr. Brendan Walsh, Fr. Pat Collins, Archbishop Dermot Farrell, D.D.

## Mass Intentions for Week Beginning - 10<sup>th</sup> February

Monday:	10.30am	Mass for the Sick
Tuesday:	10.30am	Requiem Mass: Anne Croke
Wednesday:	10.30am	Special Intention
Thursday:	10.30am	No Mass
	11.00am	Parish Confirmations
Friday:	10.30am	Peter Long
Saturday:	10.30am	Christy Slattery
	6.00pm	Noel Murphy
		Grace Sheridan
		Joey Lawless
Sunday:	11.00am	Jim & Kitty Rice
	11.30am	Chris Harding
		Ann O'Neill
		Joseph Lawlor

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.*

## 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

## The Bible and the People we meet there.

Who are the people we meet in the bible? They are varied, colourful, ordinary people whose achievements are as varied as their temperaments.

With Solomon we build a temple, with the paralytic we discover our true friends; we dance with the beautiful girl from the Song of Songs and are thrown to the dogs with Jezebel. Who are these people? What can we learn from them? What wisdom do their lives contain?

Our belief systems hold up heroes and heroines to us, people to emulate whom we call saints. They also hold up antiheroes, whom we call sinners. In their stories, we are offered a mirror. By gazing into it and learning from their experiences, we are offered a way forward in our own lives. The characters in the Bible were real people who grappled with the reality of the human condition. Even when they "called on the Lord" and reached beyond themselves for understanding, they did so from within the messy confines of lives like ours. For that reason, we can turn to them and find genuine insights. Their human insights have integrity and can help us in our own times. There is energy here to be tapped.

## World Day of the Sick 2025

The World Day of the Sick is observed each year on 11<sup>th</sup> February, the liturgical commemoration of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Lourdes, with an especially solemn celebration taking place every three years at a Marian shrine. However, in view of the Jubilee Year, Pope Francis has chosen to delay for one year the solemn celebration that would normally occur in 2025. The solemn commemoration of the World Day of the Sick will now take place in 2026, at the Marian Sanctuary of the Virgin of Chapi of Arequipa in Peru.

The statement noted that for the Jubilee Year, the World Day of the Sick will be celebrated in the ordinary manner at the diocesan level, as usual on 11<sup>th</sup> February while at the same time noting the upcoming Jubilee of the Sick and Health Care Workers, set for 5<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> April and the Jubilee of People with Disabilities set for 28<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> April.

We will include special prayers for the sick during our 10.30am Mass on next Monday morning, 10<sup>th</sup> February, the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. The sick who are able to get to the church are invited to receive the Sacrament of the Sick during this Mass. Family and neighbours are asked to make a special effort to transport the sick and elderly for the occasion. Those who cannot get to church are invited to join us at this time on webcam and radio. Frs. Dan and Raymond are happy to celebrate the Sacrament of the Sick with parishioners in their own homes at any other time. Please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements.