

**Confirmation Candidates - Class of 2025**

**Congratulations to our Parish Confirmation Candidates who received the gift of The Holy Spirit on Thursday. Thanks to the young people, their parents and guardians and their teachers who prepared them for the Sacrament.**

Clara Almeida  
Michael Bolger  
Laura Brennan  
Leigha Conroy  
Isabelle Cookland  
Charlie Costigan-Meaney  
Andrew Cross  
Mia Dwyer-Power  
Jade Edwards-Feehan  
Robbie Geoghegan  
Hayley Hawe  
Danny Holohan  
Kayla Keane  
Sadie Kinchella  
Robyn Meagher  
Cariba Masuku  
Evan Mooney  
Andrew Phelan  
Annamay Quinlan  
Eleanor Walsh  
Saoirse Comerford  
Tiago Csabai Adolfo  
Layla-Rae Fox  
Dylan Gorman



Nathan Jankauskas  
Dominik Glaz  
Keagan Hayes  
Kacper Kawka  
Kayla Keating  
Lexi Keating  
Alicia Kowalska  
Joshua Lisik  
John McCormack  
Charlene Meagher  
Harry Moloney  
Teagin Mtinsi  
Eryk Palczynski  
Igor Paryz  
Lily Taylor  
Pearse Tobin  
Martyna Wrona  
Bobby Brennan  
Niall Byrne  
Sarah Kelly  
Harry Nolan  
Stephen Pyke  
Sarah Ryan  
Ollie Wall

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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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# 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**

**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 16<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

**King Charles III and Queen Camilla to Visit Pope Francis**

King Charles III and Queen Camilla of England will make their first official visit to the Vatican in April. According to a statement from Buckingham Palace, "The King and Queen will undertake State Visits to the Holy See and the Republic of Italy in early April 2025." As part of their official state visit, Charles and Camilla will join Pope Francis "in celebrating the 2025 Jubilee Year," the statement said, noting that the two will have engagements in Rome and Ravenna as part of their trip, "celebrating the strong bilateral relationship between Italy and the United Kingdom."

Though he has visited the Vatican in the past as Prince of Wales, this will be the first official visit to the Vatican of Charles as king. Charles visited the Holy See on five separate occasions as Prince of Wales, the first of which was in April 1985, followed by an April 2005 visit for the funeral of Pope John Paul II.

He visited again in April 2009 and in April 2017, and finally again in October 2019 for the Canonization of Cardinal John Henry Newman, a famed Anglican convert to Catholicism known for his academic and philosophical contributions to Christianity.

Charles in his visits has met with three popes, including John Paul II, Benedict XVI and Francis. He also met with John Paul II in Canterbury during the first-ever visit of a pope on British soil.

Queen Elizabeth II, Charles's mother, also visited Italy and the Vatican during a jubilee year, coming in October 2000 for the Great Jubilee held that year.

**Five Minutes to Live**

On Friday 28th February at 7.30p.m. in St. John's Church, Sean Colgan will speak of his near-death experience, of how prayer and the power of almighty God played a major role in his survival and been given a second chance in life. The power and importance of prayer in all our lives. The marathon and trials of life, Vocations, the Commandments, the preparation for Lent and Holy Week. The Cois Nore Choir will join with the congregation in singing we'll known hymns.

**Popes Monthly Intentions - February 2025**

For vocations to the priesthood and religious life. "Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life." — **Pope Francis.**

## Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

### Recently Deceased:

Seán McCabe, Newpark Drive.  
Ann Croke, Loughboy.  
Eugene Hennessy, Ballyhale.

Paddy Browne, Sion Road.  
Michael O'Brien, Shandon Park.  
William Powell, The Sycamores

**Anniversaries:** Noel Murphy; Grace Sheridan; Joey Lawless (6.00pm); Francie & Ann Murphy (8.00am); Jim & Kitty Rice (11.00am); Chris Harding; Ann O'Neill; Joseph Lawlor (11.00am); Jim Cody; Liam Reidy; Mary Geoghegan; Maura Tyrrell; Micheal & Desmond Mahony; Jimmy Leahy; Bridget Bergin; Richard Walsh

*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 Ann Daly  
8.00am Jo Browne  
10.00am Eve Brennan & Anna Ryan  
11.00am Martina Brennan & Tom Keating  
11.30am Kathleen Ferguson & Susan Bofin  
7.00pm Joan Scott



### Attendance/Collections Last Weekend

Envelope Collection:		€2,370.00
Mass	Attendance	Baskets
6.00pm St. John's	108	270.00
8.00am St. John's	74	355.00
10.00am Johnswell	56	185.00
11.00am Dunmore	85	246.00
11.30am St. John's	205	571.00
7.00pm St. John's	104	366.00
	632	€1,993.00

### 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 next Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> February at 2.00pm. All are very welcome.

### 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 this weekend, 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Kilkenny / Medjugorje Pilgrimage

Direct Flight to Mostar – Medjugorje 4<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> June 2025. (Month of the Sacred Heart and Includes Pentecost Sunday). Hotel near the Church Cost €875 Accompanied by Spiritual Director For Booking – Contact Ann on 086 199 1620 or 086 882 5622.

### 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](http://www.divinemercyconference.com) and [churchservices.tv](http://churchservices.tv) or via audio-only on [www.RadioMaria.ie](http://www.RadioMaria.ie).

## Mass Intentions for Week Beginning - 17<sup>th</sup> February

Monday:	10.30am	Mary Geoghegan
Saturday:	6.00pm	Michael Brennan John Bergin Billy Walsh
Sunday:	11.00am	Paddy Brennan Josephine Burke
	11.30am	Philomena Drohan Mary Hackett Martin Coogan

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](http://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

## 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.joewalstours.ie](http://www.joewalstours.ie) - [info@joewalstours.ie](mailto:info@joewalstours.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.

### Thought for the Day

In this age of artificial intelligence, we cannot forget that poetry and love are necessary to save our humanity. No algorithm will ever be able to capture, for example, the nostalgia that all of us feel, whatever our age, and wherever we live, when we recall how we first used a fork to seal the edges of the pies that we helped our mothers or grandmothers to make at home. All these little things, ordinary in themselves yet extraordinary for us, can never be captured by algorithms. The fork, the joke, the window, the ball, the shoebox, the book, the bird, the flower: all of these live on as precious memories 'kept' deep in our heart.

*Pope Francis, Dilexit Nos,*

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