

St John's Parish Accounts 2024

Income		Expenditure	
Cemetery Masses	5,354.00	Wages and salaries	49,475.66
2 nd Collection	56,569.00	Employers PRSI	10,854.78
Envelope Collection	101,981.24	Priests VHI	5,915.90
Shrine Income	37,363.00	Church Supplies	21,223.56
Charity Tax Refund	31,115.69	Other Collections	17,856.00
VAT Comp. Scheme Refund	1,337.56	Supply Priests	3,808.50
Contribution for use of church	7,421.37	Priests Expenses (Housekeeper etc)	2,000.00
		Light and Heat (three churches)	16,240.19
Other Collections		Insurance	10,649.06
		Security	712.30
Trócaire	9,110.00	Repairs and Maintenance	10,506.07
Lenten Alms	1,252.00	Diocesan Expenses	43,111.50
Lourdes Fund	437.00	Ossory Priests Society	27,387.50
Holy Father	986.00	Legal and Professional Fees	1,322.25
Propagation of the Faith	2,155.00	Bank Charges	2,689.43
Retired Priests	2,166.00	Rates, Water, LPT, Waste Collection	1,615.77
Emigrants	1,245.00	Office & Stationary	14,452.06
Holy Shrines	505.00	Other Expenses	2,824.40
Total	258,997.86	Total	242,644.93

Thank You

Thanks to all who contributed to the Parish and Diocesan collections during 2024. We thank those who support the 'Envelope Collection' on a weekly or yearly basis, and those who contribute by means of a Standing Order through the Bank. All proceeds of the Envelope Collection and Standing Orders go exclusively towards the running costs of the parish. We are very grateful to you for the sacrifices that you make via your regular contributions in order to maintain these standards. We are also aware that some find life financially very difficult. However, we appeal to all parishioners, if at all possible, to maintain, commence or recommence, some regular contribution towards the running costs of our parish.

St. John's Parish Finance Committee

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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

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

OUR PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES ARE:

Brenda Whately; Marian Eardly.

Counselling Services - Towards Healing Confidential Helpline

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**

First Sunday of Lent - 9th March 2025

Pope Francis' Message for Lent 2025

Pope Francis's message for this year's Lenten period has been released by the Vatican. Dated 6th February, the message was written the week before the Holy Father was admitted into hospital on 14th February. The message can be read by clicking the following link [Message of the Holy Father Francis for Lent 2025](#) or scanning the QR code.



Ossory Adult Faith Development Lenten Program 2025

Synod - a Real Reason for Hope: Pope Francis has called us all on a synodal journey. For some time now the Church throughout the world has worked to ensure that the voice of all of its members are included. We have tried to do this in Ossory and throughout the Church in Ireland. It has not always been easy or without its setbacks - but much has been achieved.

Please join us at St. Mary's Cathedral Chapter House at 7.00pm on Wednesday, 12th March when Julianne Moran, the General Secretary for the Synodal Pathway of the Catholic Church in Ireland, reflects on the challenges and hopes of the synodal journey.



Taizé Youth Night

Praying with the next generation is for us all a real reason to hope – why not join with us, then, for a special Taizé Prayer Service of Hope during this Lent. We will come together with those who are preparing to travel to Taizé from our diocese late in the Summer – bringing our prayer to this special place. Come and experience the serene atmosphere of Taizé prayer, a time of song, silence, and hope – all are welcome. Join us at St. Mary's Cathedral Chapter House at 7.00pm on Friday, 14th March.

Lent Tweets

Follow @OssoryDiocese for a simple thought each day during this Lenten Season. Have your timeline prompt you to pause each day to be reminded of our Lenten journey.

Online Resources

Online resources for Lent are available on the Ossory website. Download them at www.ossory.ie for use in your parish or home.

Reflections for Lent

“The Seven Last Words of Christ.” Starting on Ash Wednesday and continuing on every Wednesday of Lent, 11.00am - 11.45am in the Black Abbey. Led by Fr. Joe Kavanagh OP.

Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

Recently Deceased:

John Curran, Ennis
Kathleen Kehoe, Gowran

Tom Harty, Newbuilding Lane
Monica Battle, Freshford Road

Months Mind: Anne Croke (6.00pm)

Anniversaries: Paddy O'Brien; Dermot Phelan (6.00pm); Paddy & Peg Hickey (10.00am); Margaret Ryan (11.00am); Margaret Dwyer; Patrick 'Pa'; Guidera; Andy Wall & Jack & Josie Purcell (11.30am); John McEnery (7.00pm); Frank & Judith Murphy (10.30am); Sr. Teresa Landy; Bernard & Bridget Taylor; Michael Dowling; Maura Gormley; Paddy & Tess Hogan; Mary Bergin.

*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 Elaine Bennett
11.00am Liam Burke & Liam Maddock
11.30am Mary Hanafin & Mary Lynch
7.00pm Eileen Kinane



Attendance/Collections Last Weekend

Envelope Collection:		€2,460.00
Mass	Attendance	Baskets
6.00pm St. John's	85	241.00
8.00am St. John's	86	372.00
10.00am Johnswell	46	214.00
11.00am Dunmore	97	205.00
11.30am St. John's	180	539.00
7.00pm St. John's	132	515.00
	626	€2,086.00

Stations of the Cross

We invite you to join us at St. John's Church at 7.30pm on the Fridays of Lent to contemplate the Stations of the Cross. This forty minute devotion commemorates Christ's last day on earth as a man. The 14 devotions, or stations, focus on specific events of his last day, beginning with his condemnation. At each station, the individual recalls and meditates on a specific event from Christ's last day.

Medjugorje - Evening of Prayer

Rosary, Mass, Adoration, Prayer for Healing will take place in St. Fiacre's Church, Loughboy on Monday, 10th March at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

Kilkenny Medjugorje Pilgrimage

Direct flight to Mostar. Medjugorje 4th - 11th June 2025. Hotel near the church. Cost €875. Accompanied by Spiritual Director For bookings: Ann 086 199 1620 or 086 882 5622.

Community Connect Drive & Drop - Donate to Help Families in Need!

Kilkenny Presbyterian Church, New Road is hosting a 'Drive & Drop' event in the church car park on Saturday, 22nd March from 10.00am to 12.00 noon. Welcoming a new baby is a very special time in any family's life but can be a challenging time for those who are struggling financially. Every donation you make will go directly to a family in need. Items that can be accepted (new items only): nappies size 1 to 6, baby wipes, nappy sacks, baby wash/shampoo/cream/sponges/cotton wool; packs of baby grows and vests (newborn to 6 months), baby hooded towels, baby blankets, packs of baby bibs, baby bottles. For more info: www.communityconnect.ie/

Blood Donation Clinic - O'Loughlin Gaels GAA

Sunday, 9th March 12.00 noon - 15.30pm. Monday, 10th March from 15.45pm - 20.00pm. To book appointments contact giveblood.ie or 1800 222 111.

Mass Intentions for Week Beginning - 10th March

Friday: 7.30pm Stations of the Cross
Saturday: 10.30am Frank & Judith Murphy
6.00pm Paul & Michael 'Icy' Lanigan
Nora & William Lacey
Dinny Brennan
Sunday: 11.00am Billy & Jimmy McEvoy
11.30am Margaret Power
MM Paddy Browne

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

Do This in Memory

Next weekend, as part of our Do This in Memory Programme, we welcome the children who are preparing for First Holy Communion and their families to our 6.00pm (vigil) and 10.00am (Johnswell) Masses. We would ask you to keep the children and their families in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Eucharist for the first time in May.

SVP Educational Assistance

Thinking about college for yourself or your children but worried about the expense? The Society of St. Vincent de Paul recognises the importance of further education. However, for many people accessibility and affordability are real barriers to obtaining a third level education and training. The SVP Education and Training Bursary Fund has been established to support students of all ages who may financially struggle to access or stay in third level education and training programmes. Whether its fees, equipment or general living expenses, we may be able to help. For further information email us on kilkennyeducation@svp.ie or scan this QR code



The Work of Trócaire in our World Today - Reason for Hope

Trócaire
TOGETHER FOR A JUST WORLD

Trócaire, an arm of the Irish Church, works with local partners in the world's most at-risk communities and with people in Ireland to tackle the underlying causes of poverty and injustice and respond to the crises they create. These people work on the front line of the most difficult and heart-breaking situations of injustice in our world today - yet there is a reason for great hope. Join us at St. Kieran's College at 7.00pm on Thursday, 20th March as Caoimhe de Barra, CEO of Trócaire, explores the reasons why this work is making a difference - and hope still shoots forth in our world today.

"Bonhoeffer"

"As the world teeters on the brink of annihilation, Dietrich Bonhoeffer gets swept into the epicentre of a deadly plot to assassinate Adolf Hitler. With his faith and fate at stake, Bonhoeffer must choose between upholding his moral convictions or risking it all to save millions of Jews from genocide." The movie "Bonhoeffer" is a gripping historical drama based on the life of German anti-Nazi resistance leader and true hero of the faith, Dietrich Bonhoeffer. "An inspiring, faith-filled story... Bonhoeffer's courage remains as provocative and powerful as ever." Bonhoeffer is showing at IMC Kilkenny, Barrack Street from Friday, 7th to Thursday, 13th March: Daily at 5.10pm and 8.10pm.