

St. Patrick's Parish

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Parish Safeguarding Children Policy: See Parish Website

Team Leader: Fr. Kieran 056 776 4400 ext 3

In residence Fr. Peter Muldowney

A message from Fr. Kieran

Next Wednesday (18th October) we celebrate the feast of St Luke. Our daily Gospel readings this year are taken from his account of the story of Jesus. He is also considered the author of the Acts of the Apostles.

An old tradition indicates that Luke may originally have been a medic. This is reflected in the number of medical facilities named for him, including our own St Luke's Hospital here in Kilkenny.

Luke's Gospel gives us an image of the Father and of the Son as full of compassion and mercy. The stories of the Good Samaritan and the Prodigal Son are beautiful examples of this. In Luke we have the wonderful post resurrection account of the road to Emmaus - where Jesus shows us the true meaning of synodality as he walks with, and listens to two traumatised friends, comforting and strengthening them with his presence.

Care of the poor and the sick, the importance of prayer are also major themes in Luke.

As we celebrate his feast this coming week let us pray through his intercession for healing of the wounds that afflict us and our world. Let us pray for the growth of mercy and compassion. Let us pray more and recommit ourselves to caring for each other and those in need. On Wednesday 18th October the feast of St Luke we will have the anointing of the sick at our 10.30 am Mass.

Parents Meeting

It was great to see the large number of parents who came along to our First Communion & Confirmation registration and information meeting on Thursday evening. Let us pray for the children, their families and teachers as the begin the journey of preparation.

The Important dates...First Confession 12th March 2024, First Communion 27th April - Gaelscoil Osraí & KSP / 18th May - St John of God & St Patrick's De La Salle. Dates for Confirmation were not available to date.

Kieran

Pope Francis Prayer intention for October

We pray for the church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

Pray for Our Deceased Friends

Recently Deceased: Mary Ryan, Maidenhill. Arthur Somers, Laurel Avenue. Simon Mark Fahy, Cedarwood Avenue. Sean Bolger, Sandfordscourt & Archersrath Nursing Home.

Anniversaries:

6.15pm:

Kathryn Doran

10.30am:

Peg Doyle

12.00noon:

Mary Woodgate

Tom Foley

Florrie McKenna

Ned Nolan

Wed 10.30am:

Alphonsus Daly

Thurs 10.30am

Tobias & Bridget Butler.

Friday 10.30am

Ellen & Tommy Condon. Martin & Anne Mulhall.

Eamon & Breda Hehir. Billy & Patty Reinhardt.

Intentions for Next Weekend: Mary Martin. Roseanne, Michael & Thomas Renehan (Sat 6.15). Gerard Cleere. Tim O'Brien (Sun 9.30). Joseph Eardly (Sun 10.30). Elizabeth 'Lila' O'Connor. Joe McKee. Paddy Cullen. James Costello (Months Mind) Breda DeLoughry (Months Mind) (Sun 12.00).

Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us everyday. Unseen, unheard but always near. Still loved, still missed and forever dear.

Celebration of the Anointing of the Sick

On Wednesday 18th October the Feast of St Luke we will celebrate the anointing of the sick at our 10.30 am Mass in St Fiacre's.

Please let neighbours and friends who might like to receive the Sacrament know that it is taking place.

Winter Bugs

As the autumn takes a hold and we look towards winter the number of people with various colds, flu's, covid etc is increasing as it usually does this time of year. We would appeal to anyone who is feeling under the weather or have a touch of the times to please refrain from coming to Mass until you recover. It may not be covid but all bugs are spreadable through sneezing and coughing so please show respect and care for others by staying at home. For all who are sick at the moment do look after yourself and we look forward to seeing you when you are up and running again!

New Mass Schedule

Weekday: St Patrick's Church - Monday & Tuesday 9.30 am, Saturday 11am.

St Fiacre's Church - Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 10.30 am (*The Rosary will be recited on Monday & Tuesday at 10.10 am in St Fiacre's followed by Liturgy of the Word and distribution of Holy Communion*)

Weekend: St Fiacre's Saturday Vigil Mass: 6.15 pm (*followed by the Sacrament of Reconciliation*)

Sunday Masses: St Patrick's 9.30 am, St Joseph's 10.30 am, St Fiacre's 12 pm

Holy Day: Vigil Mass St. Fiacre's 6.15pm. Foulkstown 10am. St. Patrick's 11am.

Installation of Fr Kieran as Team Leader

Next Saturday evening (21st October) Bishop Niall will celebrate the 6.15 pm Vigil Mass in St Fiacre's and during the Mass Fr Kieran will be installed as the new Team Leader for St Patrick's Parish. A cupán tae will be available after Mass.

Weekly Collections

Envelope Collection: €965

St. Patrick's Baskets: €286.55

St. Fiacre's Baskets: €1216.73

Foulkstown Basket: €331.95

Thank you for your continued support.

Taizé Youth Programme 2024

A youth trip to Taizé in France organised by Ossory Youth will take place from Sunday 23rd June to Sunday 30th June 2024. A week in the Taizé Community is an opportunity for reflection and contemplation and a little step back from daily life. Tens of thousands of young people from around the world, including 25 from Kilkenny will made the trip to Taizé next year. The programme, which runs from November 2023 to June 2024 is open to Transition year, 5th year and Leaving Cert students. Closing date is Friday 27th Oct. For additional information, including cost and application forms, contact Patrick Bookle, Ossory Youth at (056) 7761200, (087) 2129006 or pbookle@ossoryyouth.com

Parish Centre Shop

Located in the foyer of the Parish Centre.

A good selection of items for sale for baptisms, communions and other occasions. Call in and have a look!!!

Mission Weekend

Next Weekend is Mission weekend. The them for this year is: *'Hearts on Fire - Feet on the Ground'*

Readers Next Weekend: Sat 6.15: Doreen Griffin. **Sun 9.30:** Margaret Mulrooney. **Sun 10.30:** Peter Seaver. **Sun 12.00:** Annette Russell.

Eucharistic Ministers Next Weekend: Sat 6.15: Michael Conway. Eugene O'Brien. Kathleen Hayden. Sun 9.30: Patrick Kennedy. Anna Bowden. Sun 10.30: Mary Parsons. Patty O'Neill. Sun 12.00: Marina Clune. Una O'Neill. Doreen Griffin.

October Stations

We invite parishioners to contribute towards the income of the parish clergy and the Bishop through the October Stations. The October envelope is in your contribution pack which you received earlier this year. Please contact the Parish Office if you didn't receive parish envelopes and would like to. The October Station is one of five collections taken up to support the priests. Thanks to all who have contributed so far. We are grateful for your generosity.

Ossory Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2024

The 2024 Ossory Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, led by Bishop Niall Coll, will take place from Tuesday, 21st to Sunday 26th May inclusive. The organising committee is confident in offering places to pilgrims in need of assistance, youth helpers, support staff and able-bodied pilgrims. The youth section is organised through the head of RE in secondary schools and places are limited. A follow up announcement and posters on church notice boards will carry further details. (Prices have yet to be established but the 2023 cost was €899 PPS).

St. Vincent de Paul

Did you know that the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, offer Educational Third Level grants. For all enquiries/application forms, please email stthomas.kilkenny@svp.ie.

Safeguarding

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