

St. Patrick's Parish

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Parish Safeguarding Children Policy: See Parish Website

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We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

From 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

Listening to the tragic accounts of the violence in the Middle East, I was struck by the number of people in all these communities who reach out to others in difficult times. In Gaza and Israel Doctors, Nurses and people working with humanitarian agencies work tirelessly to look after the injured and displaced, with no thought given to their own safety or comfort. They operate out of a sense of compassion and mercy, never restrained by political, religious or cultural differences. These are the ones who bring the light of hope to the darkness and destruction. They show us who we are truly called to be, what it is to be truly human. St Irenaeus once wrote - *The glory of God is the human being fully alive.* There can be no better example of the human being fully alive than when we sacrifice ourselves to care for those in need despite the cost to ourselves.

Similarly we saw great examples of kindness and love displayed during the past week as flood waters engulfed parts of Cork and beyond. Examples of neighbourliness and coming together once again reminded us that Love is Alive, all is not lost. So this coming week let us pray in thanksgiving for people who are beacons of hope and mercy in our world. Let us keep in mind the sentiments expressed in the second reading this weekend, never forgetting to pray for those who show faith in action and work for love while persevering in hope. This is the way of Christ!

Next Friday Pope Francis has asked the whole Church to join in prayer for peace at this time. We will celebrate a Mass of Peace on Friday morning and St John's Parish are organising a Holy Hour on Friday evening at 7.30 pm which provides an ideal opportunity for all of us to gather in solidarity with the suffering and give thanks for witnesses to hope and peace.

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: Francis Hogan, Larchfield. Ann Hurley, Patrick Street. Canice Phelan, Jenkinstown & Luton.

Anniversaries:

6.15pm: Mary Martin
Roseanne, Michael & Thomas
Renehan

9.30am: Gerard Cleere.
Tim O'Brien
Peadar Malone (Months Mind)

10.30am: Joseph Eardly
12.00noon: Elizabeth 'Lila' O'Connor.
Joe McKee.

Paddy Cullen.
James Costelloe (Months Mind)
Breda De Loughry (Months Mind)

Wed 10.30am: Eddie Hogan (Birthday Remembrance
& John Johnson

Fri 10.30am: Deceased members of the Maher & Brennan Family.

Bernadette Dermody. Doris Americas. Eithne O'Connor. Nancy Coyne.

Intentions for Next Weekend: Colette Deegan. Edward Murphy. Mary McCormack. Ned & Anthona Burke (Sat 6.15). Cormac Cullen (Sun 10.30). Declan Walsh. Jack Devlin (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.

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!

Rosary in James Green

The Rosary will be recited at St. James Green on Thursday the 26th of October at 6.30pm. It is for the Pro-Life cause.

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.

Shared Mass Intentions

The Mass for the Shared Mass intentions sold in the parish centre will be offered every Thursday morning at 10.30am in St. Fiacre's Church.

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.

Weekly Collections

Envelope Collection: €985

St. Patrick's Baskets: €338.22

St. Fiacre's Baskets: €1187.36

Foulkstown Basket: €362.97

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 make 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—rosary beads, prayer cards, medals, items for baptisms, communions, confirmations and other occasions. Call in and have a look!!!

Readers Next Weekend: Sat 6.15: Kay O'Donnell. Sun 9.30: Anita Sheehan. Sun 10.30: Margaret Brassil. Sun 12.00: Madeleine O'Neill.

Eucharistic Ministers Next Weekend: Sat 6.15: Mary Doran. Bernadette Walsh. Laura Jordan English. Sun 9.30: Mary Kearney. Anne Kennedy. Sun 10.30: Marian Kennedy. Joe O'Dwyer. Sun 12.00: Mary Hoban. Brigid Holohan. Volunteer.

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 priest and the bishop. 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).

Ossory Times

The new issue of the Ossory Times is available from all the Churches and the Parish Office. Lots of interesting items about our diocese. Please take one.

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