

## St. Patrick's Parish

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Parish Safeguarding Children Policy: See Parish Website

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### "Our time is growing short...the world as we know it is passing away"

These words of Paul in the second reading from 1 Corinthians this weekend give us a reminder of the brevity of our lives on earth and confirm what we already experience as we witness the passing of time, the passing of ways of life and the passing of loved ones too.

More importantly they provide an urgent appeal to *carpe diem*, to seize the day (the time) that the Lord has given to each one of us to make the Joy of the Gospel a reality in our lives and the lives of others. We should not react to the passing nature of time, things and people with fear or by fomenting a culture of doom and gloom but like Jonah and Simon & Andrew responding at once to the Lord's invitation to fulfil the mission he has given to each one of us to follow him, to imitate him, to be disciples of the Good News, missionaries of Hope and Mercy, allowing the Lord to make repentance a reality in our own lives so we can encourage others to change direction to transformation in the Lord too. Conscious of the passing of time and the need to *carpe diem* there are many occasions to look forward to in the coming weeks and months in our Parish community. Among them will be the celebration of St Brigid, the feast of the Presentation or Candlemas, world day of prayer for those in Consecrated life, world day of the Sick - all in February. Lent also begins in February, Ash Wednesday being on the 14th Feb. - Valentines Day! We will also be actively preparing for First Confession, Confirmation, and Holy Week / Easter in March and First Communion in April - May. And much, much more!

Let us give thanks for the time the Lord has given us to celebrate our faith together and to share his many gifts and blessings.

Kieran

### St. Brigid Day Service

A first class relic of St. Brigid will be available for this years feast of St. Brigid. This year is the 1500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her death. The annual St. Brigid's Day service will take place on Thursday, February 1st in St Fiacre's Church Loughboy at 7.30 pm. Water from the well of St. Brigid in Kildare and blessed red flannel will be available on the night. Music ministry by the Kilkenny Gospel Choir. All welcome!

### Pray for Our Deceased Friends

Recently Deceased: John O'Neill, Archers Crescent. Billy Dunphy, Parnell St. Mary Lahert, Newpark Close. Brendan O'Brien, Greenfields. Jim Hartley, Glenmore. Larry Dowling, Greenhill.

#### Anniversaries:

6.15pm: Joe McClean (Months Mind)

Evan O'Shaughnessy

Tommy & Derek Tyrrell

9.30am: The Downes Family

10.30am: Patrick Tynan

12.00noon: Jack & Statia Comerford.

Nora Foley

Oliver Mannion

Tues 9.30am: Kathleen & Mary Kelly

Wed 10.30am: John & John Long

Fri 10.30am: George & Mary Moore

Sat 11.00am: Christy Slattery

Anniversary List: Esther & Bill Hackett. John & Elsie Clarke. Bridget, Patrick & Christy Keating. Catherine & Michael Delaney. Sean Barry. Kathleen & Margaret Doran. Margaret & Michael Muldowney. Marie Beale. Ned Larkin.

Intentions for Next Weekend: Paddy, Maura & Fr. Tomás Nolan. Cian Buckley. Elizabeth 'Lilly' Fogarty (Sat 6.15). Jimmy Slattery. Seamus Butler. Nancy & Ken Dunphy. Mary Kavanagh (Sun 10.30). Ann O'Shea. Yvonne Foran. Kathleen O'Neill. Noel Doran (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.*

### Ossory Pilgrimage to Lourdes

The annual Ossory Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2024 is now available to book! The departure will take place on 22nd May 2024 from Cork, flying direct to Lourdes with accommodation available in the hotels La Solitude, Padoue or Agena. With capacity limited this year, it is strongly advised that pilgrims wishing to travel to Lourdes book as soon as possible. Should you require any additional information on the pilgrimage, please do not hesitate to contact us: [info@joewalshours.ie](mailto:info@joewalshours.ie) or 01 241 0800. Assisted Pilgrims should contact Fr. Anthony O'Connor on 087 251 7766 or by email on [maoc50@me.com](mailto:maoc50@me.com).

### Christian Unity Week 2024

At least once a year, Christians are reminded of Jesus' prayer for his disciples that "they may be one so that the world may believe" (see John 17.21). Hearts are touched and Christians come together to pray for their unity. Congregations and parishes all over the world exchange preachers or arrange special ecumenical celebrations and prayer services. The event that touches off this special experience is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, held each year at the end of January.

To prepare for the annual celebration, ecumenical partners in a particular region of the world are invited to produce a basic liturgical text on a biblical theme. The materials for the 2024 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity were prepared by an ecumenical team from Burkina Faso, in West Africa. The theme chosen is "*You shall love the Lord your God ... and your neighbour as yourself*" (Lk 10:27). Representatives from the Catholic Archdiocese, Protestant Churches, ecumenical bodies collaborated generously in drafting the prayers and reflections. *These prayers and reflections will be part of an Ecumenical Service which will take place in St. Edmund's Church, Castletown, Co. Laois on Sunday 28th January at 3pm. We hope to have representatives from different Christian denominations in attendance. All parishioners are welcome as we gather to pray and reflect with our Christian brothers and sisters. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the De La Salle Centre.*

### MCN Webcam Providers

Those parishioners and others who log into our webcam directly on MCN Media should note that our providers have changed to a new web address. In future, to access MCN Media, please go to [www.mcn.live](http://www.mcn.live) on your web browser and log in the usual way. There will be no change for those who join in our Masses from our parish website: go to [www.stpatricksparishkilkenny.com](http://www.stpatricksparishkilkenny.com) and follow the link for the webcams.

### Pope Intention for January

For the gift of diversity in the Church: We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognise the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

**Readers Next Weekend:** Sat 6.15: Rose Brophy. Sun 9.30: Margaret Mulrooney. Sun 10.30: Bernie Cantwell. Sun 12.00: Kathleen Seaver.

**Eucharistic Ministers Next Weekend:** Sat 6.15: John Coonan. Catherine Hogan. Carmel Hogan. Sun 9.30: Mary Wise. Pauline Lucey. Sun 10.30: Joe O'Dwyer. Patty O'Dwyer. Sun 12.00: Tom Shanahan. Nichola Forde. Marina Clune.

### Weekly Collections

Envelope Collection: €975

St. Patrick's Baskets: €327.12

St. Fiacre's Baskets: €1344.75

Foulkstown Basket: €353.78

Thank you for your continued support.

### St. Ignatian Spiritual Exercises for Men

Led by Fr Stephen Kennedy, IVE, Fri Feb 2nd to Mon Feb 5th (bank holiday) in De La Salle retreat centre, Castletown, Laois, R32N6D8. Cost €200 - includes all meals and ensuite single rooms. Call Sr. Constancy 089 - 2152307 or [c.puertadelaauroral@gmail.com](mailto:c.puertadelaauroral@gmail.com)

### Family Carers Ireland

Are you caring for a loved one at home with additional needs? A spouse, partner, child, close relative or neighbour? Then you are a family carer! Become a member of Family Carers Ireland, the national charity supporting Ireland's 500,000+ family carers nationwide. Contact 057 93 70221 and hear how we can support you or for more info visit [www.familycarers.ie](http://www.familycarers.ie).

### Book Club Meeting

Catholics in the South East of Ireland Facebook Group invites you to join our next Book Club Meetup on Saturday 27th January, 2024, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m., Club House Hotel, Kilkenny R95 DX76. Book: Theology for Beginners by Frank Sheed. For more information contact Gissell at 087-761-7792.

### Parish Office & Centre

From Friday 26th January, the Parish Office and Parish Centre will close at 4pm. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

### St. Vincent de Paul

Contact the society on 087 3810589

### Safeguarding Designated Liaison Person

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