

Pope's Prayer Intention for September For The Cry Of The Earth

For the Season of Creation and for his prayer intention for September, Pope Francis invites us to pray for the care of the planet and to listen 'to hear the pain of the millions of victims of environmental catastrophes'. He reminds us that 'the ones suffering most from the effects of climate change are the poor and that it is necessary to commit ourselves to the fight against poverty and the protection of nature.' How will we respond?

Poor Clares Galway, Monastic Experience Day for Women 18 - 35

An opportunity to explore and experience Poor Clare life and spirituality. The event will take place from 10.00am to 5.00pm on Saturday the 21st of September.

Contact: vocations@poorclares.ie to book a place. For more information: poorclares.ie/monastic-experience-days

**First Saturdays Conference
Help Bring Peace to our Troubled World**
On Saturday, 12th October a bus travelling from Kilkenny and Castlecomer to First Saturday Conference - Firgrove Hotel, Mitchelstown. Amazing speakers. Limited seats remain on bus, telephone or text 086 846 9011 to book a seat.

Kilkenny Care Centre Looking for Volunteers

Would you have an hour spare weekly? Kilkenny Care Centre is looking for volunteers who would be willing to befriended residents. These visits would be much appreciated and hugely beneficial for our residents, helping to retain a connection with the wider community. All volunteers are subject to Garda Vetting. For further information please contact Zoe on 056 780 0004 or email activitieskilkenny@mowlamhealthcare.com.

Anam Cara Tipperary

Anam Cara Tipperary, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding its monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Wednesday, 18th September at 7.15pm in the Horse and Jockey Hotel, Thurles. For more information please contact us on info@anamcara.ie or 085 288 8888

**Loreto Secondary School Kilkenny
1st Year Enrolment Autumn 2025** – The closing date for applications for a First-Year place is 22nd October 2024. Applications can be made via the school website www.loretokk.ie.
Open Day for 6th Class Girls – An open day will take place on Thursday 26th September 2024. Further information will be on our website also.

Address: St John's Presbytery, Dublin Road, Kilkenny. R95 ND2W

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

Fr 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 Whitely; Marian Eardly.

Counselling Services - Towards Healing Confidential Helpline
1800 313 316 - www.towardshealing.ie

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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.

Adoration: Wednesdays at 11.00am. **Weekdays:** 8.00am, 10.30am. (Sat. 10.30am only).

Johnswell - Sunday 10.00am

Dunmore - Sunday 11.00am

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 15th September 2024



Relics of St. Bernadette

The Relics of Saint Bernadette will visit the Diocese of Ossory on next Saturday, 21st and Sunday, 22nd September. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for us to honour the little girl from Lourdes who received 18 visits from Our Lady in 1858. The official timetable is as follows, but the relics will be available for private prayer and veneration outside these times: -

Saturday, 21st September

- 12.00: Formal reception of the Relics of St. Bernadette with Mass of Saint Bernadette. Celebrant: Bishop Niall Coll.
- 15.00: Rosary. Leader: Kilkenny Dominican Rosary Group
- 18.00: Water Gesture Ceremony. Leader: Fr. Dan Carroll, Chaplain, Group 174, Irish Pilgrimage Trust.
- 19.30: Ceremony of Light and Concluding Prayers. Leader: Fr. Anthony O'Connor, Director of the Ossory Lourdes Pilgrimage

Sunday, 22nd September

- 11.00: Sunday Mass (beginning with sprinkling the congregation with the Water of Lourdes). Celebrant: Fr. Dermot Ryan Adm., St. Mary's Cathedral
- 15.00: Rosary. Leader: Breda Campion, Ossory Lourdes Pilgrimage Group
- 17.30: Sunday Mass (beginning with sprinkling the congregation with the Water of Lourdes). Celebrant: Fr. Anthony O'Connor Director of the Ossory Lourdes Pilgrimage.
- 19.30: Bishop Coll leads a Farewell Ceremony involving a reading from the account given by Saint Bernadette of the apparitions followed by a Ceremony of Light by Saint Bernadette of the apparitions followed by a Ceremony of Light.

This may well be a once-in-lifetime opportunity to honour the relics of St. Bernadette in our own City. We invite all to come and join with us in prayer.

Legion of Mary – Pilgrimage to Knock

Legion of Mary Pilgrimage to Knock will take place on Sunday 29th September. The Bus will leave the Parade at 7.30am. Cost is €25. Bookings can be made through St Mary's Parish office on 056 7721253 or Kay at 087 9428305. All are very welcome.

Johnswell Road Hurling

Come and join us for our Annual Road Hurling in Johnswell which takes place on Saturday, 21st September. Registration will take place at **4.00pm**. Adults: €10. Children U14: €5. BBQ to follow the events. Come and join us.

Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

Recently Deceased: Edward Stack, Bleach Road.

Margaret Lalor, Garringreen
John Wall, Limerick & Kilkenny
Mary Carmel Murphy, Keatingstown.

Suzanne Sheridan, Gowran
John Bergin, Drumcondra & Kilkenny

Months Mind: Mary Power (6.00pm).

Anniversaries: Mary Marnell (6.00pm); Margaret & Michael Gibbons (8.00am); Michael Roche; Ann McEvoy (11.00am); Clare Shortall, Richard & Catherine Shortall (11.30am); Seán Hanaphy; Syd & Elizabeth Bluett; Patrick Turney; Frances McDonagh; Anna & Michael Beale; Kevin Cremin; Maureen McKiernan; Bridget Cahill; Marie Delaney. Bridget Dooley.

*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 Jo Browne
10.00am Elaine Bennett
11.00am Liam Burke & Liam Maddock
11.30am Paula Rogers & James Connolly
7.00pm Joan Scott



Attendance/Collections Last Weekend

Envelope Collection:		€1,575.00
Mass	Attendance	Baskets
6.00pm St. John's	152	405.00
8.00am St. John's	97	535.00
10.00am Johnswell	44	173.00
11.00am Dunmore	57	162.00
11.30am St. John's	191	525.00
7.00pm St. John's	140	368.00
	681	€2,168.00

Side by Side Club

The Club will be closed on next Thursday, 19th September and reopen the following Thursday.

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 next weekend, 20th and 21st September. Thank you for your generous support. The local conference can be contacted in through the Parish Office or by telephone on 086 895 1239.

Going Ploughing? Visit Stand 221

Bishop Denis Nulty and the Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin invite you visit their Stand 221 at the ploughing match. This year the suffering of victims in war torn areas such as Gaza and Ukraine will be highlighted and visitors will be encouraged to make a pledge, to pray for peace and, if possible, to donate financially to relief organisations working in conflict zones.

The 'Pledge your Pin for Peace' initiative is being led by Bishop Denis Nulty, whereby visitors are invited to collect a coloured pin and pledge it to a specially designed Saint Brigid's Cross which will be presented to Pope Francis next year during World Youth Day in Rome. "The 'Pledge your Pin for Peace' will be a practical way of expressing our 'No' to war", Bishop Nulty said at the launch this week. The theme of peace resonates with the motto of the World Ploughing Organisation – "Let Peace Cultivate the Fields."

The bell of St. Columbanus will be rung for peace every hour. The bell was cast a decade ago to mark the 1400th anniversary of the missionary born in Myshall, Co Carlow, who brought Celtic Christianity to parts of France and Italy. Next July, Bishop Nulty will host the 26th International Columbanus Day in Carlow to mark the event's first ever celebration in the Republic of Ireland. As 2024 marks the 1500th anniversary of Saint Brigid, a handcrafted Cloak of Saint Brigid will be displayed reflecting the folklore that tells of the saint spreading her cloak over the Curragh in Kildare. Additionally, a cherished tradition will be upheld at the Kildare & Leighlin tent, where blessed salt will be available for use on farms and gardens to encourage growth and prosperity.

Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 16th September

Monday: 10.30am Seán Hanaphy
Saturday: 6.00pm Michael Denieffe
Kathleen Maher
Phyllis Dunne
Sunday: 10.00am Margaret & James Butler
11.00am Sharon, Michael, Jim
& Mary Brennan
11.30am Paddy Larkin

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

Learning More About What It Is That We Believe

This Autumn, Bishop Niall is delighted to present a programme of formation for the people of the Diocese of Ossory. Bishop Niall's intention is to provide a short course so that people can deepen their understanding of what it means to be Roman Catholic. For many our formal education in the faith ended when we left school. While many have studied other subjects – even at evening classes – few have gone on to explore or ask questions about their faith and deepen their understanding of what they believe.

This free course provides an ideal opportunity. It will enable like-minded people to explore and deepen their understanding of the central themes in Christian theology. No previous knowledge or study is required or expected. No exams or essays are required at the end of the course. We strongly encourage parishioners to complete an application form and commit to the series of talks over the next few months.

Adult Faith Development - Faith Seeking Understanding

We were first brought to our faith, probably as infants, by our parents or guardians. On that day they professed faith on our behalf. Throughout our lifetime many of us live that faith in varying ways and often the only education we received was that which we got in school. This course aims, in a gentle fashion, to allow people the opportunity to learn, in an adult way, what it is that we believe.

Course Aims

- To help people understand key aspects of our faith.
- To be able to know what is distinctive about the Catholic faith.
- To appreciate what all faiths share in common.
- To understand our parishes and diocese.

Admission Requirements

Baptised Catholics seeking to understand their faith.
Applicants are asked to submit a short piece of no more than 100 words on why they want to do this course.
Admission will be based on a short interview.

Course Duration 2 hours per week, October 2024 – March 2025.

Venue St. Kieran's College, College Road, Kilkenny.

Fee This course is free to participants. All costs covered by the Diocese of Ossory. For application forms please call into St. John's Parish Office or Sacristy or email afd@ossory.ie or telephone 056 775 3624.