

Abide in His Love Women's Conference
Conference from 15th - 17th November 2024 at The Great Northern Hotel, Bundoran. Join us for an inspiring weekend with speakers including Lisa Cotter (Colorado), the Nashville Dominican Sisters, Fr. Barry Braum (London), Kathleen Nichols and Celine Kelly (Israel), Bishop Kevin Doran (Elphin), Catherine DiNuzzo (Kansas), and Fr. Joseph Mary Deane. This conference will celebrate the beauty and dignity of women in the Church and the world. It offers an opportunity to come together, form new friendships, be uplifted by powerful talks, and experience the transformative presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Visit Eventbrite.ie and search for "Abide in His Love."

First Saturday Conference
There will be a special First Saturdays Conference on Saturday, 12th October in the Firgrove Hotel in Mitchelstown. Sr. Lucia of Fatima: "Whether there is peace or war in the world depends on the practise of this devotion." We troubled times. There will be Mass and four speakers: Dr Katrina Layden, Fr Jaimie Twohig, Christine O'Hara and Fr Marius O'Reilly. We will also pray the Rosary, and do the 15 minute meditation together.
For details see firstsaturdays.ie

St. Luke's Hospital Remembrance Mass
St. Luke's General Hospital for Carlow/ Kilkenny Annual Remembrance Mass will take place on Tuesday, 22nd October at 7.30pm in St. Canice's Parish Church, Kilkenny for families and loved ones of patients who have died in our hospital. The Mass, organised by the End of Life Care Committee, particularly remembers the patients who have died between 1st September 2023 and 31st August 2024. There will be an opportunity for families and friends to light a candle in remembrance of those who have died. The Mass can also be viewed via the following link: <https://www.stcanicesparish.ie/web-cam/>

Grandparent's Faith Café
An online social and spiritual space for Grandparents
Our next Faith Café will be on Tuesday 8th October at 7.30pm. Our Special Guest: Archbishop Dermot Farrell. The theme:- Prayer. Self-registration is now available. Please visit www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org.

Dates for Your Diary
The Ossory Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from Monday, 19th May to Saturday, 24th May 2025.
Confirmation Date for our parish is expected from the Diocesan Office in the near future.

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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Fergal Brennan; Mary Brennan; Jo Browne; Alan Burke; Fr Dan Carroll;
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IF YOU HAVE A SAFEGUARDING CONCERN CONTACT

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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-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - 6th October 2024

Pope Calls for Prayer and Fasting for Peace

Pope Francis has called for a day of prayer and fasting for peace on 7th October, the one-year anniversary of the outbreak of the Israel-Hamas war. "In this dramatic hour of our history," the Pope said, "while the winds of war and the fires of violence continue to devastate entire peoples and nations," the Christian community is reminded of its call to "put itself at the service of humanity."

Days of fasting and prayer for warzones have been a constant throughout the pontificate of Pope Francis. Not six months after his election, on 7th September 2013, the Pope gathered thousands of people in St. Peter's Square to pray for peace in Syria. In 2017, he called for prayer and fasting in DRC and South Sudan. In 2020, in the wake of the Beirut Port blast, he urged the same for Lebanon. In 2021, he called for prayer and fasting in Afghanistan, and the next year, in a moving ceremony in St Peter's, he consecrated Ukraine and Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

He invited all the Synod members to accompany him on a visit to the Basilica of Saint Mary Major on 6th October, the day before the anniversary, where, he said, he will "address a heartfelt petition to the Virgin" for peace. The Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated on 7th October.

In response to the Pope's request, we invite the people of Kilkenny to join as far as possible in prayer and fasting for peace on this Monday, 7th October. Special prayers will be offered at our 8.00am and 10.30am Masses. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be held from 11.00am until 3.30pm. The Rosary will be recited in St. John's Church at 10.10am, 12.00 noon and 3.00pm and there will be a special Mass for Peace at 6.00pm.

We urge all to fast a little from food, drink or entertainment on Monday and to visit St. John's Church at some time during the day to join in prayer and supplication for peace in our world.

Let us walk together, Pope Francis urged.

Let us listen to the Lord. And let us be led by the breeze of the Spirit.

Taizé Prayer Service

On this Thursday, 11th October a Taizé prayer service will be held in St. Mary's Cathedral at 7.00pm. In communion with the Ecumenical Prayer Service in Rome, one year after the Together gathering, and during the second session of the Synod on Synodality of the Catholic Church, we are gathering around the Taizé cross to pray in communion with Rome and others gathering around the world. Come join us for a short time in prayer, silence and chant. All are most welcome.

Hon the Loughs

We wish our senior hurlers all the best against Dicksboro in the St. Canice's Credit Union Senior Hurling Championship QF at Nowlan Park on Sunday afternoon.

Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

Recently Deceased:

John Dollard, Kilmacow and late of Assumption Place
Aidan Keane, Coventry Tom Cassin, Ballyhale
Michael Byrne, Loughboy

Anniversaries: Joe Cleere; John & Peter Mulhern (6.00pm); Tom & Carmel Ryan; Seamus McGurran; Liam O’Gorman (11.30am); Anthony Mahony (7.00pm); Philip Kinane; Seánie O’Brien; Margaret McGuinness; Mary Barry; Kathleen Murphy; Liam Foley; Bill Dullard; Teresa Kelly; Philomena O’Hanlon; Sr. Gregory Ryan; Willie Drennan; Declan Ahearn.

*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 Bridget Ahearn
8.00am Mary Elliott
10.00am Eve Brennan & Anna Ryan
11.00am Jim Kavanagh & Claire Hanrick
11.30am Frank & Emily Bradley
7.00pm Joan Galwey



Attendance/Collections Last Weekend

Envelope Collection:		€805.00
Mass	Attendance	Baskets
6.00pm St. John’s	135	462.00
8.00am St. John’s	80	363.00
10.00am Johnswell	36	163.00
11.00am Dunmore	68	213.00
11.30am St. John’s	163	407.00
7.00pm St. John’s	72	284.00
	554	€1,892.00

News and Information About the Universal Synod of the Catholic Church

The Second Session of the Synod began on last Wednesday. This is the most important event in the Church in over 50 years and will continue until the end of October. Visit this website to get up-to-date and accurate information about the Synod: www.vaticannews.va/en

Johnswell Afterschool

A new after school service based in Johnswell National School plans to open at the end of October. To register your interest in enrolling your child and to find out more please visit our website www.johnswellafterschool.com or email info@johnswellafterschool.com.

St. Mary’s Cathedral Café

St. Mary’s Cathedral Café is now open every Saturday and Sunday from 10.00am to 4.00pm, offering a welcoming space for the community and visitors alike. Whether you’re in Kilkenny for a stroll or a visit, we invite you to stop by and enjoy a relaxing time at our café. All profits from the café support the vital work of Teac Tom, providing suicide prevention and mental health services. Your visit not only nourishes the soul but also helps make a difference in the lives of those in need. www.facebook.com/stmaryscathedralcafe.

Course at Integritas

The next day session which we will be hosting here is on Saturday, 26th October. The session will begin at 10.00am and will conclude with lunch at 1.30pm. This session is part of an ongoing course entitled ‘The Integrity of Christian Life’ and will concentrate upon the relationship with one’s nature and calling. The input and discussion will centre upon what a ‘calling’ is and how it relates to one’s nature and gifts. We will explore how to discern one’s calling, how to become aligned to it in how one lives and how to stay true to it when presented with the challenges and distractions of daily life. This session will also reflect upon what is unique about the Christian calling and propose that by serving this we find the source of true joy and fulfilment in life. We would be delighted if you could join us for this session. Integritas, Ennisnag, Co. Kilkenny. 087 293 6951. enquiries@integritas.ie www.integritas.ie.

Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 7th October

Monday 10.30am Philip Kinane
Willie Drennan & Declan Ahearn
Tuesday 8.00am Seánie O’Brien
Wednesday 10.30am Philomena O’Hanlon
Thursday 10.30am Margaret McGuinness
Saturday: 6.00pm Veronica McGuire
Seán Pielow
Sunday: 11.00am Frank & Colette Dalton
11.30am Seán Bolger

Deceased Members of the O.N.E.
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

Universal Synod of the Catholic Church

The Second Session of the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, formally opened on Wednesday last in the Vatican and will deliberate until 27th October on the theme, ‘For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission.’ The task of this second session is to complete the discernment begun at the first session in October 2023, and thereafter to offer the result to Pope Francis in a final document.

Attending the Synod as representatives of the Bishops’ Conference are Bishop Brendan Leahy of Limerick, and Bishop Alan McGuckian SJ of Down and Connor. Sister Mary Teresa Barron OLA, President of the International Union of Superiors General and Sister Patricia Murray IBVM, Executive Secretary of the International Union of Superiors General, both from Ireland, are also in attendance. Rev Professor Eamon Conway, a priest of the Tuam Archdiocese, is attending as an ‘Expert and Facilitator’. At their October meeting last week the Irish Bishops said, “We invite people of faith to pray throughout October for all members of the Synodal Assembly as, in the words of Pope Francis, ‘without prayer there will be no Synod.’ Since 2021 synodal listening has moved through parish, diocesan, national, and continental stages, fostering continuous dialogue with the Universal Church. While the synodal process nurtures participation and co-responsibility, the discernment of the *Pobal Dé* has been at the heart of the journey, guiding the mission of the Body of Christ into the future.”



Taizé Youth Programme 2025

A youth trip to Taizé in France organised by Ossory Youth will take place from Sunday, 29th June to Sunday, 6th July 2025. A week in the Taizé Community is an opportunity for reflection and contemplation and a little step back from daily life. It is a week of meeting young people from different countries and cultures where new friendships are made. 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 2024 to July 2025 is open to Transition Year, 5th Year and Leaving Cert students. Closing date for applications is Friday, 25th October. For additional information, including cost and application forms, contact Patrick Bookle, Ossory Youth at (056) 776 1200, (087) 212 9006 or pbookle@ossoryyouth.com

Divine Mercy

Have you noticed the relocated picture of Divine Mercy and the associated candle shrine at the top of the right-hand aisle in St. John’s Church? The image is a symbol of charity, forgiveness and love of God, referred to as the “Fountain of Mercy”.