

Ossory Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2025

The annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2025 will take place from Monday, 19th until Saturday, 24th May. This is an annual diocesan event and we encourage parishioners to consider travelling to Lourdes with the group in May. Further details will be available later.

Our Lady of Lourdes Pray for us
St Bernadette Pray for us.

Thought for the Day - Prisoners' Sunday

'Mercy, as the expression of God's love, is something we need to think about more deeply. Certainly, breaking the law involves paying the price, and losing one's freedom is the worst part of serving time, because it affects us so deeply. All the same, hope must not falter. Paying for the wrong we have done is one thing, but another thing entirely is the 'breath' of hope, which cannot be stifled by anyone or anything. Our heart always yearns for goodness. We are in debt to the mercy that God constantly shows us, for he never abandons us (cf. *Augustine, Sermon 254:1*). *Synodal reflection for Prisoners' Sunday*

South Kilkenny Historical Society Lecture

Title: Francis MacManus: County Kilkenny's Greatest Novelist. Speaker: Willie Nolan.
Date: 25th October Time: 8.00pm.

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/>

Age Action Volunteers Required in Kilkenny Library

Age Action's free one-on-one digital literacy classes for older people with basic or no computer/smart device experience. Volunteers will support learners in how to: send and receive emails, download apps, navigate the internet, shop and book flights and much more. Time commitment: Courses run for 2 hours once a week for five weeks. Wednesdays from 10.30am – 12.30pm. Training and volunteer support provided.
Contact details: email volunteering@ageaction.ie or telephone 0818 911 109.

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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Fergal Brennan; Mary Brennan; Jo Browne; Alan Burke; Fr Dan Carroll;
Claire Coogan; Fr Raymond Dempsey; Luke Leydon; Iris O'Flynn; Karen Phelan.

IF YOU HAVE A SAFEGUARDING CONCERN CONTACT

The Diocesan Designated Liaison Person, Ms. Ailish Higgins, 085 802 1633 - dlp@ossory.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-Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time - 13th October 2024



Catholic Bishops' Pastoral Letter welcoming migrants to Ireland

On Sunday 13 October 2024, the Bishops of Ireland published a pastoral letter – *A Hundred Thousand Welcomes?* – to welcome migrants to Ireland. As Christians, we have a responsibility to respond to the key question of immigration across our island, and the world. This fundamental question asks, "Who is my neighbour?", and to answer this we are informed by the parable of the Good Samaritan (*Luke 10:29–37*). In the light of the Gospel and Catholic Social Teaching, our bishops offer this reflection on what hospitality for migrant people means in contemporary Ireland.

Mindful that migration has been a central part of our history, the Pastoral Letter provides a space to us as 'migrant pilgrim people' to contemplate the causes of migration, the gifts that migrants bring to our Church and our country, the economic and social issues we all face in Ireland, and the importance of *encounter* in building a true sense of belonging in every parish and community.

- A short video on the Pastoral Letter, and its text in short and long form, are available on CatholicBishops.ie or you can scan the QR Code opposite to access this content.



'Angels Unawares' sculpture in Saint Peter's Square, Rome, by Timothy Schmalz

Pray the Rosary for Peace

Speaking at his weekly audience in Rome on last Wednesday, Pope Francis reminded the faithful gathered that October is the month of the Rosary. He invited the faithful to pray the Rosary every day and asked that they entrust all those who suffer to the Virgin Mary. Especially, he said, "tormented Ukraine, Sudan, Myanmar, Palestine and Israel".

Hon the Loughs

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

Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

Recently Deceased: Mick Crotty, College Road.

Dan Butler, Glendine Road Joe Bergin, Dunmore West
 Maudie O'Neill (nee Forristal), Dunamaggan John Butler, Keatingstown
 Eleanor Fennelly, Ballingarry Michael Madden, Bonnettstown
 Sr Eileen Fitzpatrick HFB, Newbridge & Slieverue

Months Mind: Billy Cassidy (Wed. 10.30am).
 Margaret Lalor (Thurs. 10.30am).

Anniversaries: Veronica McGuire; Seán Pielow (6.00pm); Frank & Colette Dalton (11.00am);
 Seán Bolger; Deceased members of O.N.E. (11.30am); Angela Clutterbuck; Tom, Mary & John
 Cassin; Christine Mak; Marty Ryan; Maureen Bryan; William Billy Maher; Sammy Kirwan;
 Most Rev. Laurence Forristal;

Readers for Next Weekend

6.00pm Mairin Bergin
 8.00am Jo Browne
 10.00am Teresa Dowling
 11.00am Stephanie Butler & Roger Curran
 11.30am Kathleen Ferguson
 7.00pm Eileen Kinane



Attendance/Collections Last Weekend

Envelope Collection:		€985.00
Mass	Attendance	Baskets
6.00pm St. John's	142	394.00
8.00am St. John's	85	329.00
10.00am Johnswell	47	142.00
11.00am Dunmore	61	171.00
11.30am St. John's	188	642.00
7.00pm St. John's	<u>82</u>	<u>278.00</u>
	605	€1,956.00

Rosary at The Grotto

Rosary will be recited in the Grotto on the Callan Road each Sunday during October at 3.00pm. All are welcome.

What is World Mission Sunday?

World Mission Sunday is the Holy Father's annual appeal to support overseas mission and missionaries. It takes place in every single parish worldwide where the Church is present. Mission Sunday 2024 will be held on next Sunday, 20th October. Pope Francis has chosen the theme 'Go and invite everyone to the banquet' for this year's event. "Mission", he said, "is a tireless going out to all men and women, in order to invite them to encounter God." In Ireland, Missio Ireland – the Pope's official charity for overseas mission – is tasked with organising the Mission Sunday collection. Next weekend we will be invited to contribute to the Holy Father's annual appeal to support overseas mission and missionaries. To learn more go to www.missio.ie.

Medjugorje - Evening of Prayer

Rosary, Mass, Adoration, Prayer for Healing will take place in St Fiacre's Church, Loughboy on Monday, 14th October at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

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

Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 14th October

Wednesday 10.30am **MM** Billy Cassidy
 Thursday 10.30am **MM** Margaret Lalor
 Angela Clutterbuck, Mary, John and Tom Cassin
 Saturday: 6.00pm Deceased Members of the 1989
 BER School Graduation Class
 Sunday: 11.00am Lena Cantwell Pat Costigan
 11.30am Mollie Bergin
 Albert Bolger
MM Christina Grace

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,

Annual Remembrance Mass

At St. John's Parish, we are currently planning our Remembrance Mass for those of our parishioners who died during the past year. We will be inviting relatives and friends to join us in St. John's Church at 7.30pm on Thursday, 14th November when we will call to mind in prayer those who have died since this time last year. Please inform relatives and friends who live away from Kilkenny so that they may make arrangements to come home. More details later.

October Station Envelopes

The October Station Envelope Contributions are now due. The envelope can be found in the box that you would have received at the end of last year. Thank you to those who have returned your October Stations envelope already. These contributions go towards the income of our Bishop and priests. Your continued generosity is much appreciated. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to register with the Parish and receive contribution envelopes.

Do This In Memory

We welcome the children from St. John's Junior School and Johnswell National School who are preparing for the Sacraments of First Penance and First Eucharist to our 6.00pm vigil Mass and 10.00am Mass at Johnswell on next weekend. As they begin the *Do This in Memory* Parish Programme of preparation, we keep them in our prayers and pray that with God's help their parents and families may truly pass the light of faith on to them.

Dates for Your Diary

Annual Remembrance Mass at St. John's Church - 7.30pm on Thursday, 14th November
 Confirmation St John's Parish - 11.00am on Thursday, 13th February 2025
 First Holy Communion at St. John's Church - Saturday, 10th May 2025
 First Holy Communion at Johnswell Church - Sunday, 11th May 2025

The Pope's Monthly Intention

For a shared mission: We pray that the Church continue to sustain in all ways a Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people.

Table Quiz

Table Quiz in aid of the Irish Pilgrimage Trust will take place in the Orchard House Bar on Thursday, 24th October at 8.30pm. Table of 4, €40. Raffle on the night. All proceeds from the Table Quiz will go to the Irish Pilgrimage Trust. The Trust provides a Fun Trip to Lourdes each Easter for young people with additional needs.

