

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 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 23 and 31st August 24. The Mass can also be viewed www.stcanicesparish.ie/web-cam/

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.

The Pope's Monthly Prayer Intention

For a shared mission: *We pray that the Church continues to sustain in all ways a synodal life-style, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people.* Keep this intention in your prayers!

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. Courses run for 2 hours once a week for five weeks. Wednesdays from 10.30am – 12.30pm. Training and volunteer support provided. Contact details: volunteering@ageaction.ie or telephone 0818 911 109.

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.

Rosary at The Grotto

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

Ossory Times

The latest edition of our colourful diocesan magazine is available at the doors of the church. Excellent value at only €2 for a magazine full of interesting and informative articles about our diocese and matters further afield.

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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-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 20th October 2024

Go and Invite Everyone to the Banquet

World Mission Sunday is the Holy Father's annual appeal for spiritual and financial support so that the life-giving work of overseas mission and missionaries can continue. It always falls on the second last Sunday in October, and like the Good Friday collection for the Holy Land and Peter's Pence, it is one of three yearly universal Church collections.

World Mission Sunday collections take place in every single parish where the Church is present. This includes not only Ireland and Europe, but also in poorer parishes in developing countries. It is a moment of universal solidarity when each member of the Church family, regardless of location or background, play their part in supporting each other. This is what makes it such a special celebration. All offerings made on behalf of World Mission Sunday become part of the Holy Father's Universal Solidarity Fund. This Fund supports missionary activities in over 1,150 young dioceses, mostly in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. As young dioceses grow, so do their needs. On top of this, they are often found in remote areas devastated by conflict or natural disasters. The Universal Solidarity Fund provides aid so that missionaries can continue to go to these places to share the love of God.

Please give as generously as possible to the second collection this weekend, use one of the special envelopes at the back of the church or visit www.missio.ie to donate.



Respect UN Peacekeepers in Lebanon

Following a series of recent incidents in which at least four UN peacekeepers were wounded after coming under fire from the Israeli army, Pope Francis has appealed for the troops to be "respected." The appeal came as the Pope again called for an immediate end of hostilities in the Middle East, urging the parties to "pursue the paths of diplomacy and dialogue to achieve peace". The Pope warned: "War is an illusion. It will never bring peace, it will never bring security. It is a defeat for everyone, especially for those who believe themselves invincible." "I pray for all the victims," he added, "for the displaced, for the hostages - who I hope will be released immediately - and I pray that this great needless suffering, generated by hatred and revenge, will soon come to an end."

The Pope also prayed for an end to the wars in "tormented Ukraine, Myanmar, Sudan, and all other peoples suffering from war and all forms of violence and misery".

Charity Table Quiz

A 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.



Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

Recently Deceased: Martin Foley, Vicar Street and formerly Ossory Park. Reposing at John-ston's Funeral Home on Sunday with Rosary and Vigil Prayers at 6.00pm. Requiem Mass at St. John's at 10.30am on Monday.

Joe Morris, O'Loughlin Court. Reposing at his home on from 4.00pm on Tuesday with Rosary and Vigil Prayers at 6.30pm. Requiem Mass at St. John's at 10.30am on Wednesday.

Seán Quigley, Dean Cavanagh Place Tom O'Hehir, Drakelands
John Hetherington, Castlecomer James Mulcair, College Road

Josie Healy, Lowhill

Kitty Brown (nee Guilfoyle), London and formerly Ossory Park.

Months Mind: Christina Grace (11.30am)

Anniversaries: Deceased Members of UCD Veterinary School Class of '89 (6.00pm); Pat Costigan; Lena Cantwell (11.00am); Mollie Bergin; Albert Bolger (11.30am); Julia & Mark Downey (7.00pm); Bill Hanlon; John (Jack) Carroll; John Cunningham; Tommy Hackett & Deceased Members of Hackett Family; Kathleen McCarthy & Deceased Members of McCarthy Family; Bernadette Dermody; Julia and Patrick Burke; Jenny Hodge; Frank Murphy; Mary Moynihan; Joseph Fitzpatrick.

Readers for Next Weekend

6.00pm Mary Lynch
8.00am Billy Phelan
10.00am Seán Colgan
11.00am Bernard O'Gorman & John McGourty
11.30am Bobbie Lahart & Rosemary McPhilips
7.00pm Linda O'Leary



Attendance/Collections Last Weekend

Envelope Collection: €825.00			
	Mass	Attendance	Baskets
6.00pm	St. John's	100	338.00
8.00am	St. John's	87	349.00
10.00am	Johnswell	42	220.00
11.00am	Dunmore	81	271.00
11.30am	St. John's	203	528.00
7.00pm	St. John's	80	363.00
		593	€2,069.00

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.

Do This In Memory Programme

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 this 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

New President of St Patrick's College Maynooth

Congratulations to Castlecomer native Fr. Michael Shortall who has been appointed President of St Patrick's College, Maynooth. This is a wonderful appointment for Fr. Michael and involves him in very important work in the Irish church: President of our National Seminary and the training of young priests, President of the Pontifical University which provides theological formation for students who undertake courses in theology to prepare them to work in the Irish Church and Catholic Schools. We wish him well and include him in our prayers.

Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 21st October

Monday 10.30am Funeral: Martin Foley
Tuesday 10.30am Bill Hanlon
Wednesday 10.30am Funeral: Joe Morris
Saturday: 10.30am John Cunningham
6.00pm Kathleen Comerford
Sunday: 11.30am John Butler
Elizabeth Lyla O'Connor
Ann Lacey

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,

Youth Retreat

Youth 2000's Leinster Retreat is taking place in Ashbourne Community School, Co. Meath from 25th – 27th October. This will be a beautiful weekend of adoration, talks, prayer and time together, connecting with other young people and encountering Jesus. The retreat is donation only! To register and for more information, visit www.youth2000.ie or email office@youth2000.ie

Escorted Tour to Westport

Escorted Tour to Westport. Sunday, 3rd November 2024. €799.00 pps. Price includes bus/train, 5 nights in 4* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Lunch on certain days. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock Shrine, Galway City, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick and Fr. Peyton Centre. Afternoon Tea in Ashford Castle. Music nightly. Single supplement on enquiry. Contact Patricia on 094 900 6426, 087 1890 236 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

SVP Big Furniture Clearance Sale

A big furniture clearance sale will take place on Friday, 22nd November for one day only at the Saint Vincent de Paul Shop, St. Canice's Parish and Community Hall. Time: 11.00am to 4.00pm. Looking forward to seeing you.

What is Synodality?

Synodality, *syn hodos* ("the common way"), is designed to renew, revive and deepen not only relationships within the Church, but how the Church relates with other institutions and groups in society, with other cultures and religions, and with the whole human family. Synodality is a response to the question of how to overcome the crisis of globalisation, how to transform our world into a world of peace and justice.

Synodality is a way of developing the catholicity – the universality – of Christianity. Catholicity, together with unity, holiness and apostolic character, is not only a "mark" and a gift of the Church but it is a task in its journey through history. This includes ecumenical and interreligious cooperation and also, as Pope Francis has emphasised, our care of the earth.

To embark on the path of synodal renewal requires openness, hospitality and inclusiveness – not a naive and uncritical conformity to the external world, but a receptivity to the dynamics of the Holy Spirit.

The synodal reform of the Church is a long term project; expectations of major institutional changes immediately after the second session of the Synod in October should be tempered.



For a synodal Church
communion | participation | mission