

### Statue of the Sacred Heart

On Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> August 2025 Bishop Niall will celebrate Mass at 6.00pm in the Church of the Sacred Heart, Moneenroe, Co. Kilkenny, after which the Statue, blessed by Pope Francis in January 2025, will leave the Diocese.

### Men's Jubilee Camino

Men's hike - Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> September. 20kms, on greenway, from Dominican Abbey (ruin) in Carlingford to Newry (St Catherine's) via Newry Cathedral (Jubilee Indulgence).

Mass, Adoration, Rosary, Confessions and Fraternity. Registration and further details are available on [www.dominicans.ie/events/](http://www.dominicans.ie/events/). €70 (Lunch, dinner and bus), over 18s male event.

### Ms Geraldine Patterson Retirement

At the end of August Ms Geraldine Patterson will conclude her time as Principal of Johnswell NS. To mark her retirement after 32 years teaching in Johnswell (8 years as Principal) a Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated in St John the Baptist Church, Johnswell on Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm followed by light refreshments. All are welcome to attend and show their appreciation to Ms Patterson's dedicated service to education in our parish.

### Play at Black Abbey celebrating 800 Years

Lake Productions, in association with The Black Abbey, will present 'The Man Born to be King', adapted by John Morton, directed by Barren Donohue, music by The Kilkenny Gospel Choir, on 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> September, at 7.30pm in The Black Abbey. €15 open seating. Booking on Eventbrite.

The religious play will be presented in conjunction with the Black Abbey in celebrating their 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary in Kilkenny.

### The Pope's Prayer Intentions

Pope Leo's prayer intention for August builds on Pope Francis' encyclical *Fratelli Tutti*. It is a response to polarisation among humanity along the lines of religious, cultural, ethnic, ideological and national differences. In his message, Pope Leo asks us to pray that societies might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation and that we Christians be builders of peace with the ability to see others through the eyes of the heart.

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*Those we love can never be more than a thought apart.*

*For as long as there is a memory, they'll live on in our heart.*

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# Parish Of Saint John The Evangelist

*incorporating | St John's | Dunmore | Johnswell | church areas*

### 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.

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

**Johnswell - Sunday 10.00am**

**Dunmore - Sunday 11.00am**

**St. John's Parish, St. Mary's Parish, St. Patrick's Parish, St. Canice's Parish  
together form the Kilkenny City Pastoral Area**

**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 10<sup>th</sup> August 2025**

### Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady into Heaven

The commemoration of the death of the Blessed Virgin Mary is known as the Assumption because of the tradition that her body did not decay but that she was raised up, body and soul, into heaven. This tradition was already present in the sixth century; by the beginning of the twentieth century it was widespread and, after consulting the views of bishops all over the world, the Pope formally and infallibly declared the doctrine of the Assumption to be part of the authentic and ancient doctrine of the universal Church.

On Friday of this week next we celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin into Heaven. It is a holy day of obligation and Masses at St. John's Church will be celebrated at 6.00pm on Thursday, 8.00am and 10.30am and 7.00pm on Friday.

### Annual Parish Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine - 21<sup>st</sup> August

Both coaches travelling from St. John's Parish on the day are now fully booked and we do have a waiting list if a space becomes available. The coaches will depart from outside the front gates of St. John's Church at **7.00am sharp on Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> August** and return at 10.00pm approximately. Pilgrims will stop for an optional breakfast in Athlone and for optional dinner in Moate on the return journey. Tickets cost €25 each (food not included). We appeal to those who have reserved a seat to pay immediately to allow us offer any available seats to those on the waiting list.

The National Novena runs from 13<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> August. In this special Jubilee Year, the theme for this year's National Novena to Our Lady of Knock is Pilgrims of Hope. Hope is at the very heart of the Knock apparition, and it is good that we will be there to explore this theme on the final day of the Novena. The speaker at the 3.00pm Novena Ceremony on the day of our pilgrimage will be Claire Kilroy who will speak on the theme *Living Faith: How Young People are Shaping the Future*. Full programme each day. Family Day will take place on Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> August. Find out more at [www.knockshrine.ie](http://www.knockshrine.ie)

### Book Fair in St. John's Parish Centre in aid of Rise & Shine Trust

The Book Fair continues until Sunday evening. All proceeds from the book fair will go to the Rise & Shine Trust which provides a fun trip to Lourdes each Easter for young people with additional needs. **Have a look - choose a book - support a trip!**

### Medjugorje Evening of Prayer

Rosary - Mass - Adoration - Prayer for Healing. St Fiacre's Church, Loughboy. Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30pm. All are welcome to come along and pray for healing and peace.

### Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

**Recently Deceased:** Liam Óg Maddock, Kealkil, Bantry, Co. Cork and formerly of Dunmore. Funeral arrangements later.  
Phyllis Nolan, Danville  
Chris Carey, Westcourt, Callan  
Hazel Hennessy, Collins Park, Callan

Anne McPhillips, Castle Gardens  
Deirdre O'Neill, late of New Road, Kilkenny  
Joe Dowling, Castlecomer

**Months Mind:** Paddy Butler (11.30am)  
John Walsh (Fri. 10.30am).

Clinton Morris (Thurs. 10.30am)

**Anniversaries:** Mary Cleere; Philomena Sheil (6.00pm); Jim Langton; Máirín Dunne; Mary Boland; Danny Cassidy; Martin & Bridget Keenan; John Browne; Kathleen Treacy.

*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 Mary Elliott  
10.00am Teresa Dowling  
11.00am Martina Brennan & Tom Keating  
11.30am Kathleen Ferguson & Susan Bofin  
7.00pm Linda O'Leary



### Attendance/Collections Last Weekend

Envelope Collection:	€1,025.00		
	<u>Mass</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Baskets</u>
6.00pm St. John's	80		176.00
8.00am St. John's	116		274.00
10.00am Johnswell	37		346.00
11.00am Dunmore	90		247.00
11.30am St. John's	190		346.00
7.00pm St. John's	<u>121</u>		<u>200.00</u>
	634		€1,412.00

### Mass Times in St. John's Parish on The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Please note Masses will be celebrated in St. John's Church at 6.00pm on Thursday and 8.00am, 10.30am and 7.00pm on Friday. No 11.30am Mass and no Mass in Johnswell and Dunmore.

### Pope Leo XIV, Homily to Young People, Jubilee of Youth, 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2025

'Dear young people, Jesus is our hope. It is he, as Saint John Paul II said, "who stirs in you the desire to do something great with your lives ... to commit ... to improving yourselves and society, making the world more human and more fraternal." (XV World Youth Day, August 2000). 'Let us remain united to him, let us remain in his friendship, always, cultivating it through prayer, adoration, Eucharistic Communion, frequent Confession, and generous charity, following the examples of Blessed Piergiorgio Frassati and Blessed Carlo Acutis who will soon be declared saints. Aspire to great things, to holiness, wherever you are. Do not settle for less. You will then see the light of the Gospel growing every day, in you and around you'.

### Kilkenny Adult Learning Service

Open Days from 12.00 noon to 3.00pm on Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> August and Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> August at 43 Upper Patrick Street, Kilkenny R95 PXN2. Unlock your potential with our ESOL, literacy, numeracy and digital literacy courses, designed to provide you with skills and knowledge. Classes are free, QQI Certification and Support, register on the day. Expert led tuition in small groups. Contact us on 056 776 3149; kilkennyadultlearning@kkadulthood.ie.

### A Thought for the Weekend

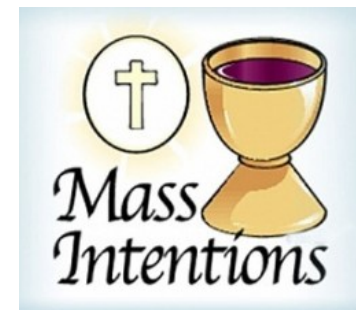
On our bad days, we seek you.  
On our good days, we thank you.  
On our great days, we praise you.

But every day, we need you.

Thank you, God, for always being there for us!

### Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 11<sup>th</sup> August

Monday: 10.30am John Browne  
Wednesday: 10.30am Jim Langton  
Thursday: 10.30am **MM** Clinton Morris  
6.00pm Aileen Beirne  
Friday: 10.30am **MM** John Walsh  
Saturday: 6.00pm Jim, Betty & Seamus Canty  
Mary McCarthy  
Tony & Barbara Teehan  
Sunday: 10.00am Derek Butler  
11.30am Ollie Doran  
Mary O'Dwyer  
Lukas Funtal



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. Amen.**

### The Nicæan Creed

Acknowledging the 1,700<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Council of Nicaea Pope Leo commented: "That Council (Council of Nicaea) represents a fundamental stage in the development of the Creed shared by all the Churches and ecclesial communities," "While we are on the path towards the reestablishment of full communion among all Christians, we recognize that this unity can only be unity in faith," the Pontiff said. "The Council of Nicaea is not merely an event of the past but a compass that must continue to guide us towards the full visible unity of all Christians."

### The Man Born to Be King

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### Night Prayer to Our Lady

Night is falling dear Mother and the long day is o'er  
And before your dear image I am kneeling once more

To thank you for bringing me safe through the day  
And to ask you this night to keep evils away  
Many times have I fallen today Mother dear  
Many graces neglected since last I knelt here  
Will you not in pity my dear Mother mild  
Ask Jesus to pardon the sins of His child  
In His book they were written against the Last Day  
O Mother ask Jesus to wash them away  
For one drop of His Blood which for sinners is spilt  
Is sufficient to cleanse the whole world from its guilt  
And if ere the dawn I should draw my last breath  
And the sleep I should take be the long sleep of death

Be near me dear Mother for Jesus' dear sake  
When my soul on eternity's shore shall awake

### Prayer for Those Awaiting Exam Results

On Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> August the Leaving Cert 2025 results will be out. In these days of waiting we pray for and with our students.

Loving God, calm the anxious hearts of those awaiting exam results.  
Grant them peace as the days approach for their results.

Help them trust that their worth lies not in a grade, but in your unchanging love.

Give them courage  
to accept whatever comes  
and wisdom to see this moment  
as just one step in their unique journey.

Surround them  
with your comfort and support.  
May they have God's blessing and good luck!