

Inner Healing Retreat Kilkenny

Faith Formation based on the teachings of the Catholic Church and Inner Healing and Adoration. Led by Fr. Prince Clarence S.J.

Date: Monday, 14th July 2025
Time: 6.00pm – 10.00pm

Venue: Confessions before Mass
Holy Mass and Adoration
St. Mary's Cathedral,
James's Street,

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Give Blood, Save a Life!

The Blood Transfusion Unit will visit O'Loughlin Gaels GAA Club on the following dates:

Monday, 7th to Thursday, 10th July

Monday, 14th and Tuesday, 15th July

3.45pm – 8.00pm each day. To book an appointment and check your eligibility Call 1800 222 111 or visit giveblood.ie

Samaritans Shop Kilkenny

The Samaritans shop in St. Kieran's Street would welcome volunteers to help in the shop. If you have three hours a week to spare and would enjoy working in a shop environment, please contact Ann on 086 603 8985.

Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for July

For formation in discernment: Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

St. John's Parish Hall

The Parish Hall is available for use by community groups and associations. Contact Áine in the Parish Office if you require a room for a once off meeting or a regular booking.

Croagh Patrick

Reek Sunday this year is 27th July with Mass on the summit hourly from 8.00am to 2.00pm. Confessions also available on the summit on the day.

*Don't ask God to guide your footsteps
If you're not willing to move your feet.*

Dates for Your Diary

Foulkstown Cemetery Mass

Thursday 31st July @ 7.30pm

Parish Pilgrimage to Knock

Thursday, 21st August. Fare: €25.

This pilgrimage is booking quickly at the Parish Office. Get your ticket while there is still room on the bus.

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

Monsignor Dan Carroll: 087 907 7769. Fr Raymond Dempsey: 089 497 1924.

Monsignor Michael Ryan (Retired)

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Mary Brennan; Jo Browne; Alan Burke; Fr Dan Carroll; Claire Coogan;

Fr Raymond Dempsey; Luke Leydon; Paddy Manning; 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.

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**

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 13th July 2025

Seeds of Peace and Hope' marks Pope Leo's First Season of Creation

As the Church prepares to mark the Tenth World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation on 1 September 2025, Pope Leo XIV's message for the occasion urges Christians and all people of goodwill to recognize the urgent need for environmental and social justice in a world increasingly scarred by climate change, conflict, and inequality.

Entitled [Seeds of Peace and Hope](#) and released on July 2, the Pope's message resonates with the spirit of the ongoing Jubilee Year, calling the faithful to embrace their role as "pilgrims of hope" and stewards of God's creation.

Justice in a wounded world - Echoing the prophetic words of Isaiah, Pope Leo invites the global community to envision a transformation of today's "arid and parched desert" into "a fruitful field." This biblical vision, he explains, is not a poetic metaphor but an urgent call to action in the face of alarming ecological and human crises.

Quoting extensively from Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato si'* in the year of its 10th anniversary, he writes, "Injustice, violations of international law and the rights of peoples, grave inequalities, and the greed that fuels them are spawning deforestation, pollution, and the loss of biodiversity."

Linking environmental destruction to the exploitation of the poor and marginalized, he highlights the disproportionate suffering of indigenous communities and the widening gap between rich and poor as hallmarks of a system that treats nature as a commodity rather than a common home.

Nature as a battleground - He laments the fact that nature itself has become "a bargaining chip," subjected to policies and practices that prioritize profit over people and the planet. From agricultural lands riddled with landmines to conflicts over water and raw materials, Pope Leo paints a sobering picture of a creation "turned into a battleground" for control and domination.

These wounds, he says, are "the effect of sin," a betrayal of the biblical command not to dominate creation, but to "till and keep" it, a call to cultivate and preserve the Earth through a relationship of care and responsibility.

A blessing for the future - Concluding his message with a prayer for the outpouring of God's Spirit, Pope Leo XVI invokes the hope of the risen Christ as the guiding light for a world longing for healing. "May [*Laudato si'*] continue to inspire us," he writes, "and may integral ecology be increasingly accepted as the right path to follow."

Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

Recently Deceased: Paddy Parker, New Orchard.

Mary Maher, St Francis Tce. & late of Michael Street. Reposing in Johnston's Funeral Home, on Sunday from 4.30pm with Funeral Prayers at 5.45pm followed by removal to St. John's Church. Requiem Mass on Monday morning at 10.30am. Funeral afterwards to St. Kieran's Cemetery.

Months Mind: Tom Kinsella (10.00am);

Anniversaries: Peggy Lanigan; Michael Tosh O'Connor ; Larry Nolan (6.00pm); Cyril Walsh (10.00am); Maurice, Anna & Jack Nolan (11.00am); Paddy Bergin; Mary Nolan & Stephen Kelly (11.30am); Peter O'Connor (7.00pm); Martin Manning; P.J. Mealy; Deceased members of the Cleary, McDermott & Jones Families Brenda Flynn; Patrick Foley, Stephen & Richard Cassin; David Gaffney; Christy, Brigid & Pat Murray; Patrick Slattery; Patricia Wiltshire; Kate & Christy Burke Snr.

*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		Attendance/Collections Last Weekend		
6.00pm	Claire Coogan	Envelope Collection:	€1,475.00	
8.00am	Jo Browne	<u>Mass</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Baskets</u>
10.00am	Séan Colgan	6.00pm St. John's	102	148.00
11.00am	Christy Murray & Maise Powell	8.00am St. John's	95	284.00
11.30am	Paula Rogers & James Connelly	10.00am Johnswell	85	228.00
7.00pm	Joan Scott	11.00am Dunmore	44	73.00
		11.30am St. John's	157	329.00
		7.00pm St. John's	<u>101</u>	<u>299.00</u>
			584	€1,361.00



Parish Pilgrimage to Knock

Our parish pilgrimage to Knock on Thursday, 21st August (the anniversary of the apparitions). This year we have booked two coaches and currently we have 25 remaining seats. Please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible if you would like to join us. For those who have reserved places already we would politely asked to confirm booking by paying for their seats.

Three Steps

The parable of the Good Samaritan brings out the practical nature of authentic charity. There are three steps in his response to the plight of the man dumped in the ditch.

- The first step in love is to see people, to be aware of them and attentive. Our eyes open the shutters of our aloofness when we take notice of people. Being attentive we hear them knocking on our doors, seeking entry into our lives. But so often we are experts at ignoring people and keeping them out.
- The second step is to answer the knock and let the person in. The Good Samaritan was moved with compassion for the injured traveller Compassion literally means feeling-with, responding to the pain of the other person. When others knock at the door, compassion lets them in and is willing to reach out to them, whether it is in sharing tears in their sorrow, or celebrating with their joy or giving to their emptiness.
- The third step in charity is to translate feeling into practical action. It is amazing how many excuses we can find to avoid helping somebody in need. But really, there is no excuse to justify failing to assist.

Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 14th July

Monday:	10.30am	Requiem Mass Mary Maher
Wednesday:	10.30am	P.J. Mealy
Thursday:	10.30am	Cleary, McDermott & Jones Families
Friday	8.00am	Brenda Flynn
	10.30am	Patrick Foley, Stephen & Richard Cassin
Saturday:	6.00pm	Frank Power Maurice McCreery MM Melissa Bergin
Sunday:	11.00am	Aislinn Nelson Comerford
	11.30am	Mary Power O'Shea Pat Crowe

Please note we may transfer an anniversary Mass on the occasion of a funeral.

**May they rest in peace.
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.

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

The Nicene Creed - 1700 years old this year

THE CREED - at the heart of the Church's faith

The Creed that we say at mass most Sundays is 1700 years old this year. It was written at the Council of Nicaea which took place in the city of Nicaea – 130km southeast of Istanbul – in 325 AD in the city of Nicaea.

The importance of the Creed is highlighted by Pope Leo XIV which he states that the Nicene Creed “stands.”

What happened in Nicaea? More than 300 bishops gathered to finalise a text which hoped to settle disputes that had arisen from heresy in previous years.

This Council, known as the Council of Nicaea, is still accepted by the Catholic Church, the Eastern Orthodox Churches and many Protestant denominations today.

Who called the Council? Emperor Constantine – a convert to Christianity – called the bishops to meet and settle disputes that was causing great disunity within the church. Words in the Creed:

BEGOTTEN means that Jesus is of the same being of God the Father. Jesus was not created like we (and the rest of the world) was created. “Begotten” means that Jesus is God's Son, of the same being or “stuff” as God the Father. Because he is “begotten”, Jesus always existed; he wasn't made at the beginning of time like humans and animals and the rest of the universe.

Thought for The Day

God has compassion on us. In the gestures and deeds of the Good Samaritan we recognise the merciful acts of God in all of salvation history. It is the same compassion with which the Lord comes to meet each one of us: He does not ignore us, he knows our pain, he knows how much we need help and comfort. He comes close and never abandons us. Each of us, ask and answer the question in our heart: ‘Do I believe? Do I believe that the Lord has compassion on me, just as I am, a sinner, with many problems and many issues?’ Think about that and the answer is: ‘Yes!’

The late Pope Francis

Medjugorje Evening of Prayer

Rosary – Mass – Adoration. Prayer for Healing. St Fiacre's Church, Loughboy. Monday 14th July at 7.30pm. All are welcome.