

Children's Rosary

A Prayer Group Movement for Children meets every Thursday evening at 6.00pm in St Fiacre's Church, Loughboy. St Louis De Montfort on the Rosary for little children: "This Beautiful Rosebud is for you, it is one of the beads of your Rosary, and it may seem to you to be such a tiny thing. But if you only knew how Precious this bead is. This wonderful bud will open out into a gorgeous rose if you say your Hail Mary really well... This Rosary will be your little wreath of roses, your Crown for Jesus and Mary."

Family Carers Ireland and KCETB.

A 12 week course "Caring with Confidence: Introduction to HealthCare QQI Level 4" provides a safe learning environment for family carers to re-engage with education and achieve a recognised QQI accreditation. It is a gentle course that will support family carers in dipping their toes back into education without stress, as being a carer is stressful enough. It will also teach new caregivers the practical skills needed in caregiving. Venue: BTEI, Unit 7, Danville Business Park, Kilkenny R95 K728
Dates: 23rd September. Time: 10.00am - 2.00pm. Contact: Deirdre - call 086 774 9838 or email training@familycarers.ie

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: 051 350 725

Monsignor Dan Carroll: 087 907 7769. Fr Tom O'Toole: 087 224 0787.
Monsignor Michael Ryan (Retired)

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

**Mary Brennan; Jo Browne; Alan Burke; Fr Dan Carroll; Claire Coogan;
Luke Leydon; Paddy Manning; Iris O'Flynn; Fr Tom O'Toole; 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

Roman Catholic Diocese and Parishes of Ossory - Registered Charity No. 20015831

Freshford Bridge Club

Freshford Bridge Club has resumed at Tulla Hall, Threecastles at 7.30pm. New Members are welcome.

Bridge Classes will commence in mid-October if there is enough interest. Please contact Anne Maria 087 227 1136 if interested

Kilkenny Bereavement Support Event

Kilkenny Bereavement Support is hosting a public talk on Living Well with Loss next Thursday, 25th September at 7.30pm, Newpark Hotel, €10 admission. Speakers Christy Kennelly (Novelist, broadcaster, poet and author of 'Life after Loss' and Dr. Linda Finnegan clinical psychologist and psychotherapist. Further details or to seek bereavement support please contact 086 067 0566.

Kilkenny MABS

The Money Advice and Budgeting Service is a free, confidential and independent Money Management and Advice Service. MABS assist people in dealing with their existing debt problems, who have difficulty paying a mortgage, or those facing legal action because of debt. For more information or an appointment, contact MABS, 4 The Parade, Kilkenny, R95 V052 or telephone 0818 072610.

Parish Of Saint John The Evangelist

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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**

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 21st September 2025

"From Pope Francis to Pope Leo XIV: An Australian Perspective"

Fr Frank Brennan, a Jesuit priest and Rector of Newman College at the University of Melbourne, a Distinguished Fellow of the PM Glynn Institute at Australian Catholic University, an Adjunct Professor at the Thomas More Law School at ACU and Research Professor at the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture Adjunct Professor, will present a lecture "From Pope Francis to Pope Leo XIV: An Australian Perspective", in St Patrick's Parish Centre, Loughboy, Kilkenny, on Thursday, 25th September 2025 at 7.30 p.m. All are welcome.

First-Class Relic of Newly Canonised Saint Carlo Acutis

St. Canice's Catholic Church is honoured to announce that a **first-class relic of Saint Carlo Acutis** will be present at the **10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, September 28th.**

In 2020, Carlo was beatified after a miracle in Brazil was attributed to his intercession. A second miracle in Italy was confirmed in 2024, and on **7 September 2025, Pope Leo canonised Carlo Acutis as a saint**, together with Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati. Often called the "*patron saint of the Internet*", "*God's Influencer*", and the "*first millennial saint*", Carlo's life continues to inspire young people and families around the world. All are warmly invited to attend this special Mass at St. Canice's Catholic Church and venerate the relic of Saint Carlo Acutis.

Sisters of Mary Morning Star Craft Sale

The Sisters of Mary Morning Star will hold a craft sale this weekend, 20th & 21st September at St. John's Church after the weekend Masses. A perfect opportunity to browse the craft work the sisters hand make in the convent everything from candles, soaps, jams and rosaries.

Johnswell National School

Johnswell National School are inviting applications for a school secretary for 9 hours per week. Duties will include school admin, accounting and welcoming visitors to the school. Cover Letter and CV with referees to be sent by post to the school or by email to principal@johnswellns.ie by Monday 6th October.

Gaza Vigil - Lighting the Darkness

Candle-light vigil for Gaza will take place in Ballyvaloo Retreat Centre, Blackwater, Co. Wexford on the evening of Saturday, 4th October at 7.00pm. We will commence the vigil inside the building and progress outdoors depending on the weather. The event is free on the night. All donations received will go towards Trocaire's relief work with Medical Aid for Gaza. If you wish to donate, please follow the details GazaVigil.Eventbrite.ie

Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

Recently Deceased: Brid Cogan, Glendine Court. Reposing at Hehir's Funeral Home on Sunday from 5.00 to 7.00pm with funeral prayers at 6.30pm. Requiem Mass on Monday at 10.30 a.m. St. John's Church- followed by burial in St Kieran's Cemetery
Nellie Corcoran, Marble Crest. Requiem Mass on Sunday at 1.30 p.m. in St. Fiacre's Church,
Richard (Dick) Nagle, College Court, requiem Mass Monday at 11.00 a.m. St. Mary's Cathedral
Joe Butler, Sheastown, requiem Mass Monday at 11.00 a.m. St. Canice's Church
Fr Noel Breslin, Birmingham Eileen Ryan, St Fiacre's Place
Fr. Liam Shore, Castlecomer and Cardiff

Anniversaries: Kathleen Maher; Michael Denieffe; Laurence & Ann Morrissey,
Marie Delaney(6.00pm); Margaret & James Butler (10.00am); Michael, Sharon, Jim & Mary Brennan (11.00am); Paddy Larkin; Christina Grace; Sheila Bergin (11.30am); Clare, Richard & Catherine Shortall (7.00pm); Michael Hayden; Michael & Eileen McKenna; Edward & Sheila Lennon; Diarmaid Ryan; Seán Hanaphy; Kit Holohan; Frances McDonagh; Kathleen Tobin;

Readers for Next Weekend		Attendance/Collections Last Weekend		
6.00pm	Claire Coogan	Envelope Collection:	€1,175.00	
8.00am	Jo Browne	<u>Mass</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Baskets</u>
10.00am	Seán Colgan	6.00pm St. John's	184	314.00
11.00am	Jim Kavanagh & Claire Hanrick	8.00am St. John's	87	248.00
11.30am	Kathleen Ferguson & Susan Bofin	10.00am Johnswell	38	116.00
7.00pm	Joan Scott	11.00am Dunmore	130	136.00
		11.30am St. John's	323	351.00
		7.00pm St. John's	<u>120</u>	<u>228.00</u>
			714	€1,393.00

Society of St Vincent De Paul Collection

The Monthly Collection for the local conference of the Society will take place this weekend, 20th and 21st September. A sincere thank you for all your generous donations to our August collection which amounted to €1,753. We can be contacted on 051 350 725 if anyone is in need. Please note the new telephone number.

St. Mary's Cathedral Draw 2025/2026

A new cycle of draws takes place next Wednesday for September. Tickets cost €10 per month or €120 for the year. Tickets are available from the Parish Office, Jane in the Sacristy or any of the priests. We encourage your support for St. Mary's, our Diocesan Cathedral.

Loreto Secondary School, Kilkenny

The closing date for applications for a First Year place in Autumn 2026 is 21st of October 2025. Applications can be made via the school website www.loreto.kk.ie.
An Open Night for 6th Class Girls will take place on Thursday, 25th September 2025. Further information will be on www.loreto.kk.ie.

Art and Architecture - A Pilgrimage Exploring God's Gifts

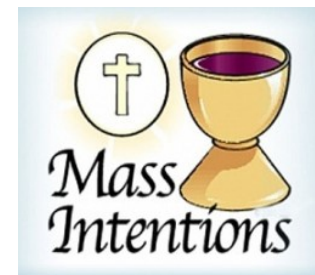
Next year the Adult Faith Development Group are holding a pilgrimage to Northern Italy (Padua, Venice & Bologna) March (20th - 26th). This pilgrimage will explore faith by means of reflecting upon some of the many wonderful pieces of art scattered throughout these cities. Italy is blessed with a remarkable array of religious art - frescos, paintings, sculptures, mosaics and stuccos. this pilgrimage will explore the religious and catechetical meaning of some of these masterpieces. Details in parishes on posters or by email afd@ossory.ie or call 057 93 55050.

Kilkenny Stroke Support Group

Kilkenny Stroke Support Group meet next Friday, 26th September from 2.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m. at the Tuisceant Day Services meeting rooms, at St. Canice's Hospital Complex, Old Dublin Road, Kilkenny. Meetings are open to Stroke survivors and carers and are social and informative. Further information text/phone Lynda 087 781 4697.

Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 22nd September

Monday:	10.30am	Requiem Mass Brid Cogan
Wednesday:	10.30am	Michael Hayden
Thursday:	10.30am	Mass for St. John's NS
Saturday:	10.30am	Diarmaid Ryan
		Michael & Eileen McKenna
		Edward & Sheila Lennon
	6.00pm	Seamus Brennan
		Eamon Morrissey
		MM Eleanor Connelly
		Statia, Stephen & Bosco Buckley
Sunday:	10.00am	MM David Dillon
	11.30am	Elizabeth Brett
		Marie Holohan
		MM Julia Walsh
	7.00pm	Jean Murphy
		Alan Bergin



May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

Rosary on the Green

Rosary will be recited in James Green on Thursday 25th of September at 6.30 p.m.. It is for the Pro-Life intention. All are welcome.

Eastern Environs

The Eastern Environs Community Group will be resuming activities on Wednesday next, 24th of September at 2.00 p.m. in St. John's Parish Centre. Looking forward to welcoming everyone back. New members who have expressed an interest in joining can turn up on the day.

Anam Cara, Limerick

Milford Care Centre and Anam Cara will host a Bereavement Information Evening on Thursday 9th October at 7.00 p.m. in the Castletroy Park Hotel Limerick. Visit www.anamcara.ie

Prayer to St Vincent de Paul

Noble Saint Vincent de Paul,
beloved servant of the poor,
may we follow your example and do good works
among those whom society has abandoned,
enslaved, or forgotten.
Inspire us to feed the hungry,
to love a child,
to provide comfort and medicine to the sick,
to clothe those whose garments are threadbare,
and to offer hope and our Lord's words
to all who need respite.
Pray for us to our beloved God
that we may commit ourselves selflessly
to doing the same charitable acts
that you did all your life,
and intercede with him
that we may have the favour of his guidance
and strength and love upon this important and
meaningful work. **Amen.**

St Vincent de Paul – Feast Day – Sept. 27th

Saint Vincent de Paul was a Catholic priest who served the poor. He was born on April 24 1581 in the village of Pouy, in Guyenne and Gascony, France and died on September 27 1660 in Paris, France.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVP) was founded in Ireland in 1844 and is the largest voluntary charitable organisation in Ireland.

Vincent was introduced to many poor families by the Daughters of Charity. He tended to the poor by bringing them food and other essential supplies just to at least make their lives bearable and comfortable.

Saint Vincent de Paul died on September 27 1660. His bones are preserved in a glass reliquary in Saint Vincent de Paul Chapel, Paris (The headquarters of the Vincentian fathers). His incorrupt heart is displayed at the chapel of the motherhouse of the Daughters of Charity in Paris.