

### Pope Leo's Monthly Prayer for July

Pope Leo's monthly prayer intention is a global call to transform our prayers into "concrete actions," serving as a compass for a mission of compassion for the world. In this way, he proposes a path to mobilize us each month, through prayer and action, for a more humane, fraternal, and solidary world.

### The Future of the Diocese of Ossory

As part of the consultation underway in the Diocese regarding the future of the Church in Ossory, Bishop Ger, accompanied by Gemma Mulligan, Diocesan Pastoral Worker, will meet parishioners from the four city parishes on Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> September 2026. This is an opportunity to discuss and offer opinions about the future of our diocese. Further details will be announced here as they come to hand. For now, please put the date in your diary.

### Abide in His Love Women's Conference

Abide in His Love Women's Conference. The Great Northern Hotel, Bundoran, 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2026. Join women from across Ireland for a faith-filled weekend with inspiring speakers including Sarah Swafford, Danielle Noonan, Fr Mark Wharton, Fr Barry Braum, Fr Oisín Martin, the Dominican Sisters of Nashville, Bishop Fintan Gavin, and more. A conference not to be missed!

Register: <https://abideinhislove.eventbrite.com/>

### Youth 2000 Summer Festival 13<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> August

Calling all young people aged 16–35! Join us at the Youth 2000 Summer Festival in Newbridge College, Co. Kildare. This is a donation-only event, with free buses available across the country and all meals included. Expect inspiring talks and workshops, youth Mass, music, prayer, and plenty of opportunities to chill out and meet other young Catholics. Whether you are new to the faith or looking to be refreshed, all are welcome.. Visit [youth2000.ie](http://youth2000.ie) or follow @Youth2000Ireland."

### Winston Churchill's Funeral Arrangements

Winston Churchill arranged his own funeral. Stately hymns were sung in St. Paul's Cathedral and there was an impressive liturgy. Following the Benediction, Churchill had arranged that a bugler, high in one side of the dome of the Cathedral, would play 'Taps', the universal signal that the day is over. When 'Taps' finished, there was a long pause and then a bugler on the other side played 'Reveille', the signal of a new day beginning!

This was Churchill's way of communicating that, while we say 'Good Night' here, it is 'Good Morning' up there!

In St. John's Gospel Jesus said: 'I am the resurrection and the life; He who believes in me, though he was dead, yet shall he live.'

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# 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**

### Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 5<sup>th</sup> July 2026

### The Sisters of Mary Morning Star

The Sisters of Mary Morning Star, based in Waterford City, will visit our parish next weekend, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> July. They are contemplative sisters and their mission is to pray for the world and for each of our intentions. After each Mass, they will offer for sale their beautiful handmade artisan products. All proceeds will go toward supporting their daily needs. Please be generous in your support of the Sisters.

### Fr. Flanagan of Boys' Town

Bishop Kevin Doran has welcomed the upcoming RTÉ One broadcast of *Heart of a Servant – Father Flanagan Story*, describing the feature documentary as a timely tribute to one of Ireland's most influential priests and champions of child welfare. The documentary, which airs at 9.30pm on Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> July, tells the story of Father Edward Flanagan, the Roscommon-born priest who founded Boys Town in Omaha, Nebraska, and dedicated his life to caring for orphaned and disadvantaged children.

"I am delighted to hear that RTÉ One television will broadcast this excellent production focusing on a very important personality in our recent faith history," Bishop Doran said. "It recounts, with great attention to historical detail, the challenges and successes, against the odds, of an exemplary Irish-American priest."

Born in Leabeg, Co. Roscommon, in 1886, Father Flanagan became internationally renowned for his conviction that every child deserved love, education and opportunity, regardless of race, religion or social background. His pioneering work inspired the Academy Award-winning 1938 film *Boys Town* and challenged the sectarianism and racism of early twentieth-century America.

Bishop Doran said Father Flanagan remains "a role model for clergy, lay people and wider society," noting his courage in opposing discrimination, including the ideology of the Ku Klux Klan, and his efforts during the Second World War to provide refuge for Japanese-American families.

Earlier this year, Father Flanagan's cause for sainthood advanced when Pope Leo XIV declared him Venerable, recognising his heroic virtue.

Bishop Doran encouraged people to take Father Flanagan as a model of Christian living and to pray for his beatification. Prayer cards and medals are available from the Father Flanagan Visitor Centre in Ballymoe. Visit: [www.fatherflanaganvisitorcentre.ie](http://www.fatherflanaganvisitorcentre.ie)

### Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

**Recently Deceased:** Joan Cody, SOS, The Sycamores and late Dublin Road. Reposing at Johnstone's Funeral Home on Monday with Rosary and Vigil Prayers at 6.30pm. Requiem Mass at St. John's Church at 10.30am on Tuesday. Interment in St. Kieran's Cemetery.

Edward (Ted) Byrne, Larchfield, Requiem Mass on Sunday in St Fiacre's Church at 12.00 noon. Interment in Gowran Cemetery.

Thérèse McGlynn, nee Dowling, Dublin and Kilkenny Damian Wróbel, Kilkenny and Poland  
James Hall, Ballinasloe, Galway Brendan Keane, Coventry, UK  
John Carroll, St. Thomas Square. P.L Curran, Killeslin, Carlow


**Months Mind:** Mick Delaney (6.00pm)

**Anniversaries:** Aidan Kelly; Joe Manning (10.00am); Tom Ryan; Mary Carey (11.30am); Patrick Parker (7.00pm); Patrick Slattery; Catherine Fitzpatrick; Josie Keane; Bridget Ward; Bridie Walsh; John & Mary Green; Renee Murphy; Nicholas, Bridget & James Kavanagh.

*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.*

### Ministries for Weekend, 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> July

<b>Mass</b>	<b>Readers</b>		<b>Ministers of the Eucharist</b>
6.00pm	Bridget Ahearn		Fiona Lavelle & Jane Feehan
8.00am	Billy Phelan		Maire Geary & Sadhbh Ni Bhearga
10.00am	Cathal Bennett		Siobhan McKiernan
11.00am	Jim Kavanagh & Claire Hanrick		Pierce Lennon
11.30am	Frank & Emily Bradley		Cathy Cunniffe & Enda Cunniffe
7.00pm	Anne Marie Grace		Anna Morrisson & Anju Paul

### Attendance/Collections Last Weekend

Envelope Collection:	€865.00	
<u>Mass</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Baskets</u>
6.00pm St. John's	94	213.00
8.00am St. John's	99	288.00
10.00am Johnswell	xx	120.00
11.00am Dunmore	82	119.00
11.30am St. John's	153	296.00
7.00pm St. John's	<u>109</u>	<u>264.00</u>
	537	€1,300.00

### Parish Pilgrimage to Knock

Our annual St. John's Parish pilgrimage to Our Lady's Shrine at Knock, Co. Mayo will take place on Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> August (the anniversary of the apparitions).

Coach will leave and return to St. John's Church on the day. First coach is almost full.

Book early to enable us to hire a suitable coach. Fare: €25.00.

### Well Done - Johnswell and Dunmore

Great numbers assembled in the Cemeteries at Johnswell and Dunmore on last Friday evening to honour and pray for their dead. Thank you for coming along. Great credit is deserved by all - young and old - who cleaned and decorated their family graves and those who look after the cemeteries in general. We thank the choirs, the sacristans, stewards, readers, Eucharistic ministers, servers, public address people and those who set up and assisted with the various parts of the liturgy. Thanks also to those who arranged and served the beautiful refreshments after the Masses. Eternal rest grant unto all our beloved dead. May they rest in peace. Amen.

### The Annual National Grandparents' Pilgrimage

The Annual National Grandparents' Pilgrimage, celebrating the 6<sup>th</sup> World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly will take place on Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> July at Our Lady's Shrine, Knock Co. Mayo. Chief Celebrant Archbishop Eamon Martin commencing at 2.30pm with the Anointing of the Sick. A day of grace and blessing for the whole family as we honour grandparents and the elderly.

Visit our website for resources [www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org](http://www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org).

### Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 6<sup>th</sup> July 2026

Monday:	8.00am	Catherine Fitzpatrick
Tuesday:	10.30am	Requiem Mass - Joan Cody
Thursday:	10.30am	Patrick Slattery
Saturday:	6.00pm	Clinton Morris Peggy Lanigan & Michael Tosh O'Connor Larry Nolan
Sunday:	11.30am	MM Ann Walsh Paddy Bergin Mary Nolan & Stephen Kelly
	7.00pm	Michael 'Mikey' Comerford



### Foulkstown Cemetery Mass

Foulkstown Cemetery Mass will take place on Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm

### The Most Holy Rosary

A number of parishioners gather each morning at St. John's Church to recite the Rosary at 10.10am. Some others assemble to pray the Rosary at 3.00pm each day. All are welcome to come and join in this beautiful Marian prayer.

### A Sacred Sanctuary for Rest and Renewal

Have you ever considered taking time out for a true spiritual retreat? Lough Derg, Ireland's most ancient place of prayer and pilgrimage, offers a unique opportunity to pause, reflect, and deepen your faith. Nestled in the heart of Co. Donegal, the island retreat has provided a sanctuary of peace for pilgrims for over 1,500 years.

### The Three-Day Pilgrimage

The traditional Three-Day Pilgrimage is a profound spiritual journey. It provides a rare "breathing space" to calmly explore where you are in your life, disconnect from material distractions, and place your burdens at the foot of the Cross. Pilgrims often speak of the peace they find in the island's silence, the camaraderie with fellow pilgrims, and the graces they take home with them.

### Plan Your Visit in 2026

There are several ways to experience the island this season:

- Three-Day Pilgrimage: The traditional penitential retreat. (Note: Pilgrims must be at least 15 years old and physically able to kneel unaided and keep the fast).
- One-Day Retreats: A structured program of prayer, reflection, and Mass that runs from approximately 10:20am until late afternoon.

Many dioceses and parishes organise group trips throughout the summer. To check available dates, view travel options from our area, or book your place on an upcoming retreat, visit Lough Derg Sanctuary <https://www.loughderg.org/> or call the booking office directly at 071 986 1518.

### Croagh Patrick

The 2026 Reek Sunday falls on 26<sup>th</sup> July, and thousands of pilgrims of all ages – from across the island and from abroad – are expected to scale Croagh Patrick (2,510ft/765m), Ireland's Holy Mountain, to pray and participate on the summit in the Sacraments of Reconciliation (Confession), and of the Eucharist. This year, we offer special prayer intention for Road Safety. Father John Kenny, the Administrator of Westport Parish, which includes Croagh Patrick, encouraged in a special way pilgrims travelling by road to participate in the climb, to do so safely. Father Kenny has dedicated road safety as the theme for this year's pilgrimage, and has asked all road users on the island of Ireland to pray:

Arise with me in the morning,  
travel with me through the day.

Welcome me on my arrival.  
God be with me all the way. Amen.