

Exam Prayer

O God, help all students doing exams to remember all that they have studied and learnt.

Help them to remember well and to think clearly.

Help them not to be nervous or excited or to do themselves an injustice.

Keep them calm and clearheaded,
To try the hardest and
To do their best. Amen.

State Exams continue for another week. We continue to remember and pray for our local students.

Prayer for Good Humour

Grant me, O Lord, good digestion, and also something to digest. Grant me a healthy body, and the necessary good humour to maintain it. Grant me a simple soul that knows to treasure all that is good and that doesn't frighten easily at the sight of evil, but rather finds the means to put things back in their place.

Give me a soul that knows not boredom, grumblings, sighs and laments, nor excess of stress, because of that obstructing thing called 'I.' Grant me, O Lord, a sense of good humour. Allow me the grace to be able to take a joke to discover in life a bit of joy, and to be able to share it with others.

(St Thomas More, 1478-1535)

St Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund

The next St Mary's Cathedral Restoration draw will take place on Wednesday, 24th June. Tickets are available from the Parish Office, or any of the priests for €10 per month. We encourage your support for our Diocesan Cathedral.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confessions are available after 10.30am Mass on Saturdays and by request at other times.

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.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

The public Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in St. John's Church between 11.00am and 1.00pm on Wednesdays. We invite you to join us and spend some time in prayer before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

St John's Parish Scripture Group

This friendly and informal group meets in the Presbytery at 7.30pm each Thursday. All are most welcome to come along. We read the Scripture texts for the following Sunday's Mass, and then we have a relaxed chat about the meaning, message and relevance of each. It is an enjoyable way to spend an evening and helps us to better appreciate the Mass.

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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**

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - 14th June 2026

The Pattern of Johnswell

Mass at the Well in Johnswell will take place on Tuesday 23rd June at 7.30pm, on the eve of the Feast of St John the Baptist. All are welcome.

Concert in Aid of the Samaritans

St. Canice's Cathedral will host a major summer choral concert on Friday, 19th June at 7.30 pm, featuring a collaboration between America's Appleton Young Adult Choir and the Kilkenny Gospel Choir. All proceeds from the event will directly support the vital, around-the-clock services provided by Kilkenny Samaritans. Admission is free and a collection for Kilkenny Samaritans will be taken up.

National Franciscan Pilgrimage to Knock

Capuchin Friary Kilkenny Pilgrimage to Knock will take place on Sunday, 28th June. A bus will leave from the Cloch, Jail Road, Kilkenny at 6.45am. Cost is €35 per person subject to uptake. To avoid disappointment please submit names, contact details and payment in full to the Friary Office, Kilkenny.

Sharing the Good News

TheWay.ie is a new digital platform set up by the Irish Bishops Conference dedicated to sharing the 'Good News' and the witness of the Catholic Church in Ireland. It is intended to help people discover the faith, live the faith and pass on the faith. It is for both seekers and followers. Use QR code to access the site.



Thought for the Day

Jesus still calls, as he called the Twelve, to continue the loving ministry of Jesus in the world. At baptism, we receive the water of God's love and the oil of service, completed in confirmation, marriage and ordination.

The needs of God's people are as great today as then. In a world of addiction, suicide, confusion, poverty, injustice and many other big needs, Jesus still looks and sees people 'like sheep without a shepherd'. He calls each of us, male and female, young and old into his service.

(sacredspace.com)

Cemetery Masses for 2026

St Kieran's Cemetery Mass - Friday, 26th June - 7.30pm

Dunmore and Johnswell Cemetery Mass - Friday, 3rd July - 7.30pm

Foulkstown Cemetery Mass - Thursday, 30th July - 7.30pm

Please invite relatives and friends who may not see this notice.

Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

Recently Deceased: Fr Gerard Dowd, SDB, Castlecomer. Requiem Mass in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Castlecomer at 12.00 noon on Monday.
Liam Scott, Keatingstown, Freshford Road. Requiem Mass in St. Canice's Church at 10.30am on Monday.

Ann Walsh, Castlecomer Road
Brendan Murphy, Pinewood Ave, Loughboy

Margaret McDermott Dooley, Loughboy Pk
Michael Buckley, Abbeydorney


Months Mind: Jodi Campion (10.00am).
John Kelly (7.00pm).

Ann Reynolds Bowen (11.30am).

Anniversaries: Mellissa Bergin; Pat & Marian McCarthy (6.00pm); Richard & Mary Hennessy; Edward 'Governor' Delaney (11.00am); Michael Brett; Philip Drohan (11.30am); Richard Bergin; Eileen & Patrick Bofin (7.00pm); Mary & George Byrne; Daisy Purcell; Seamus Feehan; Johnny Nolan; Dan Carroll; Tim Hickey; Yevhenii Karban; Jim Maher; Margaret & Abraham Anderson; Mary Harris; May Lynch; Louie Sheridan.

Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us every day.

Ministries for Weekend, 20th/21st June

Mass	Readers		Ministers of the Eucharist
6.00pm	Mary Lynch		Ger Daly & Billy Carr
8.00am	Padraig O'Neill		Jacinta O'Connell & Rosario Frances
10.00am	Elaine Bennett		Sheila Hanlon
11.00am	Liam Burke & Liam Maddock		Karena Phelan
11.30am	Paula Rogers & James Connolly		Kathleen Ferguson & Geraldine Ruessmann
7.00pm	Eileen Kinane		Helen Brennan & Grace Clune

Attendance/Collections Last Weekend

Envelope Collection:	€995.00
<small>Mass</small>	<small>Attendance</small>
6.00pm St. John's	305
8.00am St. John's	101
10.00am Johnswell	61
11.00am Dunmore	103
11.30am St. John's	521
7.00pm St. John's	119
	1,210
	€1,869.00

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, 21st August (the anniversary of the apparitions).
Coach will leave and return to St. John's Church on the day.
Book early to enable us to hire a suitable coach.
Fare: €25.00.

Peter's Pence Collection

The annual Peter's Pence Collection for the Pope's charities will replace the second collection on next weekend. Please support the Church's work among the poor of the world.

Cemetery Masses

We are delighted to find ourselves hard at work in preparation for this year's annual Mass at St. Kieran's Cemetery. The Mass will be celebrated in the cemetery at 7.30pm on Friday, 26th June. We encourage people to tend to their family graves so that everything will be ready on the evening. Please consider tending to any plots in the vicinity of your grave if you feel the owners are unable to take care of them because of absence or old age.
Masses in Dunmore and Johnswell Cemeteries will take place at 7.30pm on the following Friday, 3rd July.

The Pope's Monthly Prayer Intention for June

For the values of sports: "Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity and personal growth."

Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 15th June 2026

Wednesday:	10.30am	Johnny Nolan
Thursday:	8.00am	Pat & Marian McCarthy
Saturday:	6.00pm	Loughlin O'Keeffe Ann & Mike Smith
Sunday:	10.00am	Kit, Oliver & Baby Bill Bennett
	11.00am	Paddy Butler Joan Costigan
	11.30am	Siobhan Hennessy



The Irish Martyrs – Feast Day 20th June

Each year on 20th June, we celebrate the feast of the Irish martyrs. Ireland in the seventeenth century was a difficult and dangerous place to live as a Catholic. Between 1579 and 1654, seventeen Irish martyrs, men and women, lay and clerical, were put to death for their Catholic faith. They were beatified by Pope St John Paul II in 1992.

As we honour the Irish martyrs, they inspire us to defend religious freedom and freedom of conscience today. The objectively good and the true make demands of us in our conscience - what St John Henry Newman once termed 'the connecting principle between the creature and the Creator'. The martyrs remind us that all individuals, governments and states do not have the final authority on matters of morality, life and death. As St Peter put it: 'Obedience to God comes before obedience to men' (Acts 5:29).

Prayer to the Irish Martyrs

O God, we thank you for the example of the Irish Martyrs and their companions who laid down their lives for the love of you and your Church.

Grant, we pray, that through their intercession we may receive the graces which we implore of you, if it be your holy will. We pray especially for the people of Ireland, for the reconciliation and peace of our communities, and for the grace to remain steadfast in the faith.

May their courage inspire us to stand up for the truth and to live our lives with conviction, charity, and love. We make this prayer through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

(Conclude with 1 Our Father, 1 Hail Mary, and 1 Glory be...)

Points to Ponder

Jesus calls and sends us to the lost sheep to tell them of the Good News of the Kingdom. Who are the lost sheep? They are the ones who already belong but somehow strayed or do not know yet that they already belong to God's flock. They suffer and we bring them God's work of healing the sick, of restoring the outcast, of bringing relief to all physical, mental, social, and spiritual sufferings. St John Chrysostom wrote: 'Nothing is colder than a Christian who does not care for the salvation of others.' Today's gospel may well be a call to us to break out of our little ice cubes.

Jesus is the icon of God the Father. He gives a face to the love and compassion of the Father. And Jesus calls us to offer service and the Good News to all without seeking a return for ourselves. It is our Christian life to be chosen just as the 12 were chosen, sent as they were sent. Somewhere in this world, there is someone for whom I am God's gift of his presence, of his love, of his compassion.

As St Teresa of Avila reminds us.

Christ has no hands... He has only our hands to do His work today.

Christ has no feet... He has only our feet to guide men along His path.

Christ has no lips... He has only our lips to announce Him to the people of today.

Christ has no means... He has only our help to lead people to Himself.

We are the only Bible that people still read.

We are the last message of God written in words and in deeds.

(Fr Gerard Jonas, mepkinabbey.org)