

Diocesan Nurse

The Diocese of Ossory requires a nurse to provide an advocacy and support service to priests in the Diocese of Ossory. The Diocese comprises of 42 parishes in Counties, Kilkenny, Laois and Offaly. The post will be part-time, flexible and initially for a three-year period. The ideal candidate must be:

- A registered general nurse (ideally with community experience)
- Self-motivated and have the ability to co-ordinate care planning in a community-based environment
- Possess excellent communication skills
- Competency in time management
- Full clean driving licence and own transport are essential

Email your application to admin@ossory.ie or by post to The Diocesan Secretary, Diocesan Office, James's St, Kilkenny, R95 NH60. Closing date is Friday, 29th May 2026.

Kilkenny Speakers Toastmasters'

Kilkenny Speakers Toastmasters' next club meeting is at 8.00pm on Tuesday, 5th May at the Club House Hotel, Patrick Street R95DX76. Develop your public speaking, presentation and leadership skills in a safe, supportive place. All welcome. No obligation to join. Admission free.

St. John's National School Fundraiser

The Parents Association of St. John's National School is hosting a fundraising raffle with the chance to win a Family Pass (2 adults + 2 children) to Kaleidoscope. This is a great opportunity to support the school while being in with a chance to win a prize valued at almost €500. Kaleidoscope takes place from 3rd - 5th July 2026 in Russborough House, Co. Wicklow. Entry: €5 per ticket, Open to everyone.

Scan the QR Code to enter. Closing date is 31st May and the winner will be contacted via email from the school.



Ignite Ireland Conference

An Ignite Ireland day conference, with special guest speaker Scott Hahn, will take place in Dublin on Saturday, 23rd May. Scott Hahn is a well-known writer and broadcaster and is a much sought after speaker. It is an event not to be missed. For information and to book your ticket, go to: www.dominicans.ie

National Epilepsy Week

National Epilepsy Week 2026 takes place on 18th May - 25th May. For further information, please visit www.epilepsy.ie/content/national-epilepsy-week-2026-epilepsyweek.

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
Fr. Paul Kasu 087 390 5060 Monsignor Michael Ryan (Retired)

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

**Mary Brennan; Jo Browne; Alan Burke; Fr Dan Carroll; Claire Coogan;
Fr. Paul Kasu; 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, Mr Fintan Fanning, 085 802 1633 - dlp@ossory.ie

OUR PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES ARE:

Phil Curran; Marian Eardly; Brenda Whately.

Counselling Services - Towards Healing Confidential Helpline

1800 313 316 - www.towardshealing.ie

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

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**

Fifth Sunday of Easter - 3rd May 2026

Feast Day of Blessed Edmund Rice, Tuesday, 5th May

To mark the Feast of Blessed Edmund Ignatius Rice, Bishop Ger Nash, Apostolic Administrator of Ossory, will celebrate Mass in Blessed Edmund Rice Chapel, Westcourt, Callan, Kilkenny R95 RX83 on Tuesday, 5th May 2026 at 7.00pm. All are welcome.

Holy Face Prayer Group - St Fiacre's Church, Loughboy

Holy Face Prayer Group will take place on Tuesday, 5th May in St. Fiacre's Church, Loughboy at 7.30pm and on the first Tuesday of every month thereafter. All are welcome.

The Holy Rosary

Outside of the Mass, there is no prayer more pleasing to Our Lady and more efficacious for her intercession than the Holy Rosary. We encourage families and individuals in our parish to pray the Rosary every day during the month of May. Try to pray the Rosary daily at a public grotto, at a church or in the privacy of your family home. Consider encouraging others to do the same throughout this month.

A group of parishioners join in praying the Rosary in St. John's Church at 10.10am (before 10.30am Mass) and at 3.00pm each weekday. All are welcome to come along.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament continues at St. John's Church every Wednesday between 11.00am and 1.00pm. All are invited to drop in and spend even a few minutes in prayer. In the event that the church is required for another event (e.g. a funeral, wedding etc) the Adoration will be transferred to the following day.

Darkness into Light

Join us on Saturday, 10th May to show support and give hope to those affected by suicide. Start location at James Stephen's Barracks, Ballybought Street, Kilkenny at 4.15am.

A Celebration of Music by Liam Lawton

The concert will take place in St. Mary's Church, Edenderry on Sunday, 24th May starting at 8.00pm. Tickets are priced at €30 via our parish website: edenderryparish.ie.

Who are we looking for? Rory McElroy or Cinderella?

Two pairs of golf shoes were found in the church grounds during the week: was Rory in town or did Cinders have to make a midnight dash? If the shoes are yours and you need them to practice for Adare Manor we would be delighted to reunite you with them. Contact the Office or Fr Dan or Jane to collect them.

Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

Recently Deceased: Kevin Ryan, Beechlawns, late of Crumlin, Dublin 12. Requiem Mass on Monday morning at 10.30am in St. John's Church. Interment in St Kieran's Cemetery. Josephine Moloney, England and late of Altamount Park. Requiem Mass Friday at 10.30am in St John's Church. Interment in St. Kieran's Cemetery.

Michael Massey, Kells Road Bernice Gaffney, Tullaroan
Paddy Lawler, Old Leighlin and late of Coon

Months Mind: Josephine Butler (10.00am). Paddy Fry (11.30am).

Anniversaries: Carmel & Bill Larkin; Mary Lawless (6.00pm); John & May Butler (11.30am); James, Elizabeth and Fr Edmond Prendergast and Prendergast Family; Margaret and Matt Deegan; Ned and Luke Murphy; Mick Somers; Tom and John Dowling; Mary Keys; James and Ellen Lanigan.

*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 Mairin Bergin
8.00am Niamh Carroll
10.00am Seán Colgan
11.00am Jim Kavanagh & Claire Hanrick
11.30am Paula Rogers & James Connolly
7.00pm Joan Galwey



Attendance/Collections Last Weekend

Envelope Collection:			€500.00
	<u>Mass</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Baskets</u>
6.00pm St. John's	122		204.00
8.00am St. John's	112		341.00
10.00am Johnswell	35		114.00
11.00am Dunmore	106		209.00
11.30am St. John's	170		290.00
7.00pm St. John's	<u>115</u>		<u>300.00</u>
	660		€1,458.00

Eucharistic Ministers for St John's Church - Next Weekend

6.00pm Mary O'Donovan & Peter Donnelly
8.00am Billy Phelan & Jacinta Cantwell
11.30am Kathleen Ferguson & Geraldine Ruessmann
7.00pm Elector Kilusanga & Susan Bofin



There will be no 8.00am Mass on this Bank Holiday Monday

Pilgrimage to Lourdes

A group of Transition Year students from our parish will travel to Lourdes to support the elderly and people with mobility issues during the Diocesan Pilgrimage later this month. The boys travel at their own expense. To help with their cost they are holding a church gate collection next weekend. Please support our young teens who are so willing to help others.

Kilimanjaro Direct – Charity Concert

A concert will be held in aid of Kilimanjaro Direct in St Fiacre's Church, Loughboy next Friday, 8th May at 7.30pm. Concert includes the Cois Nore Choir and guests. Admission €15.

O'Loughlin Gaels – Pedal to the Sea

Members of O'Loughlin Gaels GAA Club are back in Kilkenny following a wonderful fundraising cycle to The Déise (Dungarvan, Co. Waterford). Well done to all involved. This fundraiser helps the continuous development of the club and for their chosen charity which this year is The Dillon Quirke Foundation. To donate scan the QR Code on the right.



Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 4th May 2026

Monday	10.30am	Requiem Mass: Kevin Ryan
Thursday:	10.30am	James, Elizabeth & Fr Edmond Prendergast Deceased Members of the Prendergast Family Margaret & Matt Deegan Ned & Luke Murphy
Friday:	8.00am	Special Intention
	10.30am	Requiem Mass: Josephine Moloney
Saturday:	6.00pm	Bea Orr MM John Brophy
Sunday:	10.00am	Margaret and Martin Hanlon
	11.00am	Ellen, Martin, Martin Jnr and Christy Brennan
	11.30am	Willie, Nan and Noel Meany Jim Kelly



Our Lady of Fatima Novena

Our Lady of Fatima Novena will take place in the Black Abbey from Tuesday, 5th to Wednesday, 13th May. Preacher: Fr David Barrins OP. Masses each weekday at 10.30am and 7.30pm. (Rosary at 10.00am and 7.00pm). Mass on Saturday at 10.30am and 6.10pm. Mass with the Sacrament of the Sick on Sunday, 10th May at 3.00pm.

The Pope's Monthly Prayer Intention

That everyone might have food: Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

TheWay.ie

This 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



St Patrick's Missionary Society

St Patrick's Missionary Society, better known as the Kiltegan Fathers, was founded on St Patrick's Day 1932 by Fr Patrick Joseph Whitney, a priest of the Diocese of Ardagh and Clonmacnoise. Since then, Kiltegan Fathers, together with Volunteer Priests and Lay People from different Irish Dioceses, including Ossory, have worked firstly in Nigeria, and later in Kenya, Brazil, Grenada, Malawi, Zambia, South Sudan, Cameroon, Zimbabwe and South Africa. Their mission Appeal, which will be led by Fr Jibrin, will visit St John's Parish on 9th and 10th May. Please welcome Fr. Jibrin and support the appeal.

KATS Theatre Group

Character Construction Workshop with Christine Scarry on Sunday, 17th May from 10.00am to 5.00pm in Kilkenny. Christine's workshop will be centred around building your character, in the style of Uta Hagen.

Date: Sunday, 17th May. Time: 10.00am to 5.00pm.

Venue: Barnstorm Studio, Home Rule Club, 3 Johns Quay, Kilkenny, R95T382

KATS Members: €50. Non-members: €70

Spaces are limited. A non-refundable deposit of €20 is required to secure your spot, with full payment required by 10th May. Please email kats theatre group@gmail.com to take part.

Poetry Open Mic Night - To celebrate Poetry Day Ireland, KATS Theatre Group is hosting an Open Mic Poetry Night on Wednesday, 27th May at 7.00pm in Cleere's Theatre, Kilkenny. If you have a poem you'd like to share, please email kats theatre group@gmail.com to take part. KATS members go free. €5 for non-members.