

Celebrating Pentecost Sunday

Join us on this day of prayer, praise, music, Scripture and healing ministry to prepare us for an increased openness to the Holy Spirit in our lives and to equip us spiritually for the times ahead.

Come Holy Spirit! We Need You!

All are welcome to come and join us on this Sunday, May 24th. Time: 2.00pm - 6.00pm. Venue: Marina Hotel, Waterford.

All Ireland Rosary Rally | Saturday, 6th June

Join 10,000+ pilgrims from around Ireland and beyond at Knock Shrine to pray for a renewal of faith in Ireland, and for peace in the world. A bus from Kilkenny will be departing from Butts Green at 7.00am on Saturday, 6th June. For further details please call 086 846 9011.

Our Lady's Meadow Primary School Durrow Dash

A 5K Run or Walk in Dunmore Woods, Durrow, Co. Laois will take place on Saturday, 20th June starting at 10.00am. Registration via link below or on the day from 9.00am at Dunmore Woods, Durrow.

Www.idonate.ie/event/durrowdash. Chipped race, dog friendly, refreshments and prizes to be won. All proceeds go towards Our Lady's Meadow Primary School Durrow for a new ASD Build.

Parish Prayer for Exam Students

With state exams beginning on Wednesday, 3rd June, we pray daily for all exam students.

O God, help all students doing exams.

Help them to remember clearly;
help them to think well
and to try their hardest,
and to do their best.

Encounter Weekend Donegal

Encounter Weekend Donegal, Radisson Blu Hotel, Letterkenny. 6.00pm - 10.30pm on Friday, 5th June. 9.00am - 10.30pm on Saturday, 6th June. Expect to experience the presence of God through the celebration of the Sacraments, Spirit-led worship, inspiring talks, healing service, and fellowship. Come and be refreshed and empowered by the Holy Spirit and learn from the Saints how to live the lifestyle God intended you to live.

Speakers: Patrick Reis, Encounter Ministries USA and Fr. Patrick Gonyeau, Missionaries of the Precious Blood. For more info, email donegal@encounterschool.org.

St Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund

The next St. Mary's Cathedral Restoration draw will take place on Wednesday, 27th May. Tickets are available from the Parish Office, or any of the priests for €10 per month. We encourage your support for our Diocesan Cathedral.

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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

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OUR PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES ARE:

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incorporating | St John's | Dunmore | Johnswell | church areas

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**

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Johnswell First Holy Communicants

Congratulations to the six girls and boys who received their First Holy Communion in Johnswell on Saturday. We wish them and all their families every blessing. Thanks to the teachers, school and all who assisted in making this a great occasion. Congratulations to the following who received the Eucharist: - Molly Clifford, Matthew Comerford, Elsie O'Keefe, James O'Keefe, Meghan Power, Conor Pyke.

Pope Leo XIV's First Encyclical

Magnifica Humanitas ("Magnificent Humanity") is the new encyclical of Pope Leo XIV, to be released on 25th May 2026. The Holy Father reflects on the dignity of every human person in a world increasingly shaped by artificial intelligence and rapid technological change.

The encyclical continues the long tradition of Catholic social teaching, echoing the spirit of *Rerum Novarum* (1891), which addressed the upheavals of the industrial age. Pope Leo XIV now turns the Church's attention to the challenges and opportunities of the digital age, reminding us that technology must always serve people — never replace or diminish them.

The document highlights:

- Human dignity as the foundation of all ethical reflection
- Responsible and just use of technology, especially AI
- Protection of the vulnerable in a rapidly changing society
- The need for wisdom, discernment, and solidarity in shaping the future

Pope Leo XIV invites the whole Church — families, educators, scientists, governments, and faith communities — to help ensure that technological progress leads to greater justice, compassion, and care for one another.

As we prepare to receive this important teaching, we pray that the Holy Spirit will guide us to recognise the "magnificent humanity" God has placed in each person, and to build a future where human life, creativity, and community are cherished and protected.

The encyclical will be available on www.vatican.va

Mass for Exam Students

Bishop Ger Nash will celebrate Mass for Leaving and Junior Cert students, their parents/guardians, grandparents, teachers, school staff and families, on Monday, 1st June 2026 in St Canice's Church, Kilkenny, at 7.30pm. The Mass is organised by the Diocesan Youth Ministry Team who extend an invitation to all to come and pray with and for those who are preparing for their state exams. Join in prayer on the webcam www.stcanicesparish.ie

Freshford Bridge Club

Bridge commences in Threecastles Hall, Tulla, R95 WK45 on Monday, 8th June at 7.30pm.

Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

Recently Deceased: Joe (Jodie) Campion, Newpark. Reposing at his sister Mary Pierce's home on Monday with funeral prayers at 6.30pm. Requiem Mass at St. John's Church at 10.30am on Tuesday with burial afterwards in Johnswell Cemetery.

Paul Mullally, Glenmore Dorothy Ross, Bandon, Co. Cork
Sinéad Tynan, Graiguecullen, Carlow Pauline McGrory, Co. Louth

Anniversaries: Sharon Owen, Carrie Doheny (6.00pm); Damien Mahon; Thomas, Bridget & Michael Long (11.30am); Seán Kelly; Seanie Massey; Hannah & Patrick Dineen; Joe & Mollie Bergin; Agnes Dermody; Michael Gleeson; Thomas & Terence O'Reilly; Marie Buggy.

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

Readers for Next Weekend

6.00pm Ann Daly
8.00am Jo Browne
10.00am Eve Brennan & Anna Ryan
11.00am Martina Brennan & Tom Keating
11.30am Frank & Emily Bradley
7.00pm Joan Scott



Attendance/Collections Last Weekend

Envelope Collection:		€1,065.00
Mass	Attendance	Baskets
6.00pm St. John's	122	230.00
8.00am St. John's	93	243.00
10.00am Johnswell	31	89.00
11.00am Dunmore	80	133.00
11.30am St. John's	281	422.00
7.00pm St. John's	<u>129</u>	<u>231.00</u>
	736	€1,348.00

Eucharistic Ministers for St John's Church - Next Weekend

6.00pm Mary Feighery & Aisling Donnelly
8.00am Kay Brennan & Jimmy Conway
11.30am Cathy Cunniffe & Enda Cunniffe
7.00pm Isabel Hayden & Billy Carr



St John's Church Webcam

Our webcam is not working at the moment. We apologise for the inconvenience. We have an ongoing issue with the broadband in the church and are working with our suppliers to have the matter rectified as soon as possible.

Parish Pilgrimage to Knock

Our annual parish pilgrimage to Knock Shrine 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.

Society of St Vincent De Paul Collection

The monthly collection for the local conference of the Society will take place this weekend, 23rd and 24th May. Thank you for your donations. Contact on 051 350 725 if anyone is in need.

The Rosary

We encourage all to pray the Rosary during May, the Month of Our Lady.

Rosary at the Grotto

The Rosary will be recited each Sunday of May at the Grotto on the Callan Road at 3.00pm.

Rosary on the Green

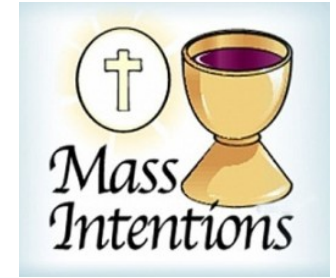
There will be a Pro-Life Rosary on Thursday, 28th May in St. James's Green at 6.30pm.

The Kilkenny Stroke Support Group

The Kilkenny Stroke Support Group will meet on next Friday, 29th May from 2.30—4.00pm at *Tuisceant* Day Services Meeting Rooms, St. Canice's Hospital Complex, Old Dublin Road, Kilkenny. Meetings are open to stroke survivors and carers. Further details: 087 781 4697.

Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 25th May 2026

Monday:	10.30am	Seán Kelly
Tuesday:	10.30am	Requiem Mass: Joe Campion
Wednesday:	10.30am	Seánie Massey
Thursday:	10.30am	Thomas & Terence O'Reilly
Saturday:	10.30am	Hannah & Patrick Dineen
	6.00pm	Veronica Shortall
		Fr Willie Meany
		Michael Owens
Sunday:	10.00am	Thomas Comerford
	11.30am	Sheila & Sarah Cleary
		Philip Morrissey
		MM Denis Hamilton
	7.00pm	Kitty Kearney



Pentecost Sunday - The Church is One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic

This weekend, we celebrate the great feast of Pentecost, in which the liturgy has us relive the birth of the Church, according to what St. Luke narrates in the Acts of the Apostles. Fifty days after Easter, the Holy Spirit descended on the community of disciple. We can therefore say that the Church had its solemn beginning, its birth, with the descent of the Holy Spirit.

In this extraordinary event we find the four essential qualifying characteristics of the Church: the Church is **one**, like the community at Pentecost, who were united in prayer.

The Church is **holy**, not by her own merits, but because, animated by the Holy Spirit, she keeps her focus on Christ, to become conformed to him and to his love.

The Church is **catholic**, because the Gospel is destined for all peoples, and for this, already at the beginning, the Holy Spirit made her speak all languages.

The Church is **apostolic**, because built upon the foundation of the apostles, she faithfully keeps their teaching through the interrupted chain of episcopal succession.

Support the Rise and Shine Trust

Fr. Dan seeks your vote for the Rise and Shine Trust which brings children and young people with special needs to Lourdes at Easter. Fr. Dan is National Chaplain to the Trust.

The Rise and Shine Trust is seeking your support in our drive to qualify for funding under the 2026 AIB Community €1 Million Fund. Your support costs nothing, but a minute of your time. We are asking you to simply nominate Rise and Shine by following this link –

<https://aib.ie/community-fund>.

Press "Nominate now" and provide the following information –

- Your first name and surname
- Your email address – Only one nomination per email address
- Charity Name – Rise and Shine
- Charity Registration Number – 20009953
- Charity Location – Connacht
- Which Social Theme – Education and Opportunities
- Write one sentence on why they should receive funding, simply copy and paste this to your nomination – Making life-changing, volunteer supported pilgrimages and holidays possible for children and young people with additional needs, and we raise funds to fully cover their costs. Closing date for nominations – 19th June 2026 at 5.00pm. Fr. Dan appreciates your support.

Ossory Lourdes Pilgrimage Collection

The Annual Ossory Lourdes Collection will take place at all Masses over next weekend. The proceeds is used to defray the significant costs that are involved with the smooth running of the pilgrimage. Much preparation and work has gone into organising this annual event, and we wish those involved the very best as they begin their pilgrimage on Monday, 25th May. We hope it will be a healing and spiritual time for all. Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Bernadette: pray for us!