

May the Month of Mary

May presents us with an opportunity for a traditional May Altar in our homes. Thanks to Jane, our sacristan, for the wonderful example in St. John's Church - we welcome donations of flowers to keep this May altar 'fresh' during the month.

We also encourage you to pray the Rosary daily, (even one decade). Consider joining the parishioners who gather at St. John's Church at 10.10am each morning to recite the Rosary.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

The public adoration of the Blessed Sacrament continues in St. John's Church between 11.00am and 1.00pm on Wednesdays.

South Kilkenny Historical Society

Coach Trip to Clonmel and Fethard, Co. Tipperary on Saturday, 31st May. Cost - €70 for members and €75 for those who are not paid-up members for 2025. The cost includes coach hire, entrance to Clonmel Museum, guided tours of Clonmel and Fethard and an evening meal at Barne Lodge, Clonmel. The coach will depart Main Street, Mullinavat at 8.30am. For further information please contact Brigid Barron, Blossom Hill, Kilmacow on 087 950 7295 or brigidbarron@hotmail.com or Mary Ryan, 'Gort Glas', Aglish, Carrigeen on 086 379 0655 or maryearyan@gmail.com. A €20 non-refundable deposit, per person will apply.

Prayer for Pope Leo XIV

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon him with all the graces he needs to be a courageous and gentle shepherd. Fill him with faith, hope and love. May he govern with wisdom and fidelity to Christ and the Gospel. May he be an inspiring missionary of peace, healing and reconciliation in the world.

Give him health and strength to do all that you ask of him. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Priory Institute Open Day

Theology Open Day, is this for you? The Priory Institute provides online Theology courses to degree level. Attend Saturday lectures in Talaght or from the comfort of your own home. Visit prioryinstitute.com to find out about our Open Day on Saturday, 24th May.

Scripture Study Group

This parish group continues in the Presbytery at 7.30pm on Thursday evenings. All are welcome to come and reflect on the Mass readings for the following Sunday.

Rosary at the Grotto

The Rosary will be recited each Sunday during the month of May at the Grotto on the Callan Road at 3.00pm. The Grotto is in the grounds of Seville Lodge. All are welcome.

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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Mary Brennan; Jo Browne; Alan Burke; Fr Dan Carroll; Claire Coogan; Fr Raymond Dempsey; Luke Leydon; Paddy Manning; Iris O'Flynn; 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:

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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 - 18th May 2025

Mass of Installation

Pope Leo XVI will be formally installed as Pontiff when he holds his first public Mass at St. Peter's Square this weekend. The papal inauguration involves the formal bestowal of the Pallium and the Ring of the Fisherman. The Mass used to include the papal coronation ceremony, but that portion of the celebration has not been included in the Mass since Pope John Paul I was officially installed as pope in 1978. His predecessor, Pope Paul VI, was the last Pope to be crowned or to use a papal tiara.

Before the Mass Pope Leo XIV and the cardinals will gather at the High Altar of St Peter's Basilica praying before the Tomb of St Peter. The Pallium and the Ring of the Fisherman will be carried from the tomb and the new Pope and concelebrating cardinals, bishops and priests will process to the Square. During the Mass the new Pope will receive the Pallium, a woollen stole which symbolises his authority as Pope. Prayers will be read aloud for the new Pope before the Ring of the Fisherman will be presented. Six cardinals, two of each order, will profess their obedience to Pope Francis on behalf of the College of Cardinals.

Pope's Timetable this Week

Sunday, 18th May, 10.00am: Pope Leo will celebrate Mass in St. Peter's Square marking the beginning of the Pontificate.

On Tuesday, 20th May, Pope Leo will take possession of the Papal Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls.

On Wednesday 21st May, Pope Leo will give his first General Audience in St Peter's Square. On Sunday, 25th May, the new Pope will pray the Regina Coeli at midday and will greet the pilgrims in St Peter's Square. Pope Leo XIV will take possession of the Papal Basilica of St. John Lateran and the Papal Basilica of St. Mary Major early in June. St Peter's, St Paul Outside the Walls, St John Lateran's and St Mary Major's are the four major basilicas in Rome. St Sebastian's Basilica, St Laurence and Basilica of the Holy Cross are the three minor basilicas. During a Holy Year pilgrims are invited to visit these seven basilicas. St John Lateran's is the Cathedral Church of the Diocese of Rome.

St John's Homes for the Elderly

A vacancy has arisen at the Homes for the Elderly, St John's Court, located on the grounds of St John's Church. Application forms are available from the Parish Office during office hours 9.30am to 2.00pm Monday to Friday. Closing date for applications is Wednesday, 28th May.

Ossory Lourdes Pilgrimage Collection

The Annual Ossory Lourdes Collection will take place at all Masses this weekend.

Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

Recently Deceased: Kathleen Price, Shandon Park. Reposing at Johnston's Funeral Home from 5.00pm on Sunday afternoon with Vigil Prayers at 6.00pm. Requiem Mass in St. John's Church at 10.30am on Monday with burial afterwards in St Kieran's Cemetery.

Mary Flahive, Rioch Street. Requiem Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral at 11.00am on Tuesday.

Dr Bill O'Connell, Arklow & late of Ballyfoyle Michael Mc Guane, Kilrush, Co Clare
Garda Kevin Flatley

Months Mind: Sheila Gaule (11.30am).

Anniversaries: James Gilmartin (6.00pm); Paddy Brennan (8.00am); Joe Manning (10.00am); Bridget & Carmel McEvoy (11.00am); Joe, Margaret & Eileen Brennan; Mary Millea (11.30am); Mary Murphy (7.00pm); Sean & Bernadette Dowling; Earl Leroux; Maureen Phelan; James Quirke; Ann Coffey; Richard & Mary O'Dwyer; Fr Brian Flynn; Bridget Drennan; Peggy & Eamon Holohan.

Readers for Next Weekend

6.00pm Bridget Ahearn
8.00am Niamh Carroll
10.00am Betsy Rice
11.00am Jim Kavanagh & Claire Hanrick
11.30am Kathleen Ferguson & Susan Bofin
7.00pm Joan Galwey



Attendance/Collections Last Weekend

Envelope Collection:	€1,585.00		
	<u>Mass</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Baskets</u>
6.00pm St. John's	170		419.00
8.00am St. John's	100		478.00
10.00am Johnswell	108		395.00
11.00am Dunmore	77		183.00
11.30am St. John's	232		855.00
7.00pm St. John's	<u>102</u>		<u>422.00</u>
	789		€2,752.00

Jubilee Year of Hope - Pilgrimage to Lough Derg

Bishop Niall Coll extends an invitation to over 18s to join him on pilgrimage to Lough Derg from Friday, 30th May - Sunday, 1st June 2025. The pilgrimage with the theme "Finding our Way in the Wilderness" will be led by young adults. For information please contact the Ossory Diocesan Office. Telephone 056 776 2448. Email admin@ossory.ie.

Gathering for Young Adults

If you are 18 - 30 years old, you are welcome to a faith gathering of young adults *Dare to Hope* that will be held at Knock Shrine on 14th June and hosted by the Irish Bishops' Conference in collaboration with Knock Shrine. Please Save the Date!

This dynamic and prayerful gathering will involve expert speakers, sharing faith experiences and conclude with Mass to be celebrated by Bishop Fintan Gavin, Bishop of Cork & Ross, at the Basilica of Our Lady. For those attending places can be booked for €20, and the event will be held in the Youth Village at the International Eucharistic and Marian Shrine in Knock.

Speaking ahead of the gathering, Bishop Gavin said, "In a world where young people are searching for purpose and belonging, this gathering offers a space to encounter Christ, explore faith, and find hope together in community. All are welcome." As places are limited, booking is essential. Please visit EventBrite.ie to reserve your place.

Kilkenny Gospel Choir on RTE Television

The Kilkenny Gospel Choir will celebrate their silver jubilee with a broadcast Mass on RTE Television at 11.00am on next Sunday, 25th May. The celebrant will be Bishop Niall Coll, Bishop of Ossory; Music Director is Fr. Willie Purcell, Clara.

During the past 25 years the choir has performed in many parts of the world and we congratulate them on their anniversary.

Retreat & Ministry of Healing

Led by Fr Roza Palic, St Mary's Parish, Irishtown, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary on Saturday, 31st May; 10.00am to 1.00pm - 3.00pm to 5.30pm. For further information call: Patricia 089 946 6193, Imelda 089 955 8283

Mass Intentions for Week Beginning - 19th May

Monday:	10.30am	Kathleen Price (Requiem Mass)
Tuesday:	8.00am	Seán & Bernadette Dowling
Thursday:	10.30am	Earl Leroux
Saturday:	6.00pm	Claire McCormack Carrie Doheny Sharon Owen
Sunday:	11.00am 11.30am	MM Tom Gregg Thomas, Bridget & Michael Long Damien Mahon

Please note we may transfer an anniversary Mass on the occasion of a funeral.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Parish Webcam

Masses and Services in St. John's Church are broadcast on stjohnskilkenny.com and on 106.8FM. Inform those who are unable to attend.

Weekdays

8.00am and 10.30am.

Saturdays

10.30am and 6.00pm.

Sundays

8.00am, 11.30am 7.00pm.

Kilkenny Medjugorje Youth

Kilkenny Medjugorje Youth Group is holding a Bake Sale on next Saturday, 24th May in St John's Day Centre after the 10.30am and 6.00pm Masses. Donations of baked goods can be dropped to the Centre before Mass. There will be a raffle with prizes donated by local businesses. Come along for a sweet treat and a chance to win a prize in our raffle. Your support is greatly appreciated.



Points to Ponder

Human beings develop institutions to serve human purposes. We belong to something greater. We belong to the Kingdom of God. Our identity is not in an institution or an organisational structure or a legal system. Our identity is in Jesus Christ, who loves us, who died for us, who rose again, who rules over heaven and earth, and who will one day come in glory to call us to himself.

Our purpose, as beloved children of God, is only this one thing: to love. To love without judgment. To love without fear. To love without bias, or qualification, or exception. To love as Christ has loved us.

We are to love the people we want to love and the people we can't stand.

We are to love the people who live the way we think they should, and we are to love the people who don't.

We are to love the people who are just like us, and the people who are so different from us we can't see how we have anything in common.

We are to love as Jesus loved, including people in our lives, walking beside them, eating with them, caring for them, listening to them, including 'them' as an integral part of 'us.' Because that's what Jesus says. Love. Each. Other.

Jo Anne Taylor, www.pastorsings.com

All Ireland Rosary Rally | Knock | Saturday, 7th June

Over 10,000 pilgrims are expected at the 40th All-Ireland Rosary Rally on Saturday, 7th June at Knock Shrine. Events begin at 9.30am with a Marian Conference and conclude with a Pentecost Vigil and Healing Service from 8.00 - 10.00pm. Highlights include a Rosary Beads making workshop, a 250-person Rosary formation for filming. Keynote at 1.00pm by Msgr Steve Rossetti, USA. Rosary Procession led by children follows the Stations of the Cross at 2.30pm, with Holy Mass at 3.00pm celebrated by Bishop Donal McKeown. Music by Dana. A youth conference runs 6.00 - 7.30pm. Rosary Rally ends with a Croagh Patrick climb and Mass on Sunday at noon. Full schedule and bus info: www.allirelandrosaryrally.com.