

The Five Finger Prayer

1. The thumb is closest finger to you. Start praying for those who are closest to you. They are the persons easiest to remember. To pray for our dear ones is a "Sweet Obligation."
2. The index finger is next. Pray for those who teach you, instruct you and heal you. They need the support and wisdom to show direction to others. Always keep them in your prayers.
3. The following middle finger is the longest. It reminds us of our leaders, the governors and those who have authority. They need God's guidance.
4. The fourth finger is the ring finger. It is our weakest finger. It should remind us to pray for the weakest, the sick or those plagued by problems.
5. Our smallest finger. We pray for ourselves. We see the need, having prayed for the other groups.

Jubilee Year - Pilgrimage to Lough Derg

Bishop Niall 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 contact the Ossory Diocesan Office on 056 776 2448 or admin@ossory.ie.

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.

Retreat & Ministry of Healing

Led by Fr Roza Palic, St Mary's Parish, Irish town, 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

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 this 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.

St. Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund

This month's draw will take place on Wednesday, 28th May. Tickets are available from the Parish Office, or any of the priests. We encourage support for our Diocesan Cathedral.

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

**Mary Brennan; Jo Browne; Alan Burke; Fr Dan Carroll; Claire Coogan;
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IF YOU HAVE A SAFEGUARDING CONCERN CONTACT

The Diocesan Designated Liaison Person, Ms. Ailish Higgins, 085 802 1633 - dlp@ossory.ie

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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

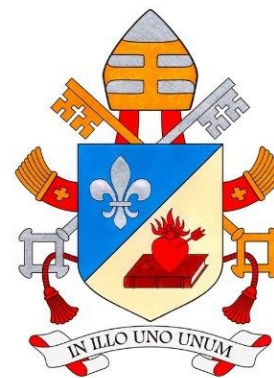
Dunmore - Sunday 11.00am

**St. John's Parish, St. Mary's Parish, St. Patrick's Parish, St. Canice's Parish
together form the Kilkenny City Pastoral Area**

Sixth Sunday of Easter - 25th May 2025

Pope Leo's Coat of Arms

Pope Leo XIV's devotion to St. Augustine, his life and ministry as a member of the Augustinian order and his focus on the unity of the Church are reflected in his episcopal motto and coat of arms.



The coat of arms includes the traditional papal symbols of the crossed keys of St. Peter and episcopal mitre, a shield bears a silver fleur-de-lis set against a light blue background and a red heart topped by a flame and pierced by an arrow sit atop a red book framed by an ivory background. Pope Leo XIV's motto - *In Illo Uno Unum* - which means "In the One, we are One" sits at the bottom of the coat of arms. The motto echoes St. Augustine's sermon on Psalm 127, where he explains that "although we Christians are many, in the one Christ we are one."

The blue field evokes the heights of the heavens and is distinguished by its Marian significance; the lily is a classic symbol of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The emblem of the Order of St Augustine, the heart enflamed and pierced by an arrow, is included. Pope Leo XIV told us

from the loggia of St Peter's Basilica that "I am a son of St. Augustine, an Augustinian." The figure of the pierced heart evokes Saint Augustine's words in the *Confessions*: "You pierced my heart with your love".

The open book symbolizes the Word of God that transforms every human heart, as it did Saint Augustine's.

White (ivory in the papal arms) recurs in many religious orders' heraldry as a sign of holiness and purity.

Jubilee Year of Hope – Young Adults

Dare to Hope – Conference for Young Adult from the age of 18 - 35 years at Knock Shrine on Saturday, 14th June 2025 from 9.30am – 5.30pm. Cost: €20 Register via Eventbrite

Kilkenny Stroke Support Group

The Kilkenny Stroke Support Group meet on Friday, 30th May from 2.00pm to 4.00pm, at The Tuiscint Day Services meeting room, at St. Canice's Hospital Complex. Meetings are informative and social, open to stroke survivors and carers. Phone/text 085 733 1522 for info.

Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

Recently Deceased: Dolores O'Shaughnessy, Gaol Street. Requiem Mass on Monday morning at 11.00am in St. Mary's Cathedral.

Marlena Hale, London and 47 Larchfield	Richard Hobbs, Kilgarvan
Bridget Maher, Kilmanagh	Moirá Dobbyn, Inistioge
Joan Barry, St. Patrick's Close	Betty O'Brien, Granges Road
William Walshe, Dublin & late of Tullaroan	Mary Kelly, Butt's Green.

Months Mind: Tom Gregg (11.00am)

Anniversaries: Carrie Doheny; Claire McCormack; Sharon Owen (6.00pm); Thomas, Bridget & Michael Long; Damien Mahon (11.30am); Joan Dempsey; Sarah & Sheila Cleary; Hannah & Patrick Dineen; Billy Holmes; Steve Moynihan; Agnes Dermody; Michael Dermody; Marie Buggy; Kit Rice; Michael Gleeson; Anastatia Walsh.

*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	Padraig O'Neill
10.00am	Eve Brennan & Anna Ryan
11.00am	Stephanie Butler & Roger Curran
11.30am	Rosemary McPhilips
7.00pm	Eileen Kinane



Attendance/Collections Last Weekend

Envelope Collection:		€1,423.00
<u>Mass</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Baskets</u>
6.00pm St. John's	92	140.00
8.00am St. John's	96	211.00
10.00am Johnswell	50	62.00
11.00am Dunmore	98	131.00
11.30am St. John's	172	391.00
7.00pm St. John's	96	166.00
	789	€1,101.00

Street Feast – Johnswell

Johnswell Community is holding a Street Feast on this Sunday from 5.00pm to 8.00pm. Bar-B-Que, Irish Dancing, Music agus Craic. Come along and meet your neighbours.

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.

Exam Prayer

Lord, I know you are with me and love me.
Give me peace of mind as I prepare for this time of study.
Help me focus on my books and notes.
Keep me from all distractions so that I will make the best use of this time that is available to me.
Give me insight that I might understand what I am studying,
and help me to remember it when the time comes.
Above all, I thank you for the ability to be able to study
and for the many gifts and talents you have given me.
Help me always to use them in such a way that they honour you and do justice to myself.
Amen.

Dates for Your Diary

Mass for Exam Students

We invite all exam students and their families to a special Mass in St. John's Church at 10.30am on next Saturday morning.

St. Kieran's Cemetery Mass

Friday, 27th June @ 7.30pm

Dunmore and Johnswell

Cemetery Masses

Friday, 4th July @ 7.30pm

Parish Pilgrimage to Knock

Thursday, 21st August. Fare: €20.

Booking at the Parish Office

Mass Intentions for Week Beginning - 26th May

Tuesday:	10.30am	Seán Kelly
Thursday:	8.00am	Joan Dempsey
Friday:	8.00am	Anastatia Wash
	10.30am	Sarah & Sheila Cleary
Saturday:	10.30am	Hannah & Patrick Dineen
	6.00pm	MM Carmel Larkin, Bill Larkin
		Fr Willie Meany
		Michael Owens
Sunday:	10.00am	Thomas Comerford
	11.30am	Phil Drohan
		Richard Walsh
		Philip Morrissey

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.

Holy Days

6.00pm (Eve) 8.00am, 10.30am 7.00pm

By the way...

At his first Mass as Pontiff, Pope Leo XIV wore the chasuble of St. John Paul II - honouring the saint on what would be his 105th birthday, 18th May 2025, the very day of his installation. The chasuble is the outer garment that the priest wears for the celebration of Mass. Using the chasuble of St John Paul II is widely seen as a powerful tribute to continuity and to his predecessors and another hint from Pope Leo of his future ministry.

The chasuble was first used by Pope John Paul II on the Feast of the Epiphany in 1987 while Pope Benedict the XVI used it on four major feasts. Pope Francis wore it 31 times highlighting its spiritual and pastoral significance.

Secondly, Pope Leo used a pastoral staff that is steeped in significance and many recognized it as the staff often used by Pope Saint John Paul II. Called a papal ferula, the staff is similar to a bishop's crosier but is topped with a cross or crucifix instead of a shepherd's crook. It is carried by the Pope, the Bishop of Rome. The crucifix was first used by Pope Paul VI at the closing of the Second Vatican Council. This crucifix, which was among several that Pope Paul VI had carried, was then used by Pope John Paul I in 1978. Pope John Paul II used it at his papal inauguration Mass and then was often seen with this staff throughout his nearly 27-year pontificate, carrying it as he shepherded the Universal Church. Pope Francis also used this staff shortly after he became pope in 2013, when he took possession of the Lateran Basilica as the Cathedral of the Bishop of Rome.

Workshop on Synodality

A special weekend workshop on Synodality, will take place on 28th – 29th June 2025 at the Focolare Centre in Prosperous, Co. Kildare. This event is inspired by the international formation programme coordinated by the Evangelii Gaudium Centre at Sophia University Institute (Italy), in collaboration with the General Secretariat of the Synod in Rome and will offer both theological depth and practical tools for fostering a synodal Church at local level.

The workshop is open to all: clergy, religious, lay leaders, pastoral council members and parishioners. All welcome. It will be facilitated by experienced international trainers. Further information is displayed at the Church entrance.

Ossory Lourdes Pilgrimage Collection

The Annual Ossory Lourdes Collection taken up at all Masses this weekend was €1,301. Thanks.

Good Luck

We wish those who are currently graduating from our local secondary schools all the best. May the Lord guide you as you prepare for your exams.