

Walk The Longest Day for Teac Tom

Every day can feel like the longest day for someone struggling with their mental health. On 21st June, gather your group, club, or workplace for a 30-minute walk to support Teac Tom. Every €10 donated goes to directly funding Teac Tom's vital mental health and suicide prevention services. To get your group involved, email events.teactom@gmail.com. Let's walk for hope. Let's Walk The Longest Day.

What Teac Tom Does

Teac Tom, part of the Thomas Hayes Trust, provides immediate, no-wait mental health support and suicide prevention services. From counselling to a 24-hour phone line, Teac Tom is here when it matters most. If you or someone you know needs support, call Teac Tom 24/7 on 056 779 6592. You are never alone.

Visit the Cathedral Café Coffee with a Cause

Located in the beautiful St. Mary's Cathedral, the Cathedral Café is a warm, volunteer-run space where every coffee and slice of cake supports Teac Tom's life-saving work. Open Saturdays from 10.00am – 4.00pm and Sundays from 10.00am – 1.00pm, it's the perfect spot to relax and give back. All profits go directly to Teac Tom's mental health services. Drop by next time you're in Kilkenny City and enjoy a cuppa that truly makes a difference.

Exam Time

All in St. John's Parish join in wishing all the best to those sitting Leaving Cert and Junior Cert examinations which begin on Wednesday. We prayed for you at a special Mass on Saturday morning and we will continue to do so during the coming month.

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.

St Patrick's Pontifical University, Maynooth
Tis college has a range of postgraduate programmes for those interested in Theology, Philosophy, Youth Ministry and more. Visit their website for more details at www.sppu.ie/ courses.

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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: 086 895 1239

Monsignor Dan Carroll: 087 907 7769. Fr Raymond Dempsey: 089 497 1924.

Monsignor Michael Ryan (Retired)

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:

Brenda Whitely; Marian Eardly.

Counselling Services - Towards Healing Confidential Helpline

1800 313 316 - www.towardshealing.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**

The Ascension of The Lord - 1st June 2025

Planning for Greater Lay Involvement in the Life of the Church

The revised Constitution for the Ossory Diocesan Forum was published recently. The greater involvement of laity in the life of the Church in Ossory at parish, pastoral area and diocesan level is the main theme of the new Constitution. The Forum consists of Parish Pastoral Councils, thirteen Pastoral Area Councils, an Ossory Diocesan Pastoral Council and a Plenary Body consisting of all members of these three groups. The Parish Pastoral Council is a consultative leadership group through which priests and lay people work together as co-responsible partners in furthering the mission of Christ in their own parish. As a group, they think, discern and plan for the parish on an ongoing basis to identify and respond to present and future pastoral needs. The Pastoral Area Councils will enable member parishes to both discern and work collaboratively and form a basis for the co-responsibility of priests, religious and lay people for the faith life of the pastoral area. The revised Constitution has been approved by Council of Priests and The Ossory Diocesan Pastoral Council (ODPC). The ODPC is the Executive Body of the Diocesan Forum, which works in liaison with the Parish Pastoral and Pastoral Area Councils. It is a consultative group with whom the Bishop can promote, support and coordinate the work of these Councils. This is achieved through modelling synodality, collaboration and co-responsibility for the life of the diocese / Bishop, priests and laity working together. Through its monthly meetings, the ODPC considers issues from various areas of life in which the diocese is engaged. Currently its focus is on the establishment of the Pastoral Area Councils. Membership of the ODPC: Bishop Niall Coll, President, Ms Sarah Rice, Chairperson, Mr John Shortall, Secretary, Mgr Dan Carroll, Vicar General, Fr. Martin Delaney, Fr. Dan Bollard, Sr. Helen Maher, Forum Coordinator, Ms Gemma Mulligan, Pastoral Coordinator, Ms Ann Daly, Ms Bríd Duffy, Mr Diarmuid Healy.

Silver Jubilee

Congratulations to Fr Sean O Connor who celebrates his silver jubilee this weekend; 25 years of ministry in our diocese. Fr. Sean has served as Chaplain in St Kieran's College and in parish ministry in St Patrick's Parish and St John's Parish. He now ministers in Ballyhale Parish. He has also provided a wonderful service to the assisted pilgrims on the Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes. May God continue to bless him in his ministry. *Ad multos annos.*

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.

No 8.00am Mass on this Bank Holiday Monday

Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

Recently Deceased: Seáníe Massey, Lacken Drive
John Kilroy, Bennettsbridge & Callan

Dave Drennan, Westfield
Paddy Raggett, Castle Road

Months Mind: Carmel Larkin (6.00pm).

Anniversaries: Bill Larkin; Fr Willie Meany; Michael Owens (6.00pm); Thomas Comerford (10.00am); Philip Morrissey; Phil Drohan; Richard Walsh; Joseph Maher (11.30am); Kit Rice; Thomas O'Connor; Maureen & Sheila Brennan; Bridget Drennan; Joe & Mollie Bergin; Paddy Sharkey; Paddy Howard; Catherine, Mary & Michael Delaney; Annie Carroll.

*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 Mary Lynch
8.00am Mary Eillott
10.00am Teresa Dowling
11.00am Bernard O'Gorman & John McGourty
11.30am Paula Rogers & James Connolly
7.00pm Linda O'Leary



Attendance/Collections Last Weekend

Envelope Collection:	€1,225.00
<u>Mass</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
6.00pm St. John's	159
8.00am St. John's	85
10.00am Johnswell	42
11.00am Dunmore	92
11.30am St. John's	175
7.00pm St. John's	80
	633
	€2,298.00

First Friday of June

Next Friday is the First Friday of June. The sick and housebound will be visited at the usual times. Please inform the Parish Office on 056 772 1072 or one of the priests if you have a relative or neighbour who would like this service.



Training for Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

We welcome and thank those who have recently completed the courses to become Ministers of the Eucharist in St. John's Parish. The final hands-on training will be provided in St. John's Church at 7.00pm on next Friday, 6th June. Existing ministers are welcome to attend.

Kilkenny Medjugorje Youth – Thank You

The members of the Kilkenny Medjugorje Youth Group wish to thank all who supported their cake sale last weekend. Your support was greatly appreciated.

Freshford Bridge Club

Freshford Bridge Club will host Open Summer Bridge at Tulla Hall, Threecastles commencing on Monday, 9th June at 7.30pm. All bridge players are welcome.

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

Please note date changes!

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: €25.
Booking at the Parish Office

Mass Intentions for Week Beginning - 2nd June

Monday:	10.30am	Special Intention
Wednesday:	8.00am	Special Intention
Thursday:	10.30am	Maureen & Sheila Brennan
Saturday:	6.00pm	Loughlin O'Keeffe
Sunday:	8.00am	Mary Brennan & Mary Grogan
	11.00am	Philip Comerford
		Edward Delaney
	11.30am	Matthew Redmond
	7.00pm	Mattie Byrne

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.

Word of God Outreach

Word of God Outreach Celebrating Pentecost Sunday next Sunday, 8th June from 10.00am to 5.30pm in the Tower Hotel, Waterford. Guests: Monsignor Finbarr O'Leary & Theresa Foley. Join us on this day of prayer, praise, music, scripture, healing and celebration of Mass to prepare us for an increased openness to the Holy Spirit in our lives and to equip us spiritually for the times ahead. All are welcome. Further information contact: Sile 086 859 0394.

In Honour of Our Lady of Fatima

St. Scuthin's, Castlewarren, Co. Kilkenny every First Saturday from June to December 2025. Rosary and Sacrament of Reconciliation – 10.00am. Holy Mass - 10.30am. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – 11.10am. Benediction – 11.50am

All are welcome in the Hall from 12 midday for Light Refreshments.

Message of Pope Francis for 59th World Day of Social Communications 2025

As I reflect on the Jubilee we are celebrating this year as a moment of grace in these troubled times, I would like in this message to invite you to be 'communicators of hope'. Too often today, communication generates not hope, but fear and despair, prejudice and resentment, fanaticism and even hatred. All too often it simplifies reality in order to provoke instinctive reactions; it uses words like a razor; it even uses false or artfully distorted information to send messages designed to agitate, provoke or hurt.

I dream of a communication that does not peddle illusions or fears, but is able to give reasons for hope. Martin Luther King once said: 'If I can help someone as I pass along, if I can cheer somebody with a word or song... then my living will not be in vain.' To do this, though, we must be healed of our 'diseases' of self-promotion and self-absorption, and avoid the risk of shouting over others in order to make our voices heard. A good communicator ensures that those who listen, read or watch can be involved, can draw close, can get in touch with the best part of themselves and enter with these attitudes into the stories told. Communicating in this way helps us to become 'pilgrims of hope', which is the motto of the present Jubilee.

National Franciscan Pilgrimage to Knock

Pilgrimage from Capuchin Friary, Kilkenny and Secular Franciscan Order on Sunday, 29th June 2025. Bus from The Closh, Gaol Road, Kilkenny. Cost: €35 per person. To avoid disappointment please submit names and contact details and payment in full to The Friary Office, Capuchin Friary, Kilkenny.

May Altar

Thanks to all who contributed flowers for our May Altar and thanks to Jane for maintaining it so well throughout the month.