

Statue of the Sacred Heart

One of four statues of the Sacred Heart which were blessed by Pope Francis in January 2025 is on pilgrimage in our diocese at the moment. The statue will be in St. Mary's Cathedral this weekend and at the following churches during the coming weeks.

Monday, 28th July – 3rd August 2025: Church of the Sacred Heart, Ferrybank, Waterford.

Monday, 4th - 16th August 2025: Church of the Sacred Heart, Moneenroe, Co. Kilkenny.

Saturday, 16th August 2025: Bishop Niall will celebrate Mass at 6.00pm in the Church of the Sacred Heart, Moneenroe, Co. Kilkenny, after which the Statue will leave the Diocese of Ossory.

Parish Pilgrimage to Knock

Our parish pilgrimage to Knock will take place on Thursday, 21st August, the anniversary of the apparitions which occurred in August 1879. This year we have booked two coaches and at the time of publication we have less than 20 remaining seats.

Please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible if you would like to join us. We politely invite those who have already reserved places to confirm booking by paying for their seats now. Come join this wonderful parish pilgrimage.

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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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Blessing and Prayer for Grandparents

Lord God, we bring to you in prayer
our grandparents and all
our elderly relatives.

Bless those who are still with us and those
who have already died and gone to Heaven.

We also thank you for the gift of life
they gave our parents, aunts and uncles.
We will always treasure the memories
they created and shared with us.

As they were born into a world different to ours,
forgive us for the times we have ever
been impatient with them.

Help us to be generous with our love
and our care for them in their old age.

Also, Lord, we call down your blessings
upon those of us
who are grandparents, granduncles and aunts.

We ask Saints Joachim and Anne,
the grandparents of Jesus, to intercede for us.
We make this prayer through Christ,
our Lord. Amen.

*Grandparents hold our hands for just a little
while, but our hearts forever.*

(Anon)

Parish Of Saint John The Evangelist

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**

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 27th July 2025

World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly

'Grandparents can be very special resources. Just being close to them reassures a child, without words, about change and continuity, about what went before and what will come after.'

(Fred Rogers)

'Because [grandparents] are usually free to love and guide and befriend the young without having to take daily responsibility for them, they can often reach out past pride and fear of failure and close the space between generations.'

(President Jimmy Carter)

An hour with your grandchildren can make you feel young again. Anything longer than that, and you start to age quickly.'

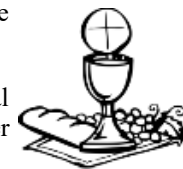
(Gene Perret)

Outdoor Community Mass at Newpark

The annual outdoor Mass for all local communities will be celebrated on the Upper Green in Newpark at 7.30pm on this Wednesday, 30th July.

Light refreshments will be served after the ceremony.

This has become a very popular annual event and residents from other local communities are invited to come along to celebrate the Eucharist and later enjoy some conviviality and fun on the Green. All are welcome.



Stand for Peace - March for Palestine – Saturday, 2nd August 2025

Throughout the world people are heartbroken and outraged by the suffering in Gaza and Palestine. One action we can take is to come together in peaceful solidarity with the people of Palestine.

You are kindly invited to join the Kilkenny Community Palestine Solidarity Group for a 'March for Palestine' on Saturday, August 2nd at 1.00pm, beginning at the Kilkenny Castle Main Gates.

In the words of Pope Leo XIV – "From the Gaza Strip, we hear rising ever more insistently to the heavens, the cries of mothers and fathers who clutch the lifeless bodies of their children"

St Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund

The next St Mary's Cathedral Restoration draw will take place on Wednesday, 30th July. Tickets are available from the Parish Office, or any of the priests. We encourage your support for St. Mary's, our Diocesan Cathedral.

Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

Recently Deceased: William (Billy) Wise, Bishop's Hill. Reposing at his home on Sunday with Rosary and Vigil Prayers at 7.30pm. Requiem Mass on Monday at 11.00am in St. Canice's Church.

Joan Blanchfield, Fr Murphy Square
David (Doc) Byrne, St Francis Terrace

Michael (Mick) Egan, Walkin Street
Seamus McGarry, Bennettsbridge

Anniversaries: Brid Maher; Clive O'Carroll (6.00pm); Dick Hennessy; Tony & Eileen McEvoy; Catherine Bergin (11.00am); Mary McEnery; Mick Kavanagh (11.30am); Mary Foley (7.00pm); Bid Byrne O'Carroll; Edward & Catherine Moriarty; Tom Watson; Joe & Pat Cody; Kathleen & Margaret Doran; Davy, Jim & Peggy Gaffney;

*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 | | Attendance/Collections Last Weekend | |
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| 6.00pm | Bridget Ahearn | Envelope Collection: | €930.00 |
| 8.00am | Niamh Carroll | <u>Mass</u> | <u>Attendance</u> |
| 10.00am | Betsy Rice | 6.00pm St. John's | 149 |
| 11.00am | Stephanie Butler & Roger Curran | 8.00am St. John's | 85 |
| 11.30am | Anne Maria Walsh & Kay Purcell | 10.00am Johnswell | 62 |
| 7.00pm | Joan Galwey | 11.00am Dunmore | 132 |
| | | 11.30am St. John's | 150 |
| | | 7.00pm St. John's | 93 |
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| | | | €1,458.00 |



First Friday of August

Next Friday is the First Friday of August. 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 interested.

Rosary on the Green

The Rosary will be recited on Thursday, 31st of July at 6.30pm in St. James Green. It's for the pro-life intention. All are welcome.

Foukstown Cemetery Mass

Cemetery Mass in Foukstown will take place next Thursday 31st July @ 7.30pm

Book Fair in St. John's Parish Centre in aid of the Rise & Shine Trust

A book fair will take place in St John's Parish Centre on Friday, 8th, Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th August. All proceeds will go to The Rise & Shine Trust (formerly Irish Pilgrimage Trust) of which Fr Dan is the spiritual director. The Trust provides a fun Trip to Lourdes each Easter for young people with additional needs. Second hand books in good condition may be dropped to the Sacristy or Presbytery during the week. **Have a look - choose a book - support a trip!**

The Lighthouse Dementia Café, Walkin Street R95 HX7K

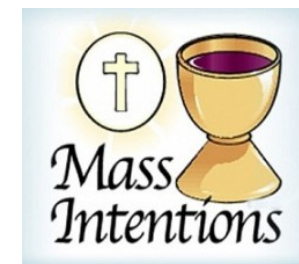
Open on the first Tuesday of every month from 13.30pm - 16.00pm. A free, walk in social event where people who have a diagnosis of or for family or carers who are affected by Dementia have a safe and non-judgmental space to go and chat to others. Volunteer nurses will be present to offer advice and signpost guests to an area that they may need to avail of in the future. We serve complimentary tea/coffee and treats, creating a café like environment to make our visitors more comfortable. All are welcome.

Airneán

Airneán, led by Kilkenny native Joe Leydon welcomes touring US Choir, Encore, to Saint Canice's Cathedral for an evening of song on Tuesday 5th August from 7.00pm to 9.00pm. Tickets available from Eventbrite.

Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 28th July

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| Tuesday: | 10.30am | Edward & Catherine Moriarty |
| Sunday: | 10.00am | Eveline Hennessy |
| | 11.00am | Fr Kieran Rice |
| | | Anne McWilliams |
| | 11.30am | Fr Lorcan Moran |
| | | Ann Walsh |
| | | Mary Power |



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. Amen.**

Week 3: The Nicæan Creed

What did the Council of Nicaea say? The Council bishops affirmed that Christ is "true God from true God, begotten not made, of one substance with the Father".

What difference did the Council make? Neither the Council nor the Creed were universally accepted immediately. Acceptance was quicker in the East; it took much longer in Europe. There were several attempts to overturn the Council; in 380AD the Emperor Theodosius declared that the Nicene Christianity was the official religion of the Roman Empire.

Was there a Creed before 325? Yes, the Council of Nicaea expanded on previous creeds seeking to be more precise in what the Church believes.

Words in the Creed: "Consubstantial" means of the same being or made of the same "stuff".

Mary's Meals Walk

The annual Step by Step to Feed the Next Child - Mary's Meals Walk from Kilkenny to Knock Shrine will leave St. John's Church, Kilkenny on Thursday 7th August to arrive at St Patrick's Church, Clogh. Walkers will travel from 7 different locations across Ireland from the 7th August, all meeting in Knock on Friday, 15th August. Mary's Meals is a simple solution to world hunger, feeding hungry children in their place of education in 16 of the world's poorest countries. €22 will feed a child for an entire school year. Please go to marysmeals.ie to learn more and support. If anyone would like to walk all, a day, 5k or 1k or if anyone would assist in collections, please contact Josephine 087 203 7173 or Fr. Eamonn 087 907 7985. Thank you.

Blessed Carlo Acutis

The Community School in Castlecomer has a relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis and during school holidays it is honoured in the Parish Church in Castlecomer. A special reliquary, which has been commissioned to display the relic, and the sacred space in which it is housed can now be visited.

Blessed Carlo will be canonized by Pope Leo XIV on September 7th in Rome, that is declared a saint by proclamation by the Church. He will be the first millennial saint.

To quote Carlo: "Our aim had to be infinite and not finite... All people are born as originals but many die as photocopies". Blessed Carlo put the Sacrament of the Eucharist as the centre of his life and referred to it as "my highway to heaven"

Bishop Coll will celebrate Mass in Castlecomer Parish Church on September 7th on the day of his canonization.

Contactless Payments

For your greater convenience we can now accept contactless payments at the Parish Office. In an effort to serve our cashless society payment terminals will be positioned in our churches in the very near future.