

Annual Remembrance Mass St Luke's Hospital

St. Luke's General Hospital, Kilkenny Annual Remembrance Mass will take place on Tuesday 21st October at 7.30pm in St. Canice's Parish Church, Kilkenny R95 V440. It is an opportunity for families and loved ones of patients who have died in the hospital to come together in prayer and remembrance. All are welcome to attend.

Feast of the Holy Rosary

On Tuesday 7th October we celebrated the Feast of the Holy Rosary. During the month of October we are invited to pray the rosary or even one decade of it each day.

Kilkenny Toastmasters

Our next club meeting is at 8.00pm on the 21st October at the Club House Hotel, Patrick Street. Develop your public speaking, presentation and leadership skills in a safe, supportive place. All welcome.

Freshford Bridge Club

Freshford Bridge Club has resumed at Tulla Hall, Threecastles at 7.30pm. New Members are welcome. Bridge Classes will commence in mid-October if there is enough interest. Please contact Anne Maria 087 227 1136 if interested

Anam Cara

Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Support Evening next Wednesday at 7.30pm in the Horse and Jockey Hotel, Thurles. For more information visit www.anamcara.ie.

Kilkenny MABS

The Money Advice and Budgeting Service is a free, confidential and independent Money Management and Advice Service. MABS assist people in dealing with their existing debt problems, who have difficulty paying a mortgage. For more information or an appointment, contact MABS telephone 0818 072 610.

Rise and Shine Lourdes Pilgrimage

Be our guest for a fun-filled Easter week in Lourdes. We provide free supported pilgrimage holidays to young people from 11 - 30 years old with additional needs, who will travel without a parent/guardian. For information please visit: www.riseandshine.ie before 15th October.

The Pope's Monthly Intention

For collaboration between different religious traditions: Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice and human fraternity.

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Fr. Paul Tanko Kasu. Monsignor Michael Ryan (Retired)

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

**Mary Brennan; Jo Browne; Alan Burke; Fr Dan Carroll; Claire Coogan;
Fr. Paul Tanko Kasu; Luke Leydon; Paddy Manning; Iris O'Flynn; Fr Tom O'Toole; Karena Phelan.**

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**

Twenty-Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time - 12th October 2025

Mission Sunday - Next Weekend

Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday, the Holy Father invites all Catholics to support Missio – his charity for world mission – through a special collection. This day of prayer, solidarity and giving, unites Catholics worldwide to share the Good News of God's love which has the power to transform lives and heal our world. Next weekend's 2nd collection will be for the missions, or if you wish you can donate through their website, www.missio.ie or call Missio Ireland on 01 497 2035 or by cheque Missio Ireland, 64 Lower Rathmines Road, Dublin, D06 N2H1

Dilexi Te - Pope Leo XIV's First Apostolic Letter

Pope Leo XIV has issued his first important letter, an apostolic exhortation, entitled *Dilexi te (I have loved you)*. The letter addressed "to all Christians on love for the poor" was written with four hands - Pope Leo completing a text Pope Francis had begun shortly before his death. Reflecting Pope Francis' meditation on the Sacred Heart of Jesus Pope Leo explains that the poor are 'a fundamental way of encountering the Lord of history (5). Contact with those who are less well off and who are powerless is not a distraction from the Gospel but the place where we can meet Christ himself.

Fr Frédéric le Méhauté, OFM, explains that Pope Leo is reminding us that commitment to the care of the poor is very important, an essential part of the Gospel message and not just a consequence of our faith. "We sometimes think: OK, I go to church, I like Jesus, I go to Mass, and, in order to be a good person, I need to help the poor. In other words, we see the commitment to the poor as a consequence of our faith" he said.

When Fr Frédéric was asked at the press conference what is the one thing you would like people to take away from Pope Leo's letter? "Do not be afraid of the poor. They can give you the true Gospel" he replied.

Dates for Your Diary

Annual Remembrance Mass at St. John's Church - 7.30pm on Friday, 14th November

Confirmation St John's Parish - 11.00am on Friday, 27th February 2026.

Hon the Loughs!

We wish our Senior and Junior Hurlers and all their mentors the best against Mullinavat and St. Patrick's in the St. Canice's Credit Union Hurling Championships Semi-finals at Nowlan Park this weekend.

Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

Recently Deceased: **Annette Cummins**, Lacken Drive. Requiem Mass on Sunday at 11.30am in St. John's Church. Interment in Ballingarry Cemetery, Co. Tipperary. **John Butler**, Glendine Heights. Funeral Prayers in Johnston's on Sunday at 6.00pm. Requiem Mass on Monday at 10.30am in St. John's Church. Interment in St. Kieran's Cemetery. **Breda Byrne**, Ossory Park. Funeral Prayers in Johnston's on Monday at 6.15pm, followed by removal to St John's Church. Requiem Mass on Tuesday at 10.30am. Interment in St. Kieran's. **Carmel Hayden**, Assumption Place. Funeral Prayers at her home on Monday at 6.30pm. Requiem Mass in St. John's Church on Tuesday at 12.00 noon followed by interment in St. Kieran's. **Kathleen Murphy**, Fr. Sherin Place. Requiem Mass in St. Canice's Church on Sunday at 11.30am. **Ita Scott**, Park View. Requiem Mass in Canice's Church on Monday at 10.30am. **Nora Hickey**, Borris and formerly Watergate.

Months Mind: Seamus James Rafter (6.00pm). **Anniversaries:** Seamus McGurran (6.00pm); Joe Bergin (11.00am); Seán Pielow; John Butler (11.30am); Elizabeth Rooney; Angela Clutterbuck; John & Mary Cassin; Maureen Bryan; Patrick & Julia Burke; Bill Dullard; Bishop Laurence Forristal; Mick & Julia Roche; Bridie & Tommy Casey.

Readers for Next Weekend		Attendance/Collections Last Weekend		
6.00pm	Mairin Bergin	Envelope Collection:		€810.00
8.00am	Padraig O'Neill	Mass	Attendance	Baskets
10.00am	Eve Brennan & Anna Ryan	6.00pm St. John's	133	242.00
11.00am	Martina Brennan & Tom Keating	8.00am St. John's	81	240.00
11.30am	Mary Hanafin & Mary Lynch	10.00am Johnswell	35	166.00
7.00pm	Eileen Kinane	11.00am Dunmore	79	115.00
		11.30am St. John's	324	617.00
		7.00pm St. John's	119	248.00
			771	€1,628.00



Welcome Fr. Paul

We delight in welcoming Fr. Paul Tanko Kasu to our Parish Team. Fr. Paul comes to us from Ghana and looks forward to working with us in the parish. Please afford him a warm Irish welcome.

October Station Envelopes

The October Station Envelope Contributions are now due. The envelope can be found in the box that you would have received at the end of last year. Thank you to those who have returned your October Stations envelope already. These contributions go towards the income of our Bishop and priests. With a third priest on the team your contributions are now more needed than ever. Your generosity is much appreciated. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to register with the Parish and receive contribution envelopes.

Synod Mass

On Saturday 18th October people from every diocese in Ireland will come to Kilkenny to take part in the next phase of the National Synodal conversation for the Church in Ireland. This day will start with Mass at 8.00am in St Mary's Cathedral (the usual 9.00am Mass will be rescheduled to 8.00am on that day). It is hoped that many of the Bishops of Ireland and those people working that day will join us for that celebration. All are invited to come along to support the beginning of that work in prayer at that Mass.

Eucharistic Adoration

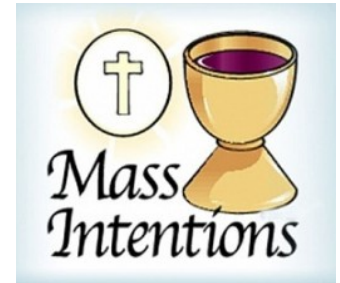
The Diocese of Ossory is appealing for people to participate in Eucharistic Adoration in Lyrath House Hotel during the entire day on Saturday 18th October - the National Synod meeting will be taking place there and it is hoped that we will have adoration from 10.00am - 6.00pm as the work is taking place. We would like at least 2 people for each hour. Names can be given to Rita in the St Mary's Cathedral Parish Office (056 772 1253) so that she can assign times to cover during the day.

Medjugorje - Evening of Prayer

Mass will take place in St Fiacre's Church, Loughboy on Monday, 13th October at 7.30pm.

Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 13th October 2025

Monday:	10.30am	Requiem Mass John Butler
Tuesday:	10.30am	Requiem Mass Breda Byrne
	12.00 noon	Requiem Mass Carmel Hayden
Wednesday:	10.30am	Mick & Julia Roche
		Bridie & Tommy Casey
Friday:	10.30am	Angela Clutterbuck
		John & Mary Cassin
Saturday:	6.00pm	Kathleen & Michael McGarry
		Ann Holohan (MM)
Sunday:	11.00am	Special Intention
	11.30am	Mai Malone
		Mary & Seán McGuinness
		Joseph Morris



Annual Remembrance Mass

At St. John's Parish, we are currently planning our Remembrance Mass for those of our parishioners who died during the past year. We will be inviting relatives and friends to join us in St. John's Church at 7.30pm on Friday, 14th November when we will call to mind in prayer those who have died since this time last year. Please inform relatives and friends who live away from Kilkenny so that they may make arrangements to come home. More details later.

St Canice

Saint Canice or Cainnech of Aghaboe was an Irish abbot, monastic founder, priest and missionary during the early medieval period. Considered one of the Twelve Apostles of Ireland, Cainnech was born in Co Derry around 527 and died in 603. Though his people were poor he studied at Clonard under St Finnian and at Glasnevin under St Mobhi. A deep friendship developed between himself and St Columba (a fellow native of Co Derry) and he worked for a time with Columba in Scotland. In Ireland his principal foundation was in Aghaboe (The Field of the Ox) and subsequently became associated with the church of Canice in Kilkenny City. St Canice's Cathedral dates from a later time than St Canice – the seat of the Bishop of Ossory transferred from Aghaboe to Kilkenny in the 13th century. Felix O'Dullany, Bishop of Ossory and formerly abbot of Jerpoint, laid the foundation stone of the cathedral in 1180.

Kilkenny takes its name from Canice – The Church of Canice. Kilkenny is described by the English Historian Cambden in his work *Britannia* (1586): "*The Nore floweth beside Kilkenny, which is as much to say, the cell or church of Canice, which for the sanctimony of his solitary life in this country, was highly renowned. A proper, fair and wealthy borough town, and far excelling all other midland boroughs in this island: divided into the Irish town and the English town. The Irish town hath in it the said Canice's Church, which gave name unto it, but the English town is nothing so ancient*".

Canice is the patron of Aghaboe and together with Ciarán of Saigir, is one of the patrons of Kilkenny and the historic kingdom of Osraige. Cainnech is also the patron saint of the shipwrecked.

Thought for the Day - Prisoners' Sunday

Ten lepers were healed, but only one returned to give thanks – a Samaritan, an outsider. Jesus asked, 'Where are the other nine?' (v. 17). Gratitude is the bridge between receiving God's gifts and truly knowing Him. The thankful leper was made 'well' (v. 19) – whole in body and soul. Miracles awaken faith, but thanksgiving deepens it. Today, count your blessings and voice your praise. Like the Samaritan, don't just enjoy God's mercy – return to Him with a grateful heart. For when thanks is scarce, joy fades; but where thanks overflows, faith flourishes.

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