

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.

Annual Remembrance Mass St Luke's Hospital

St. Luke's General Hospital, Kilkenny Annual Remembrance Mass will take place next Tuesday 21st October at 7.30pm in St. Canice's Parish Church. 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

During the month of October we are invited to pray the Rosary or even one decade of it each day. Why not join the dedicated group who pray the Rosary before Mass each weekday? Join in St. John's Church at 10.10am.

Thought for the Day

In a world of injustice, Jesus teaches us to pray persistently like the widow who wouldn't give up (v. 1-5). Her relentless faith moved an unjust judge – how much more will our faithful prayers move our loving Father? On Mission Sunday, we're reminded: God's justice will come for the oppressed (v. 7-8), but will He find such persistent faith when He returns? True mission begins on our knees – interceding tirelessly, trusting completely, and acting courageously. Today, let your prayers fuel your mission, and your mission strengthen your prayers. For when God's people pray without ceasing, mountains move and kingdoms shake. (www.frjohann.com)

The Ossory Times

Our quarterly diocesan magazine is available at the porches this weekend. The new edition is bright and colourful, costs €2, and is full of articles about our diocesan activities. Please take a copy home with you

South Kilkenny Historical Society Lecture *'A Hundred Years of Ireland's National Police Force, 1925 - 2025'*

Speaker: Conor Brady

Date: Thursday, 30th October

Time: 8.00pm. **Venue:** Mullinavat Parish Hall. All are welcome to attend.

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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-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 19th October 2025

Mission Sunday, 19th October 2025

This weekend, parishes worldwide celebrate World Mission Sunday. This 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.

Thank you for supporting in whatever way you can, and please remember, it is more than an appeal for financial help. Missionaries also need spiritual support.

Mission Awareness Programme - The Spiritans

Next weekend we welcome Fr. Amandus Kapele who will speak at Masses in St John's Parish about his own mission experiences and the works of the Spiritan Congregation worldwide. The Congregation of the Holy Spirit (Holy Ghost Missionaries) is a registered Charity in Ireland whose charitable purposes includes working on the missions by building up communities and providing resources and support for those in need. Their aim to help the poorest and most abandoned in society. All donations go directly to our Missionary Work.

Jubilee Year of Hope Celebration

Diocese of Ossory – Jubilee Year of Hope 2025. A special morning of reflection and prayer. "Anchored in Hope" on Saturday, 25th October 2025.

Jubilee Year of Hope in a Missionary and Multicultural Church.

Presenter: Fr. Pat O Sullivan, SPS. 10.00am – 2.00pm.

Theme: "Go out to the whole world" (Matthew 28:1–20)

St. Patrick's Pastoral Centre, Loughboy.

Bishop Niall will lead us in the celebration of Mass to acknowledge and welcome all who have made Ossory their home and who live and worship among us. All welcome

Notification of Electrical Supply Interruption

We have been notified by Suir Engineering that they have scheduled works to replace existing mini pillars on Maudlin Street on behalf of ESB Networks. They intend to commence at 9.00am on next Tuesday 22nd October until 6.00pm approximately. As one of these mini pillars is connected to St John's Church, there will be no electricity for the day.

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.

First Holy Communions St John's Church - Saturday 16th May 2026

First Holy Communions Johnswell - Saturday, 23rd May 2026.

Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

Recently Deceased: Nicky McGrath, Lacken Drive, Funeral Prayers in Johnston's on Sunday at 6.00pm. Requiem Mass in St. John's Church on Monday at 10.30am. Interment in Foulkstown Cemetery.

Tom O'Reilly, Waterford
Mary (Moll) Lennon, Clifden, & SOS Kilkenny
Sandra Turner Reid, Massachusetts

Margaret Barron, Windgap
Ned Buggy, Friary Street

Months Mind: Ann Holohan (6.00pm).
Betty Cassin (Sat. 25th Oct. 10.30am)

Brid Cogan (11.30am).

Anniversaries: Kathleen & Michael McGarry (6.00pm); Special Intention (11.00am); Mai Malone; Mary & Seán McGuinness; Joseph Morris (11.30am); Liam Nolan; Albert Bolger; Johnny & Jimmy Delaney; Jimmy Walsh; Bernadette Dermody; Joe Fitzpatrick; Margaret & Patrick Doran; Catherine & Michael Delaney; Tommy & Josie Hackett; Joe Fitzpatrick; Caroline Keane.

Readers for Next Weekend

6.00pm Mary Lynch
8.00am Mary Elliott
10.00am Teresa Dowling
11.00am Esther Comerford & Tom Comerford
11.30am Anne Maria Walsh & Kay Purcell
7.00pm Linda O'Leary



Attendance/Collections Last Weekend

Envelope Collection:		€915.00
<u>Mass</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Baskets</u>
6.00pm St. John's	150	209.00
8.00am St. John's	85	264.00
10.00am Johnswell	42	107.00
11.00am Dunmore	94	155.00
11.30am St. John's	190	357.00
7.00pm St. John's	<u>95</u>	<u>254.00</u>
	656	€1,346.00

Cois Nore Candlelight Concert

The Cois Nore Candlelight Concert will be taking place this year on Saturday 1st November in St. Mary's Cathedral at 8.00pm. There will be performances by Niamh Sheehy Soprano, Cois Nore Choir and Joe Roche, Tenor with more to be announced.

Visit coisnore.ie/candlelight for more information about tickets or call 056 775 2222.

Scripture Group

Pope Francis: "The best incentive for the sharing the Good News comes from contemplating it with love, lingering over its pages, and reading it with the heart."

The Parish Scripture Group meets every Thursday at 7.30pm in St John's Presbytery. It is informal, relaxed, and we take time to read and consider the following Sunday's readings, seeking the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. We look at the context - who wrote the passage? When? To whom? What happened before and what came after? All are welcome and there is no commitment involved. People come when they can, but all have found that in sharing our thoughts we have been enriched in understanding God's Word.

Morning Prayer November

For the month of November, Morning Prayer (Lauds), which is one of the seven liturgical 'hours' of the Church, will be prayed, near the Sacred Heart Statue in St. John's Church, each weekday morning at 7.40am, ahead of the 8.00am Mass. More details next week, but if you have access to the internet, the Universalis.com website has the full texts which are automatically updated each day, and this is free of charge. You might like to download the app to your phone.

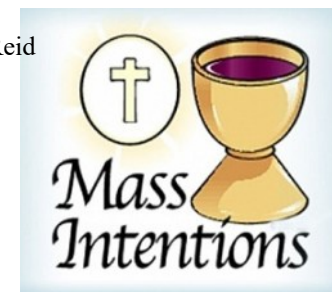
Bus Escort - St Patrick's Special School

St Patrick's Special School is looking for a Bus Escort and to form a panel for Bus Escort positions that may arise over the coming months.

Please apply with CV to principal@stpatricksskk.ie or by post to The Principal, St Patrick's School, Kells Road, Kilkenny or call the office at 056 772 2934 for more information.

Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 20th October 2025

Monday:	10.30am	Requiem Mass Nicky McGrath
Tuesday:	10.30am	Recently Deceased Sandra Turner Reid
Wednesday:	10.30am	Caroline Keane
Saturday:	10.30am	Betty Cassin (MM)
	6.00pm	Kathleen Comerford
		Bernie & Tom Little
Sunday:	11.30am	Mollie Bergin
		Ann Lacey
		John Cunningham
	7.00pm	Peter Mulhern



May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

Pope John Paul II Awards

The Diocesan presentation of Pope John Paul II Awards for 2025 will take place on Sunday, 19th October in St. Mary's Cathedral, Kilkenny, during the 5.30pm Mass. The Awards programme encourages our young people to get involved in parish and community life. The evening will be a lovely celebration of all that they've done over the past year. We are delighted that eight young people from St. John's Parish will be among those presented with awards by Bishop Niall Coll. Congratulations to our recipients and coordinators and well done to all.

Rosary at the Grotto

The Rosary will be recited each Sunday during October at the Grotto on Callan Road at 3pm. All are welcome.

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 for the occasion or perhaps to join us on our webcam. More details later.

Forgive all those who have failed...

The parish priest of Gaza called on his flock to "forgive all those who have failed and to ask forgiveness" for their own shortcomings, as preparation for what he hopes will be an end to the war. Fr Gabriel Romanelli, parish priest of the Holy Family Church in Gaza, shared the much-anticipated news of the start of the implementation of the peace agreement, expressing hope: "The long-awaited day has come to begin the implementation of the peace process or peace agreement... May God, in His goodness, grant the Holy Land – and particularly this part of the Holy Land, which is Palestine, Israel – that we may begin to live in peace, in justice, in reconciliation".

"This ceasefire, God willing, will become the end of this atrocious war," said the parish priest, expressing the relief and joy of the refugees who remain in the parish and those who have been able to partially return to their homes, although many buildings are heavily damaged. During Mass, on the first Sunday without bombing, Fr. Romanelli invited those present to give thanks to God for their enduring faith and to participate in an act of reconciliation and forgiveness, inspired by the teachings of St. Pope John Paul II. "To forgive all those who, voluntarily or involuntarily, have failed, and ask forgiveness for our own shortcomings," he recalled, recognising the challenges of coexisting for so long under extreme suffering and hardship.

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