

### 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.

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

**Speaker:** Conor Brady. **Date:** Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> October. **Time:** 8.00pm. **Venue:** Mullinavat Parish Hall. All are welcome to attend.

#### 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. Apply with CV to principal@stpatrickssk.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.

#### Dates for Your Diary

Annual Remembrance Mass: St. John's Church at 7.30pm on Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> November 2025.  
Parish Confirmation: St. John's Church at 11.00am on Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> February 2026.  
First Holy Communion: St John's Church on Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> May 2026.  
First Holy Communion: Johnswell Church on Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2026.



#### St. Martin De Porres Novena

Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> October - Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November  
Preacher: Fr. John Walsh OP  
Monday - Friday: 10.00am Rosary; 10.30am Mass; 7.00pm Rosary; 7.30pm Mass.  
Saturday: 10.00am Rosary; 10.30am Mass.  
Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup>: 2.30pm Rosary; 3.00pm Mass with Sacrament of the Sick.

#### Pledge for November

Most people offer spiritual support to a relation who is struggling because of alcohol or an addiction problem. Parishioners who wish to take a short-term pledge during the month of November are invited to visit pioneers.ie/pray.

#### Society of St Vincent De Paul Collection

The Monthly Collection for the local conference of the Society will take place next weekend, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2- November. We can be contacted on 051 350 725 if anyone is in need.

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**Email:** stjohns@ossory.ie **Website:** www.stjohnskilkenny.com

**Office:** 056 772 1072; **Secretary:** Aine Butler; **Office Hours:** Mon-Fri 9.30 a.m. - 2.00 p.m.

**Newsletter Deadline:** Thursdays 12.00 noon

**SVP Help Line:** 051 350 725

Monsignor Dan Carroll: 087 907 7769. Fr Tom O'Toole: 087 224 0787.  
Fr. Paul Kasu. Monsignor Michael Ryan (Retired)

#### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

**Mary Brennan; Jo Browne; Alan Burke; Fr Dan Carroll; Claire Coogan;  
Fr. Paul 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

#### 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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## 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**

**Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 26<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

#### We Celebrate Mission and Ministry

This weekend the Diocese of Ossory celebrates Mission and Ministry in our communities. We focus on the great number of people who are already ministering in our Church and community in a variety of different ways. This is a great sign of hope for all of us. With deep gratitude we give thanks for hundreds of people - young and old - who minister in St. John's Parish - those who quietly serve, those who lift others up in faith, those whose humble offerings of time and talent reflect the heart of Christ. These people offer their service not for praise, but in love. Thank you to one and all!

*Ever loving and eternal God, you have called us all to follow the example of Jesus Christ in this parish community and you have blessed us and enriched our lives through Word and Sacrament. You strengthen us and inspire us with your Holy Spirit to live lives of love and service. For all this, and for the many ways we minister to one another we give you thanks.*

#### Ministry of Catechist in the Diocese of Ossory

As part of our celebration of Mission and Ministry this weekend, Bishop Niall has launched the new Ministry of Catechist in the Diocese of Ossory. In his pastoral letter *A Call to Serve as Catechists in our Diocese*, Bishop Niall reminds us that from the very beginning, the Christian faith has been passed on by ordinary believers, people like you sharing the love of Jesus in their homes, parishes, and communities. Catechists are women and men who help others to know and grow in faith through prayer, teaching, and the witness of their lives. As the Church faces new challenges, catechists through their ministry will play a vital role in keeping the light of faith alive in our parishes. Copies of Bishop Niall's Pastoral Letter are available this weekend in our churches and on the diocesan and parish website.

Bishop Niall invites parishioners across Ossory to pray, discern, and consider whether they might be called to this ministry. A period of discernment will begin in Advent 2025, leading to a two-year formation programme starting in September 2026. If you feel this ministry might be for you an information workshop is being organised. This *Go and Make Disciples* event will be an opportunity to learn more about this ministry and to begin a journey of prayerful reflection. An information leaflet is available in all our churches with more information on the ministry of Catechist and details of how to register for the *Go and Make Disciples* event. You will also find this information leaflet on our diocesan website, [www.ossory.ie](http://www.ossory.ie).

Let us give thanks for all who already minister in our parishes and diocese and pray that the Holy Spirit will guide and inspire those being called to serve as Catechists in our diocese to come forward.

### Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

**Recently Deceased:** May Noonan, Michael Street. Funeral Prayers in Johnston's Funeral Home at 6.00pm on Sunday. Requiem Mass in St. John's Church at 10.30am on Monday. Jim Harte, Holdensrath. Requiem Mass in St. Canice's Church at 10.30am on Monday. John Rhatigan, Loreto Avenue Sr. Assumpta Saunders, Callan Sadie Kelly, Haltigan Terrace Nuala Donovan (nee Gibbons), Stoneyford Brid Quigley, Dean Cavanagh Place

**Anniversaries:** Kathleen Comerford; Bernie & Tom Little (6.00pm); Mollie Bergin; Ann Lacey; John Cunningham (11.30am); Peter Mulhern (7.00pm); Eileen Nolan; Jack & Mary McGuinness; Olive Barry; Margaret Tynan; Theresa Parkinson; William Hanlon; Joe Thornton; Tom Kenny; Edward Ned Delaney; Edward & Sarah 'Ciss' Walsh; Patrick 'Patsy' Ryan; Johanna Hickey; Frank Murphy; Mary Moynihan.

*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 |            |           |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------|-----------|
| 6.00pm                   | Claire Coogan                   | Envelope Collection:                | €815.00    |           |
| 8.00am                   | Jo Browne                       | Mass                                | Attendance | Baskets   |
| 10.00am                  | Seán Colgan                     | 6.00pm St. John's                   | 142        | 373.00    |
| 11.00am                  | Fiona McGeary & Anne Marie Ryan | 8.00am St. John's                   | 81         | 222.00    |
| 11.30am                  | Frank & Emily Bradley           | 10.00am Johnswell                   | 43         | 63.00     |
| 7.00pm                   | Joan Scott                      | 11.00am Dunmore                     | 69         | 114.00    |
|                          |                                 | 11.30am St. John's                  | 182        | 397.00    |
|                          |                                 | 7.00pm St. John's                   | 92         | 204.00    |
|                          |                                 |                                     | 609        | €1,373.00 |



### Mission Awareness Programme - The Spiritans

This 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 world-wide. The Congregation of the Holy Spirit (Holy Ghost Missionaries) work on the missions by building up communities and providing resources and support for those in need.

#### Morning Prayer

Beginning on Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November, Morning Prayer, from the Church's Liturgy of the Hours, will be recited each weekday at 7.40am. Pope St. Paul VI, Pope St. John Paul II, Pope Benedict XVI and the Vatican Council have urged the faithful to pray some or all of the Divine Liturgy each day. If your mobile has internet capabilities the daily texts are available in seconds, on [www.universalis.com](http://www.universalis.com), updated automatically and free of charge.

You might also consider downloading the very comprehensive Universalis App which includes the full Mass text each day, for a one-off payment of €11.99. You can get a free trial through the Universalis Catholic Calendar App or through the website.

#### Annual Remembrance Mass

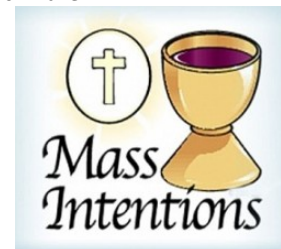
At St. John's Parish, we are currently planning our Remembrance Mass for those of our parishioners who died during the past year. We will be inviting relatives and friends to join us in St. John's Church at 7.30pm on Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> November when we will call to mind in prayer those who have 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.

#### Thought for the Day

True prayer begins when we stop comparing ourselves to others and simply come before God as we are – needy and dependent. The foundation of faith isn't our righteousness but God's mercy. Today, examine your prayers: do they sound like a kneel of achievements or a cry for grace? The door to God's heart opens widest to those who kneel lowest.

### Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 27<sup>th</sup> October 2025

|           |         |                          |
|-----------|---------|--------------------------|
| Monday:   | 10.30am | Requiem Mass May Noonan  |
| Tuesday:  | 10.30am | Jack & Mary McGuinness   |
| Saturday: | 6.00pm  | MM Kathleen Mahony       |
|           |         | MM Tom Deevy             |
| Sunday:   | 11.00am | Martin Ryan              |
|           | 11.30am | Michael & Ellen O'Gorman |



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

### Feasts of All Saints and All Souls

The Feast of All Saints is celebrated on Saturday of this week. It is a holy day of obligation on which we celebrate all the saints in heaven. Mass will be celebrated in St. John's Church on Friday evening at 6.00pm and at 8.00am and 10.30am on Saturday.

Sunday next is the Feast of All Souls on which we remember our beloved dead. Masses in St. John's Church will follow the usual weekend schedule: Vigil Mass Saturday at 6.00pm, Sunday 8.00am, 11.30am and 7.00pm in St. John's Church; 10.00am in Johnswell and 11.00am Dunmore. Names of your deceased loved ones can be written on a notelet which will be available in the porches next weekend and placed in the remembrance basket in the sacred space and those listed will be remembered in all our Masses throughout November.

### Thank You - Mission Sunday Collection

Thank you to all who supported the Holy Father's annual appeal on World Mission Sunday last weekend. The amount raised €2,002. This collection goes to the Holy Father's Universal Solidarity Fund which supports missionary activities in over 1,100 young dioceses, mostly in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. Your kindness means that overseas missionaries can continue to share the love of God with some of the world's most marginalised and vulnerable people.

### Rosary in the Green

The Rosary will be recited in James Green on Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> of October at 6.30pm. The prayer is for the pro-life intention. All are welcome.

### Rosary at the Grotto

The Rosary will be recited each Sunday during October at the Grotto on Callan Road at 3.00pm. All are welcome.

### Hon the Loughs

This weekend all in St. John's Parish are behind the O'Loughlin Gaels' Hurlers. Commiserations to our spirited Junior Hurlers on their narrow defeat to Barrow Rangers in Saturday's JJ Kavanagh Junior Hurling County Final. Best wishes to our Senior Hurlers as they take on Ballyhale Shamrocks in the St. Canice's Senior Hurling Championship Final at Nowlan Park at 2.30pm on Sunday. We wish team members, mentors, trainers and backroom staff all the best. Hon the Loughs!



### Cois Nore Candlelight Concert

The Cois Nore Candlelight Concert will take place on Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> November in St. Mary's Cathedral at 8.00pm. Tickets €20. Contact [coisnore.ie/candlelight](http://coisnore.ie/candlelight) for or call 056 775 2222 for further information and tickets.

### Kilkenny Stroke Support Group

The Kilkenny Stroke Support Group meets next Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> October from 2.15 - 4.00pm, at Tuiscint Day Services meeting rooms at St. Canice's Hospital Complex, Old Dublin Road, Kilkenny. The support group is social and informative, helping alleviate depression, loneliness and isolation. Further information text/phone 087 781 4697.