

November Offering Envelopes

The November Offering Envelope Contributions are now due. The envelope can be found in the contribution pack which you received at the end of last year. Thank you to those who have returned your November Offering 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. We invite those who are new to the area and who would like to become part of our St. John's Parish Community to call to the Parish Office to register (056 772 1072).

Celebrate The Feast of Christ the King

Sunday, 23rd November 10.30am to 5.30pm, Edmund Rice Chapel Waterford. Confessions, Spiritual Guidance and Celebration of Mass with Monsignor Finbarr O'Leary. All are welcome. Prayer, Praise, Music, Scripture, Sharing and Healing Ministry. For info: Sile 086 859 0394. Organised by Word of God Outreach (Waterford Charismatic Renewal).

Ministers of the Word

We are currently updating our Readers' Rota for the coming year. If you would consider serving as a Minister of the Word (Reader) in St. John's Parish, please give your name to one of the priests or contact the Parish Office.

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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

**Mary Brennan; Jo Browne; Alan Burke; Fr Dan Carroll; Claire Coogan;
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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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A Prayer Before Bedtime

O my God,

As the evening falls, I come to you in prayer.
I thank you for being with me in every moment
of this day, guiding me and protecting me,
keeping me from harm.

On this November night I bring before you in
prayer all those dear to me who have died.

Remember them God
in your loving kindness.

May they now rest in your eternal peace.

May all of us who still miss them
and grieve for them find comfort in our belief
that we will one day see them again
in the kingdom of heaven.

I remember in my prayer this night
all those who have died
and who have no one to pray for them.
For these and for our loved ones I pray:
Eternal rest grant unto them,
O Lord, let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.

Contactless Payments in St. John's Church

For your convenience we have introduced a
card machine for safe contactless payments at
the back of our churches. Please key in the
amount you wish to donate and tap your card to
securely donate. Thank you for your generosity.

Parish Of Saint John The Evangelist

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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**

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - 16th November 2025

Bishop Coll Translated to Raphoe

We were all surprised and disappointed on Thursday morning when Pope Leo announced the appointment of Bishop Niall Coll as the next bishop of Raphoe. A native of Donegal Bishop Coll was ordained for his home diocese in 1988 and having been Bishop of Ossory since 2023 now returns to his native soil. He will continue to be Administrator of the Diocese of Ossory until his installation as Bishop of Raphoe. We prayerfully bid him adieu and wish him well in the land of St. Eunan and St. Columcille - his experience here in Ossory will serve him well as he shepherds the people of Co. Donegal.

The translation of a bishop from one diocese to another is not new for the Diocese of Ossory; Bishop Dermot Farrell was appointed Archbishop of Dublin in 2021 after less than three years as Bishop of Ossory; after 13 years in Ossory Bishop Patrick Moran moved to Sydney as Cardinal Archbishop in 1884.

Bishop Coll was our bishop for three years but some of his predecessors' tenure here were shorter - many, as in the case of Bishop Coll, because they were translated to another diocese. By comparison many of his predecessors were bishop of the diocese for decades: Abraham Brownrigg was bishop for 44 years, Patrick Collier for 36 years, Peter Birch for 17 years and Laurence Forristal for 26 years.

World Day of the Poor

The World Day of the Poor is uniquely a celebration within the Church, celebrated on the 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time. Established by Pope Francis in 2016 the theme of the first year in 2017 was "Let us love, not with words but with deeds."

This year Pope Leo has declared Sunday, 16th November to be the ninth World Day of the Poor, with the theme of "You are my hope" - the theme taken from the Psalmist's cry "You, O Lord, are my hope" (Ps 71:5), reflecting also the Jubilee Year of Hope.

In his message for this World Day of the Poor, the Holy Father urges us to recognise those experiencing poverty as "witnesses to a strong and steadfast hope, precisely because they embody it in the midst of uncertainty, poverty, instability and marginalisation." The poor are not a distraction for the Church, but our beloved brothers and sisters, for by their lives, their words and their wisdom, they put us in contact with the truth of the Gospel.

John Paul II Awards

Calling young people between 16 and 18 years. Our parish will be involved with this year's John Paul II Awards. Visit: thepopejohnpauliiaward.com for further information. Thanks to those who have already enrolled. More are needed - come and join our team of young helpers.

Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

Recently Deceased: Mick Dooley, Lacken Drive. Reposing in Johnston's Funeral on Sunday from 5.00pm to 7.00pm with Vigil Prayers and Rosary at 6.00pm. Requiem Mass at St. John's Church at 10.30am on Monday.

Ann Little, Clongown & late of Altamount Park

Breege Gavin, Co. Galway

Ann Leigh, London and late of Dublin Road

Carl Widger, Newpark Lawn

Kay Whelan, Gallowshill

Aimee Ryan, Grovine

Anniversaries: Seamus & Breda Murphy; Dan McEvoy (6.00pm); Jim Brophy (10.00am); Tom Brennan; Peggy Hoyne; The Brennan; Dullard & Forristal Families (11.30am); Deceased Committee Members & Staff of Kilkenny Co-op Livestock Mart (7.00); Michael Gibbons; Stephen Murphy; John Madigan; Andrew & Mary Brennan; Mary Mulcahy; Jim Fogarty; Maura Leahy; Tony Melia; Sean Walsh; Rebecca Ashmore; Aileen Hehir; Fr Tom Murphy; Fr Pat Comerford; Seamie Loughman; Michael & Margaret Smullen; Agnes Byrne; Denis Moylan; Dom, Tony & Ger Malone; Paulo Neto; Paddy Delaney; Teresa Holohan; John Creegan.

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 Mairin Bergin
8.00am Pdraig O'Neill
10.00am Eve Brennan & Anna Ryan
11.00am Christy Murray & Maise Powell
11.30am Paula Rogers & James Connolly
7.00pm Eileen Kinane



Attendance/Collections Last Weekend

Envelope Collection:		€880.00
Mass	Attendance	Baskets
6.00pm St. John's	120	163.00
8.00am St. John's	87	323.00
10.00am Johnswell	00	138.00
11.00am Dunmore	88	205.00
11.30am St. John's	203	281.00
7.00pm St. John's	116	300.00
	614	€1,410.00

Collection for the Ossory Priests' Society

The Ossory Priests' Society is charged with making suitable financial provision for the care of the priests in the Diocese of Ossory in sickness and old age. The annual collection for this good cause takes place on next weekend, the Feast of Christ the King, 22nd/23rd November. A contribution to the Ossory Priests' Society collection is an opportunity to show appreciation for the many years of service our sick and retired priests have given to God and to His people throughout the Diocese of Ossory. Your support is very much appreciated.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul - Auction

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will hold an auction with Geroge Candler as MC on 22nd November at 7.00pm at St. Patrick's Parish Centre, Loughboy R95 RF97). 150 lots including vintage furniture, books, clothes, jewellery and other sought after items! Raffle on the night!

Bus to Knock

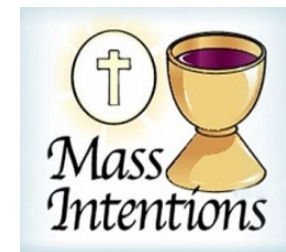
On Saturday, 6th December there will be a bus leaving the Butts Green for the First Saturday Conference in Knock, Co. Mayo. Please contact 086 846 9011 for further information.

First Saturday Conference in Knock

To mark the 100th anniversary of the First Saturday Apparition in Pontevedra, Spain, there will be a special conference in Knock on Saturday, 6th December. The day begins with adoration and confessions at 10.00am in the Reconciliation Chapel. There will be three talks from Bishop John Keenan, Antonia Moffat, and Fr Philip Kemmy in St John's Centre. There will also be the Rosary led by the Children's Rosary Group, a meditation led by Fr. Marius O'Reilly and time for lunch. At Fatima, Our Lady promised that there would be peace in the world and that many souls would be saved through this devotion. For more details please visit firstsaturdays.ie

Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 17th November 2025

Monday: 10.30am Mick Dooley (Requiem Mass)
Tuesday: 8.00am Special Intention
10.30am Maura Leahy
Wednesday: 8.00am: Tony Melia
10.30am Jim Fogarty
Thursday: 10.30am: Paddy Delaney
Friday: 8.00am Seán Walsh & Rebecca Ashmore
Saturday: 6.00pm **MM** May Noonan
Gay Noonan
Sunday: 11.30am Helen Butler
Kathleen, Micko & Stephen Slattery
BR May & Sheila Cleary
7.00pm Stephen, Statia & Bosco Buckley



May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed

Parish Remembrance Mass

Thanks to all who came to St. John's Church on a particularly bad evening to attend our annual parish Remembrance Mass on last Friday. The large congregation appreciated the prayers of thanksgiving for the lives of those who have died. Thanks also to the many people who prepared the Mass and participated on the evening. We continue to remember in our prayers those of our families and friends who have died.

St. Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund

This month's draw will take place on Wednesday, 26th November. Tickets are available from the Parish Office, or any of the priests of St. John's Parish. We encourage your support for St. Mary's, our Diocesan Cathedral.

The Pope's Monthly Intention for November

For the prevention of suicide: Let us pray that those struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

Pope Leo goes to Nicaea

The Creed, which we recite at Mass every Sunday, is 1700 years old this year. It was written at the Council of Nicaea in 325AD.

Pope Leo will visit Nicaea during an Apostolic visit to Turkey and Lebanon later this month to celebrate the 1,700th anniversary of the Council and the Creed. He will meet civic leaders and bishops, priests, deacons, consecrated men and women and pastoral workers at Istanbul's Cathedral of the Holy Spirit on Friday, 28th November. Later that day he will travel to Nicaea - approximately 100 km from Istanbul - where he will participate in an ecumenical prayer service and give an address on the site where the council took place. On Saturday, 29th Pope Leo XIV and the Orthodox Patriarch Bartholomew I will sign a joint declaration.

On 30th November, the Feast of St Andrew, the Pope will travel to Beirut where he will meet various civic and religious leaders, visit local important religious sites, celebrate Mass and visit local hospitals. Let us pray that this will be a fruitful journey.

Mass for Deceased Nurses

Mass will be offered for deceased nurses in St. Fiacre's Church, Loughboy on Wednesday, 19th November at 10.30am.

Kilkenny Speakers/Toastmasters

Our next club meetings are at 8.00pm on Tuesdays, 18th November and 2nd December at the Club House Hotel on Patrick Street. Develop your public speaking, presentation and leadership skills in a safe, supportive place. kilkennyspeakers.toastmastersclubs.org or email: kilkennyspeakers@gmail.com, or telephone Mark on 087 856 9740.

