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South Kilkenny Historical Society lecture

Fianna Fáil: its foundation and early years.

Speaker: Éamon Ó Cuív

Date: Thursday, 19th February 2026.

Time: 8.00pm

Venue: Mullinavat Parish Hall (opposite St. Beacon's Church).

St. Patrick's College Maynooth - Annual Trócaire Lecture 2026

"Care for Creation Amidst the Cries of War ~ Working for Peace in the Earth Community"

The event will take place in Renehan Hall at St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, on Tuesday, 3rd March 2026, at 7.00pm.

It will also be live streamed for those who cannot attend in person. Registration for this free event is required.

Keynote speaker: Dr. Hugo Slim, Director of the Las Casas Institute for Social Justice at Blackfriars Hall, University of Oxford.

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Medjugorje - Evening of Prayer

The monthly Medjugorje Mass, with Rosary, Adoration, Prayer for Healing will take place next Monday, 9th February at 7.30pm in the Oratory of St Patrick's Parish Centre. All are welcome.

Human Life International (Ireland)

Be Strong in the Lord! Strengthen your Catholic faith. Join HLI Ireland's Mission to make Jesus Christ King of our Hearts plus venerate reliques of St Therese & The Holy Face.

Be Restored, Paulstown, Co. Kilkenny R95FX25 at 7.00pm Thursday, 12th February. For further information please visit www.humanlife.ie or email: mail@humanlife.ie.

The Ossory Pilgrimage to Lourdes

The annual Ossory Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from 25th to 30th May 2026. All bookings should be made through Joe Walsh Tours by telephone on 01 241 0800, or online at www.joewalshtrips.ie/pilgrimages/group-diocesan-pilgrimages/ or by post to JWT, 89 Harcourt Street, Dublin 2, D02WY88.

Special Assisted/Sick Section: Pilgrims who would like to travel with the Special Assisted Section should apply to Anna Colleton at a.colleton@cbskilkenney.ie. Early booking is advisable as space is limited.

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

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 8th February 2026

World Day of the Sick

Pope Leo XIV has chosen the theme for the 34th World Day of the Sick, which will be celebrated on 11th February 2026: "The compassion of the Samaritan: loving by bearing the pain of the other". The theme of the World Day of the Sick, focusing on the Gospel figure of the Samaritan who shows love by caring for the suffering man who fell into the hands of thieves, highlights this aspect of love of neighbour: love needs concrete gestures of closeness, through which we enter into the suffering of others, those who are ill, especially those who at the same time experience poverty, isolation, and loneliness. The World Day of the Sick, established by St. John Paul II in 1992, is a privileged moment of prayer, spiritual closeness, and reflection for the entire Church and for civil society, who are all called to recognize the face of Christ in our sick and vulnerable brothers and sisters.



With the solemn celebration in Chiclayo, Peru, the Universal Church looks to Latin America and its rich tradition of solidarity. Like the Good Samaritan that bent down to help the injured man along the road, the Christian community is also called to stop and help those who suffer and be evangelical witnesses of closeness and service to the sick and most vulnerable.

We will include special Prayers for the Sick during our 10.30am Mass on the 11th February. The sick who are able to get to the church are invited to receive the Sacrament of the Sick during this Mass. Frs. Dan, Tom and Paul are happy to celebrate the Sacrament of the Sick with parishioners in their own homes at any other time.

Coffee Morning & Cake Sale - in Aid of Medjugorje Youth Group

Coffee morning, cake sale and raffle will take place in St. John's Parish Centre next Saturday, 14th February after 10.30am Mass and 6.00pm Mass in aid of Medjugorje Youth Group. All freshly baked goods. All welcome. Bring a friend.

Dates for your Diary

Ash Wednesday – 18th February

Parish Confirmations – Friday 27th February at 11.00am

St John's N.S. First Holy Communion – Saturday 16th May at 11.00am

Johnswell N.S. First Holy Communion – Saturday 23rd May at 11.00am

St Kieran's Cemetery Mass – Friday 26th June at 7.30pm

Dunmore & Johnswell Cemetery Masses – Friday – 3rd July at 7.30pm

Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

Recently Deceased: Davy Holohan, Wolfe Tone Street
 Sr Margaret Mary Cooney, Villa Maria Mary Fitzgerald, Cuffesgrange

Months Mind: Nuala Walsh (6.00pm).
 Encarnation Domenech Fernandez.

Anniversaries: Rose Phelan; Anne Croke; Philomena Drohan (6.00pm); Sarah Prendergast; Mary Butler (10.00am); Edward McEvoy (11.00am); Esther Ryan; Ann O'Keeffe (11.30am); Eileen, Bob & Denis Dowd; Hannah Heany; Celine McNamee; Margaret Cassin; Fr Andy Cassin; Paddy Fogarty; Peter Long; Joe Brennan; Abraham & Margaret Anderson; Bill Carroll; Isabella Doyle; Tomás Hackett; Catherine Ryan; Thomas Duggan; Margaret Carroll; Desmond & Michael Mahony; John O'Keeffe; Mary Moll Jordan; Edward & Mary O'Neill; Mark O'Grady.

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 Ann Daly
 8.00am Jo Browne
 10.00am Betsy Rice
 11.00am Esther Comerford & Tom Comerford
 11.30am Paula Rogers & James Connolly
 7.00pm Joan Scott



Attendance/Collections Last Weekend

Envelope Collection: €2,095.00		
	<u>Mass</u>	<u>Baskets</u>
6.00pm St. John's	135	211.00
8.00am St. John's	91	282.00
10.00am Johnswell	50	126.00
11.00am Dunmore	65	104.00
11.30am St. John's	180	401.00
7.00pm St. John's	84	194.00
	605	€1,318.00

First Holy Communion

This Saturday evening, as part of our *Do This in Memory* Programme, it's a great pleasure to welcome the children who are preparing for First Holy Communion and their families to our 6.00pm Mass. We would ask you to keep the children and their families in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Eucharist for the first time.

Our Lady of Lourdes, Feast Day Wednesday 11th February

On this day in 1858 Our Lady first appeared to the fourteen-year-old Bernadette Soubirous at Lourdes in France. Later Bernadette was to learn that the mysterious Lady was the Blessed Virgin and to hear from her lips: 'I am the Immaculate Conception'.

Our Lady of Lourdes Prayer for Healing

Ever-Immaculate Virgin, Mother of Mercy, health of the sick, refuge of sinners, comforter of the afflicted, you know my wants, my troubles, my sufferings; look with mercy on me. By appearing in the Grotto of Lourdes, you were pleased to make it a privileged sanctuary, whence you dispense your favours; and already many sufferers have obtained the cure of their infirmities, both spiritual and corporal.

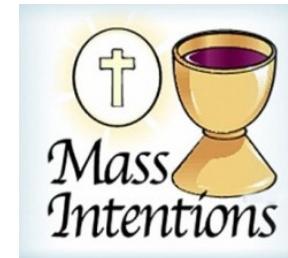
I come, therefore, with complete confidence to implore your maternal intercession. Obtain, O loving Mother, the grant of my requests (mention your petition) Through gratitude for your favours, I will endeavour to imitate your virtues, that I may one day share your glory. Amen.



Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 9th February 2026

Monday:	10.30am	Eileen, Bob & Denis Dowd
Tuesday:	10.30am	Mark O'Grady
Wednesday:	10.30am	Bill Carroll
Thursday:	10.30am	Hannah Heany & Celine McNamee
Saturday:	10.30am	Margaret Cassin, Fr Andy Cassin
	6.00pm	MM Encarnation Domenech Fernandez
Sunday:	11.30am	Peter Long
		Paddy Fogarty
		Grace Sheridan
		Joe Lawlor
		Geoff Doyle
		Statia & Nicholas Power
		Letitia Hanrahan

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



Thought for the Day

International Day of Prayer & Awareness against Human Trafficking

In a world where the poor are increasingly numerous, we paradoxically see the growth of a wealthy elite, living in a bubble of comfort and luxury, almost in another world compared to ordinary people. This means that a culture still persists – sometimes well disguised – that discards others without even realizing it and tolerates with indifference that millions of people die of hunger or survive in conditions unfit for human beings. A few years ago, the photo of a lifeless child lying on a Mediterranean beach caused an uproar; unfortunately, apart from some momentary outcry, similar events are becoming increasingly irrelevant and seen as marginal news items.

(Pope Leo XIV, *Dilexi Te, Love for the Poor*)

Prayer for an End to Human Trafficking

O God, when we hear of children and adults deceived and taken to unknown places for purposes of sexual exploitation, forced labour, and organ 'harvesting' our hearts are saddened and our spirits angry that their dignity and rights are ignored through threats, lies, and force. We cry out against the evil practice of this modern slavery and pray with St Bakhita for it to end. Give us wisdom and courage to reach out and stand with those whose bodies, hearts and spirits have been so wounded, so that together we may make real your promises to fill these sisters and brothers with a love that is tender and good. Send the exploiters away empty-handed to be converted from this wickedness and help us all to claim the freedom that is your gift to your children. Amen.

(Aptireland.org)

Anam Cara

Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on Wednesday 18th February 2026 at 7.30pm in the Horse and Jockey Hotel, Thurles.

Online Bereavement Information Evening: Also Anam Cara will hold an online Bereavement Information Evening for bereaved parents - regardless of the age of their child, circumstances of their death, or time since bereavement. This event will take place online on Tuesday, 17th February at 7.00pm. To register for this information evening please visit Anam Cara Website and click on 'Our Supports'

The Pope's Monthly Intention for February

For children with incurable diseases: Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.