

### Confirmation Candidates - Class of 2026

Congratulations to our Confirmation Candidates who received the gift of The Holy Spirit on Friday. Thanks to the young people, their parents and guardians and their teachers who prepared them for the Sacrament.

Macy Abbott  
Rachel Banks  
Chelsea Bergin  
Jamie Byrne  
Ava Cahill Delaney  
Mia Callaghan  
Roseann Carthy  
Stephen Clifford  
Caroline Coffey  
Aaron Crosby  
Jake Delaney Gunning  
Annamae Denieffe  
Thomas Dowling  
Ava Doyle McKenna  
Marleia Dunne  
Mason Falsey  
Dayna Farrell  
Emma Glynn  
Adam Good  
Alexander Gray  
Nathan Hayes  
Senan Hennessy  
Jack Hogan  
Kaylem Holohan  
Paddy Jackman  
Amelia Karaliunaite  
Mykaela Kelly Jenkins



Michael O'Connor (Gortnahoe N.S.)

Lexi Marie Kirwan  
Erin Kirwan Meagher  
Selina Lavrinaviciute  
Joshua McCullagh  
Padraic McDonald  
Ellie McGuinness  
Michal Mokrzycki  
Noah Moloney  
Bailey Nelson  
Scarlett Rose Nolan  
Freddy O'Donoghue  
Abbie O'Keeffe  
Emily O'Mahoney  
Rene Opacak  
Naomi O'Reilly  
Christine O'Reilly  
Wiktoria Pawelczyk  
Oisín Power  
Jamie Power  
Max Rochford  
Mikie Smith  
Antoni Stefanski  
Mattis Walsh  
Robyn Young  
Adam Zielinski

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#### 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

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#### OUR PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES ARE:

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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**

### Second Sunday of Lent - 1<sup>st</sup> March 2026

#### Welcome Bishop Ger



The Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, appointed Bishop Ger Nash, Bishop of Ferns, as the Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Ossory with effect from Sunday, 257<sup>th</sup> January 2026. An Apostolic Administrator is appointed to temporarily govern a diocese when warranted by special circumstances. The Apostolic Administrator governs in the name of the Holy Father.

Bishop Nash, from Tulla, Co. Clare, was ordained a priest in 1991 and was appointed Bishop of Ferns by Pope Francis in 2021.

This weekend we formally welcome Bishop Ger to our parish. He will celebrate the 8.00am Mass in St. John's Church.

#### Ossory Adult Faith Development Lenten Program 2026

##### Rising to the Challenge: Confronting Poverty and Injustice in Our Time

The world in which we live is hurting on many levels. We are very aware of the many inequalities that exist. But does this awareness, thanks to the marvels of modern media, lead to action? How is it that there are those who have help and those who don't. Our faith demands that we care for those who are weaker - what is the Irish Church doing? Join us as Seán Farrell, the CEO of Trócaire, leads us in a reflection on the work of Trócaire in our world today confronting poverty and injustice.

Location: St Kieran's College, Kilkenny

Date: Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00pm

**Guns and Policing - Enforcement or Fear:** Much has been reported in the media in recent times of the use of arms in law enforcement: ICE and immigration; police using arms in the midst of the community; and much more. Sadly, too, we hear of more incidents of shootings in community and school settings. What is the morality of the use of arms? Tobias Winright, Professor of Moral Theology at St. Patricks College, Maynooth - a former police officer in America - leads us in reflecting on this matter.

Location: St Kieran's College, Kilkenny

Date: Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00pm

**Taizé Youth Night:** Praying with the next generation is for us all a real reason to hope – why not join with us, then, for a special Taizé Prayer Service of Hope during this Lent. We will come together with those who are preparing to travel to Taizé from our diocese late in the Summer – bringing our prayer to this special place.

Location: St. Mary's Cathedral

Date: Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00pm

### Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

**Recently Deceased:** Breda Monahan, Aylesbury and late of Dean Street. Requiem Mass at St. Canice's Church at 11.00am on Sunday.  
 Bob McGarry, Troyswood. Requiem Mass at St. Canice's Church at 10.30am on Monday.  
 James McDermott, O'Loughlin Court Margaret Malone, Newpark  
 May Dooley, Callan & late of Ossory Park Juliana Dramba, The Fairways  
 John Joe Doherty, Arkansas Liam Brennan, Tullaroan  
 Josephine Harford, Castlecomer Road Joe Foley, Larchfield

**Months Mind:** Helen Groves (6.00pm);

**Anniversaries:** Esther & Joe Maher; Maura Lanigan (6.00pm); Dolores Dowling; Christina O'Connor; Seamus, Mary & Ann Burke (11.30am); Jim Kealy (7.00pm); Michael Brennan; Dick & Pat Marnell; Rosemarie Finegan; Mags Dineen; Sr. Teresa Landy; Paddy O'Brien; John Hodge; Dolly Blanch; John & Annie Free; Liam Bergin; John Boland; Peggy McGrath; Nell & Joe Delaney; John Delaney; Jack Fitzpatrick; Maise Mullins; Ciss Walsh; Phil Murray.

*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 Mary Lynch  
 8.00am Pdraig O'Neill  
 10.00am Seán Colgan  
 11.00am Eddie Holohan & Liz Holohan  
 11.30am Frank & Emily Bradley  
 7.00pm Eileen Kinane



#### Attendance/Collections Last Weekend

Envelope Collection:		€1,250.00	
Mass	Attendance	Baskets	
6.00pm St. John's	140	234.00	
8.00am St. John's	75	271.00	
10.00am Johnswell	34	96.00	
11.00am Dunmore	115	188.00	
11.30am St. John's	147	373.00	
7.00pm St. John's	114	215.00	
	625	€1,377.00	

#### First Friday of March

Next Friday is the First Friday of March. The sick and housebound will be visited at the usual times. Please inform the Parish Office on 056 772 1072 or one of the priests if you have a relative or neighbour who would like this service.

#### St Patrick's Brass and Reed Band

This Sunday St Patrick's Brass and Reed Band will provide the sacred music at the 11.30am Mass in St John's Church. We welcome the members on their return to St. John's Parish.

#### Medjugorje Group Mass

The monthly Medjugorje Group Mass will take place in the Capuchin Friary, Kilkenny on Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm. The Mass will be offered for the repose of the soul of Sr Margaret Mary who died recently. Rosary after Mass.

#### Stations of the Cross

We invite you to join fellow parishioners as we meditate on these sacred events at St. John's Church at 7.30pm on the Fridays of Lent. Will you walk with Him this Friday?

## Reflecting on the SEARCH FOR A SYNODAL CHURCH

The Church throughout the world and here in Ireland has been on a synodal journey. What does this mean? In essence it means we are trying to ensure that the voice of all in our Church is heard. We have tried to do this in Ossory, it has not always been easy or without its setbacks - but much has been achieved.

#### Fr Declan Hurley

Chairperson of the National Synodal Team

leads us in a reflection on where we are on this journey and where we intend to go.

**ST KIERAN'S COLLEGE, KILKENNY**  
**Monday, 2nd March 2026 at 7.00pm**

### Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 2nd March 2026

Monday:	10.30am	Michael Brennan
Tuesday:	10.30am	Dick & Pat Marnell
Thursday:	10.30am	Sr. Teresa Landy
Friday:	8.00am	Souls in Purgatory
Saturday:	10.30am	Mags Dineen
		Paddy O'Brien
	6.00pm	Maureen O'Keefe
Sunday:	11.00am	Ned Phelan
	11.30am	John McEnery
		Seán Connick
		Jack & Mary Parle
		Moira & Ken Lynam



#### World Day of Prayer

The World Day of Prayer will be celebrated on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March in St Fiace's Church, Loughboy at 7.30pm. This year's theme is: 'I Will Give You Rest: Come'. This service is prepared by the Nigerian WDP Committee. All are very welcome.



#### Totus Tuus 2026 Fatima Pilgrimage

The Totus Tuus annual pilgrimage to Fatima will take place from 28th August to 4th September 2026. Learn about the Fatima Message, the Rosary, the First Saturdays, the lives of the three visionaries, and visit the tomb and home of Blessed Alexandrina Da Costa, who lived solely on the Eucharist for 13 years. The cost is €915 which includes, flights, half board accommodation, airport transfers, day trip to Balasar, trip to Valinhos and Adjustrel, trip to the Irish Dominican Sisters' Convent. There are places available to fly from Cork Airport, and also from Dublin Airport. Limited places are available. For more information call Damien on 087 20 49 048.

#### Morning Prayer for Lent

We warmly invite you to begin each weekday during Lent by joining us for Morning Prayer (Lauds) at St. John's Church, taking place at 7.40am every morning. Daily Mass for Lent follows at 8.00am. All welcome.

#### The Pope's Monthly Intention for March - For Disarmament and Peace

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

#### Poor Clares Galway, Monastic Experience Day

Poor Clares Galway, Monastic Experience Day for women 18 - 35. An opportunity to explore and experience Poor Clare life and spirituality from 10.00am to 5.00pm on Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> March. To register: [poorclaresgalway.eventbrite.ie](http://poorclaresgalway.eventbrite.ie). For more information: [poorclares.ie/monastic-experience-days](http://poorclares.ie/monastic-experience-days).

#### 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.

#### Lent Tweets

Follow @OssoryDiocese for a simple thought each day during this Lenten Season. Have your timeline prompt you to pause each day to be reminded of our Lenten journey.

#### St. John's Community Games

Please support our annual church gate collection this weekend. Collections will be taken up at St. John's, Dunmore and Johnswell Churches.