

Easter Holy Water

Easter Holy Water is available in all our churches. Easter Water reminds us of our Baptisms, the washing away of sin and the promise of eternal life. We ask you to bring your own bottles to fill. We are trying in our own small way to reduce and reuse especially plastic.

Priests' Easter Collection

The Easter Collection for the priests of the parish and the bishop is taken up at about this time. You will find special envelopes in your envelope contribution pack. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to contribute but don't have envelopes.

South Kilkenny Historical Society lecture 'Memories and Memorabilia: Telling GAA Stories through Objects'.

Speaker: Dr Siobhán Doyle

Date: Friday, 24th April 2026. **Time:** 8pm

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

Anam Cara

Anam Cara, monthly Parent Support Evening on Wed., 15th April at 7.30pm in the Horse and Jockey Hotel, Thurles.

All Anam Cara events are free and open to parents whose child or children have died, regardless of the age of their child, circumstances of their death, or time since bereavement.

National Conference on Stroke

The 5th National Conference on Stroke, organised by the South Tipperary Stroke Communication Group, will take place at the Cashel Palace Hotel, Cashel, Co. Tipperary, on Monday April 27th, commencing at 10:00am, with entry for viewing of support stands at 9:30am. Speakers include Professor Ronán Collins, Clinical Lead Irish National Stroke Programme, Dr. Patrick Nicholson, Consultant Neurointerventional Radiologist at Beacon Hospital, and a number of other speakers including stroke survivors.

Admission is free but is by registration on Eventbrite. Please search for 2026 National Conference on Stroke, Cashel Palace Hotel or at this link; <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/2026-national-conference-on-stroke-cashel-palace-hotel-cashel-tickets-1983736592549>

The Kilkenny Choir

On Saturday 2nd May at 7 00 P.M. under the baton of their director Patrick Rafter, The Kilkenny Choir will sing Cantique de Jean Racine by Gabriel Fauré and Panis Angelicus for Choirs by César Franck. For choral music lovers this is an evening not to be missed. Tickets are available at: www.thekilkennychoir.com; Eventbrite; and on the door. Under 18's are free.

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IF YOU HAVE A SAFEGUARDING CONCERN CONTACT

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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

Second Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy Sunday - 12th April 2026



What Is Divine Mercy Sunday?

Divine Mercy Sunday 2026 falls on April 12 — the Second Sunday of Easter — a day of unique promise for those who approach the Lord with trust.

It is important to understand that Divine Mercy Sunday is not a feast based solely on private revelation — indeed, it is not primarily about St. Faustina, nor is it altogether a new feast. The Second Sunday of Easter was already a Solemnity as the Octave Day of Easter.

What the title "Divine Mercy Sunday" does is illuminate and deepen the meaning that was always there — the merciful love of the Risen Christ poured out upon the world.

In the year 2000, Pope St. John Paul II — who had a deep personal devotion to St. Faustina — canonized her and officially established Divine Mercy Sunday as a feast of the universal Catholic Church, announcing it on Divine Mercy Sunday itself.

A Word to Carry With You

The message of Divine Mercy is simple: God loves us — all of us. No sin is too great. No wound too deep. No soul too far gone. The Risen Christ stands before you this Sunday with open hands and wounded side, and He says simply: "Peace be with you." Come as you are. Trust in His mercy. Receive the gift.

Divine Mercy

Divine Mercy is not a one-way street. It's not merely something we seek out when we need it. It is a love and mercy that seeks us and tries to reach our hearts all the time. When we welcome it and experience it in the heart, we are born anew. Then we join with Thomas in making our own his great acclamation of faith: 'My Lord and my God!' May these words be on our lips and may mercy fill our hearts this day!

“Without seeing You we love You.

Without seeing You we believe.

And we sing Lord in joy of your glory.

You are our Saviour, we believe in You”

Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

Recently Deceased: John Brophy, New Orchard. *Funeral Prayers on Sunday at 6pm in John-ston's Funeral Home. Requiem Mass on Monday morning at 10.30am in St. John's. Interment in St. Kieran's Cemetery.*

Paddy Fry, O'Loughlin Road.

John Scanlon, Kinsale & late of O'Loughlin Road.

Paddy Tynan, Bennettsbridge & late of Wolfe Tone St.

Michael Lawlor, Johnswell.

Dympna Collins, Cobh.

Months Mind: Kay O'Neill (6.00pm).

Anniversaries: Fintan Ryan; Maurice Dunne (6.00pm); Josie & Martin Manning; Matty, Brigid & Dick Corr (10.00am); Ken McDermott (11.00am); Martin Ryan; Mary Corr; Sheila Gaule (11.30am); Helen Frayne; Rosemaire Maher; Fr Tom Cassin; James Clutterbuck; Emily Watson; Ellen Cassin; Catherine Foley; Pope John Paul II, Pope Francis; Con & Johanna McGrath; Thomas Roche; Nano Brennan; Paddy Cahill; Ellen & Edward Delaney; Arthur Connick.

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 Claire Coogan
8.00am Mary Elliott
10.00am Betsy Rice
11.00am Liam Burke & Liam Maddock
11.30am Frank & Emily Bradley
7.00pm Linda O'Leary



Attendance/Collections Last Weekend

Envelope Collection:			€2,535.00
	<u>Mass</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Baskets</u>
6.00pm St. John's	187		306.00
8.00am St. John's	132		226.00
10.00am Johnswell	92		164.00
11.00am Dunmore	177		332.00
11.30am St. John's	282		384.00
7.00pm St. John's	<u>94</u>		<u>279.00</u>
	964		€1,691.00

Table Quiz

A Table Quiz in aid of the Irish Hospice Foundation Nurses for Night Care Service. Martin O'Neill takes on a 5 day Cycle Challenge from Venice to Savona – Adriatic to Mediterranean from the 26th June to 2nd July to raise funds for this very worthy cause. The

Table Quiz will take place in the Orchard House, New Orchard Road on Friday 17th April at 8.30pm. Tables of 4 €40 - €10pp includes finger food. Total amount raised last year - €7,508.

Medjugorje Evening of Prayer

The monthly Medjugorje Mass, with Rosary, Adoration and prayer for healing, will take place next Monday the 13th April at 7.30pm in the Oratory of St. Patrick's Parish Centre. All are welcome.

First Holy Communion Programme

As part of the *Do This in Memory* Programme, we welcome the children who are preparing for their First Holy Communion to the 6.00pm Mass on this Saturday evening.

Priory Institute Open Day

Theology Open Day, is this for you? The Priory Institute provides online Theology courses to degree level. Attend Saturday lectures in Tallaght or from the comfort of your own home. Visit our website at prioryinstitute.com to find out more about our Open Day on Saturday 18th April.

Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 13th April 2026

Thursday: 10.30am Fr Tom Cassin; Ellen Cassin; Emily Watson
James Clutterbuck; Catherine Foley;
Friday: 10.30am Con & Johanna McGrath
Saturday: 6.00pm Christy Burke Jr.
Bernadette Molloy
Michael Kelly
Sunday: 10.00am Lena O'Keeffe
11.30am Dick & Brigid O'Connell
MM Seamus Dunne



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

Kilkenny Bereavement Support

From 'Heartbreak to Hope' will address the Shock, Pain, Anger and Sadness that are part of the bereaveds new reality. From Heartbreak to Hope' is also for any person who wants to help someone bereaved by suicide, but who doesn't know what to say or not to say, what to do or how to be.

Suicide Bereavement from Heartbreak to Hope Public Talk on Thursday 30th April at 7.00pm in Newpark Hotel. Admission Free. Booking on www.eventbrite.ie recommended.

Speakers: Christy Kenneally is a Novelist, Poet & Broadcaster and Dr Linda Finnegan is a Clinical Psychologist & Psychotherapist. For further information please contact 086 067 0566 or visit www.kilkennybereavementsupport.com.

Thought for the Day - Divine Mercy Sunday

In whatever state a soul may be, it ought to pray. A soul which is pure and beautiful must pray, or else it will lose its beauty; a soul which is striving after this purity must pray, or else it will never attain it; a soul which is newly converted must pray, or else it will fall again; a sinful soul, plunged in sins, must pray so that it might rise again. There is no soul which is not bound to pray, for every single grace comes to the soul through prayer.

St Faustina Kowalska (Diary, 146).

Pope Leo's Prayer for April

Pope Leo asks us in April to entrust all priests into the Father's hands, especially those going through moments of crisis, "when loneliness weighs heavily, when doubt clouds their hearts, and when exhaustion seems stronger than hope."

"Good Father, teach us as a community to care for our priests: to listen without judging, to give thanks without demanding perfection, to share with them the baptismal mission of proclaiming the Kingdom in word and deed, and to accompany them with closeness and sincere prayer,"

The Men's Shed

Are you looking for something special for your garden? Why not give us a call. We do:- benches, tables and seating, flower containers, wishing wells and much more. Why not pay us a visit at The Men's Shed at the Fen in

Newpark? Open from 9.30am to 12.00 noon Monday to Friday. All welcome.

Patrick Feeney In Concert

Come and enjoy an Evening with Patrick Feeney & his Band on their Gospel Concert Tour Saturday April 25th in Church of St Joseph & St Brigid, Bóthar na Naomh Church, Thurles @ 8.00 p.m. Ticket Donation: €30. Proceeds towards Cathedral Reroofing Project. Tickets available from Thurles Parish Centre (0504 22229), Bookworm, Liberty Square (0504 22257) & Holycross Parish Office (0504 43124).