

Support the Rise and Shine Trust

Fr. Dan seeks your vote for the Rise and Shine Trust which brings children and young people with special needs to Lourdes at Easter. Fr. Dan is National Chaplain to the Trust.

The Rise and Shine Trust is seeking your support in our drive to qualify for funding under the 2026 AIB Community €1 Million Fund. Your support costs nothing, but a minute of your time. We are asking you to simply nominate Rise and Shine by following this link <https://aib.ie/community-fund>. Press "Nominate now" and provide the following information –

- Your first name and surname
- Your email address – Only one nomination per email address
- Charity Name – Rise and Shine
- Charity Registration Number – 20009953
- Charity Location – Connacht
- Which Social Theme – Education and Opportunities
- Write one sentence on why they should receive funding, simply copy and paste this to your nomination – Making life-changing, volunteer supported pilgrimages and holidays possible for children and young people with additional needs, and we raise funds to fully cover their costs.

Closing date for nominations – 19th June 2026 at 5.00pm.

Fr. Dan appreciates your support.

Thank You

A recent note from the St. Patrick's Missionary Society (Kiltegan Fathers) asks us to thank the people of Saint John's parish for your warm welcome and generous response to the recent appeal made by Fr. Jibrin. The priests of the Society want to assure you that you are remembered in three Masses daily for the intentions of our benefactors (living and deceased) and in the Morning and Evening Prayers of our 215 priests and 75 students. At the end of the year the Society will forward the total returns for the Diocese of Ossory to Bishop Ger Nash. The letter concludes: "As you are well aware, it is mainly through the generosity of the people who attend Sunday Mass in Ireland that we are able to carry out our mission to bring Gospel joy to the least, the last and the lost. They continue to be extremely generous to us." Thank you.

Higher Diploma in Theological Studies

St. Patrick's College, Maynooth offers the above course. This one-year, evening/weekend, Level 8, 60 ECTS credits programme gives a foundation in Theological Studies to students who hold a primary degree in another discipline. This Higher Diploma meets all the Teaching Council of Ireland's Requirements for the teaching of Religious Studies at post-primary level. Applications close on 15th August. Visit www.sppu.ie/courses for further information.

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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

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IF YOU HAVE A SAFEGUARDING CONCERN CONTACT

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OUR PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES ARE:

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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**

The Most Holy Trinity - 31st May 2026

The Most Holy Trinity

This Sunday we celebrate the feast of the Holy Trinity, one of the most profound mysteries of the Christian faith, the nature of God as Father, Son, and Spirit.

The solemnity of the most Holy Trinity invites us to reflect on the deepest mystery of our faith – a God who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, united in perfect love. In today's Gospel, Jesus reveals the heart of God's love: "God so loved the world that he gave his only son." The Father's love is shown in the gift of his Son, and through the Holy Spirit we are drawn into this saving love.

Jesus did not come to condemn the world, but to save it. This reminds us that God's desire is always mercy, forgiveness and new life. The Trinity is not distant from us; God walks with us each day, calling us to live in faith, unity, and love.

As followers of Christ, we are invited to reflect the love of the Trinity in our homes, parish, and community – through kindness, compassion, prayer, and care for one another.

This weekend we rejoice that our parish church in Dunmore, built by Fr Henneberry, some time between 1817 and 1820. is dedicated to the Most Holy Trinity.

The Feast of Corpus Christi

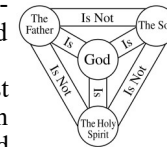
The Church celebrates the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ on next Sunday. To mark the occasion we invite those boys and girls who received Holy Communion in our parish over the past few weeks to gather at St. John's Church for 6.00pm Mass on next Saturday evening. Please wear your First Holy Communion outfits and gather at the rear of the church at 5.45pm for a procession to begin our Mass. We look forward to a wonderful parish celebration.

Procession, Sunday, 7th June 2026 at 3.00pm

Gather in prayer at St Canice's Church, Dean Street, processing to the Capuchin Friary, via Dean Street, Parliament Street, High Street, concluding in prayer in the Capuchin Friary, acknowledging the Jubilee Year of St Francis. A special invitation is extended to all the children who received their First Holy Communion this year and to their families.

Kilkenny Cultural Community Initiatives - Together in Harmony

An evening of Music, Culture and Community. The Community Choir 'Grono' will hold a live performance celebrating three years together in St. John's Church on Wednesday, 10th June at 6.30pm. Afterwards you are invited to join them from 7.30pm in the Parish Hall for a Bake Sale, Arts and Crafts Exhibition, Raffle and much more. All are very welcome.



Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

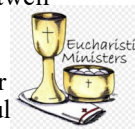
Recently Deceased: **Christian Cuddihy**, Bishop Birch Place.
Jim Treacy, Bennettsbridge. Reposing at his home on Sunday from 3.00pm to 7.00pm pausing for Prayers at 6.00pm. Requiem Mass on Monday at 11.00am in St. Bennett’s Church, Bennettsbridge. Interment afterwards in the adjoining cemetery.
Thomas O’Hara, Pearse Street. Reposing at his home on Sunday from 4.00pm with Vigil Prayers and Rosary at 5.30pm. Requiem Mass on Monday at 10.30am in St. Canice’s Church followed by interment in St. Kieran’s Cemetery.
John Donovan, Bennettsbridge and late of Ballybought Street.
Months Mind: Denis Hamilton (11.30am).
Anniversaries: Veronica Shortall; Fr Willie Meany; Michael Owens (6.00pm); Thomas Comerford (10.00am); Sheila & Sarah Cleary; Philip Morrissey (11.30am); Kitty Kearney (7.00pm); The Butler Family; Bridget & Margaret Brennan; Bridget Culleton; Dave McGrath; Steve Moynihan; Mary Lanigan; Catherine & Michael Delaney; Ellen Mooney; Michael O’Carroll; Thomas Phelan; Mona Hughes; Brigid & Charlie Mallon; Billy Holmes; Kitty & Paddy Fitzpatrick; Eugene Jordan; Nora Barcoe.

Ministries for Weekend, 6th/7th June

Mass Readers
 6.00pm Bridget Ahearn
 8.00am Billy Phelan
 10.00am Cathal Bennett
 11.00am Esther Comerford & Tom Comerford
 11.30am Kathleen Ferguson & Susan Bofin
 7.00pm Anne Marie Grace



Ministers of the Eucharist
 Mary O’Donovan & Peter Donnelly
 Billy Phelan & Jacinta Cantwell
 Martina Manning
 Mary Brennan
 Mary Deegan & Ava Maher
 Anna Morrison & Anju Paul



Attendance/Collections Last Weekend		
Envelope Collection:		€890.00
Mass	Attendance	Baskets
6.00pm St. John’s	115	242.00
8.00am St. John’s	114	319.00
10.00am Johnswell	45	182.00
11.00am Dunmore	66	105.00
11.30am St. John’s	127	328.00
7.00pm St. John’s	108	166.00
	575	€1,342.00

First Friday of June
 The First Friday of June occurs this week. The priests hope to visit the sick and household at the usual times.
Congratulations
 Well done to Michelle Murphy, Johnswell who won €2,000 in this month’s St. Mary’s Cathedral draw. Ann Brennan, Parish Promoter, won €100. Be in to win!

There will be no 8.00am Mass on this Bank Holiday Monday

Society of St Vincent De Paul Says ‘Thank You’

A sincere thank you to all for your generous support at last weekend’s collection. Your donations provide practical support to those in need. Remember the local conference can be contacted on 051 350 725 or you can request help online at www.svp.ie.

Parish Pilgrimage to Knock

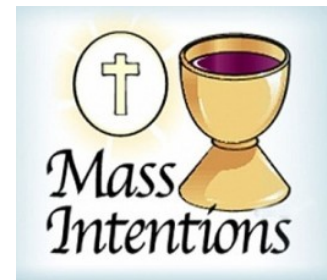
The annual St. John’s Parish pilgrimage to Our Lady’s Shrine at Knock will take place on Friday, 21st August (the actual anniversary of the apparitions). Coach will leave and return to St. John’s Church on the day. Book early to enable us to hire a suitable coach—bookings are filling up rapidly so please confirm your seat to avoid disappointment. Fare: €25.00.

Ossory Lourdes Pilgrimage Collection

The Annual Ossory Lourdes Collection will take place at all Masses over this weekend. The proceeds is used to defray the significant costs that are involved with running of the assisted pilgrim section of the pilgrimage. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 1st June 2026

Monday:	10.30am	Mary & Patrick Campion
Thursday:	10.30am	Nora Barcoe
Saturday:	6.00pm	Margaret & Patrick Shortt
Sunday:	8.00am	Mary Brennan & Mary Grogan
	10.00am	Tom Kinsella
	11.00am	Phil Comerford
		Lila & Neddy Brennan
	11.30am	MM Thomas Wall
		Richard Walsh
		Matthew Redmond
	7.00pm	Mattie Byrne

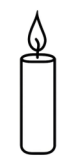


Exam Season

Our thoughts turn to the young people of our parish who begin their State exams on Wednesday morning. We want them to know that our thoughts are with them at this time and that we will pray for them at all Masses during the next few weeks. We will keep a special candle burning for their intentions at St. John’s Church during the exam season. We invite parents, siblings, grandparents and friends to attend our morning Masses or to drop in to our churches for a quiet prayer and to light a candle for our young students.

Exam Prayer

O God, help all students doing exams
 to remember all that they have studied and learnt.
 Help them to remember well and to think clearly.
 Help them not to be nervous or excited or to do themselves an injustice.
 Keep them calm and clearheaded,
 To try the hardest and
 To do their best. Amen.



Mass for Exam Students

Bishop Ger Nash will celebrate Mass for Leaving and Junior Cert students, their parents/guardians, grandparents, teachers, school staff and families on this Monday, 1st June in St Canice’s Church, at 7.30pm. The Mass is organised by the Diocesan Youth Ministry Team who extend an invitation to all to come and pray with and for those who are preparing for exams.

Magnifica Humanitas — Pope Leo’s First Encyclical

On Monday last, Pope Leo XIV gifted the Church and the world with his first encyclical, *Magnifica Humanitas*, a powerful reflection on what it means to safeguard human dignity in an age shaped increasingly by artificial intelligence. Signed on 15th May and released on 25th May 2026, the document places the human person—created in God’s image—at the very centre of the Church’s social teaching for our time. The Holy Father invites us to recognise that technology, while full of promise, is never neutral. It reflects the values of those who design and use it, and therefore must always remain at the service of the common good. He warns against a future where power becomes concentrated in the hands of a few, urging instead a shared responsibility that protects truth, promotes justice, and upholds the dignity of work. Drawing on the rich tradition of Catholic Social Teaching—from *Rerum Novarum* to the present—Pope Leo calls the global community to “remain human,” to build a society where every person is valued, and where technology strengthens rather than diminishes our humanity. *Magnifica Humanitas* is both a challenge and a hope-filled roadmap for our shared future. We encourage you to read the full document [here](#) or at www.vatican.va.