

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.

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.

Kilkenny Register of Electors – Update Required

Kilkenny County Council requests that all households review their information on the Register of Electors. Please note that certain individuals may have been inadvertently removed during the recent update process. Ensure that your Eircode, date of birth, PPSN, and contact details are accurately recorded. If a family member has passed away, kindly notify the Franchise Team accordingly.

You can verify your details in the following ways:

Online at www.checktheregister.ie.

Email: franchise@kilkennycoco.ie

Post: Complete an ERF1 form and Freepost, Franchise Section, Kilkenny County Council, County Hall, John Street, Kilkenny, R95 A39T

Address: St John's Presbytery, Dublin Road, Kilkenny. R95 ND2W

Email: stjohns@ossory.ie **Website:** www.stjohnskilkenny.com

Office: 056 772 1072; **Secretary:** Áine Butler; **Office Hours:** Mon-Fri 9.30 a.m. - 2.00 p.m.

Newsletter Deadline: Thursdays 12.00 noon

SVP Help Line: 051 350 725

Monsignor Dan Carroll: 087 907 7769 Fr Tom O'Toole: 087 224 0787

Fr. Paul Kasu 087 390 5060 Monsignor Michael Ryan (Retired)

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

The Diocesan Designated Liaison Person, Mr Fintan Fanning, 085 802 1633 - dlp@ossory.ie

OUR PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES ARE:

Phil Curran; Marian Eardly; Brenda Whitley.

Counselling Services - Towards Healing Confidential Helpline

1800 313 316 - www.towardshealing.ie

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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**

The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) - 7th June 2026

Corpus Christi Welcome

This weekend we warmly welcome our First Holy Communion children and their families to our Saturday evening Mass for the Feast of Corpus Christi. This special day reminds us of the great gift Jesus gives us in the Eucharist — His real presence with us in the Bread we receive at Mass.

For our boys and girls who have recently made their First Holy Communion, today is a lovely moment to remember how close Jesus wants to be to them and how important the Eucharist is in our lives as Christians. Surrounded by their families, teachers, and parish community, they continue their journey of faith with joy and wonder.

We thank the children for their enthusiasm and preparation throughout the year, and we express our gratitude to parents, families, teachers, and SNAs for their support and guidance. As we celebrate Corpus Christi, we look forward to seeing our First Holy Communion children joining us at Mass in the weeks and months ahead. Their presence brings new life and hope to our parish family. May they continue to grow in their love for Jesus and in their place within our Christian community.

Corpus Christi Procession, Sunday, 7th June at 3.00pm

Gather in prayer at St Canice's Church, Dean Street, Kilkenny, 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 Communion this year and to their families. All welcome.

Medjugorje Evening of Prayer

The Monthly Medjugorje Mass, with Rosary, Adoration and Prayer for Healing, will take place on this Monday, 8th June at 7.30pm in the Oratory of St. Patrick's Parish Centre.

Feasts This Week

On Tuesday 9th June we celebrate the Feast of St. Columba, the third patron of Ireland with St. Patrick and St. Brigid. St. Columba is associated with Donegal and Derry and is buried in Iona in Scotland.

Next Friday is the Feast of the Sacred Heart. O Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place my trust in you.

Cemetery Masses for 2026

St Kieran's Cemetery Mass - Friday, 26th June - 7.30pm

Dunmore and Johnswell Cemetery Mass - Friday, 3rd July - 7.30pm

Foulkstown Cemetery Mass - Thursday, 30th July - 7.30pm

Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

Recently Deceased: Michael Delaney, Altamount Park, late of Tinryland, Carlow. Funeral Prayers in Johnston's Funeral Home at 6.15pm followed by removal to St. John's Church. Funeral Mass on Sunday morning at 11.30am. Interment in St. Kieran's Cemetery. James Brennan, Dean Cavanagh Place. Funeral arrangements to be announced later. Kathleen Beer, Thomastown John Hetherington, Castlecomer


Months Mind: Thomas Wall (6.00pm)

Anniversaries: Margaret & Patrick Shortt; Richard Walsh (6.00pm); Mary Brennan; Mary Grogan (8.00am); Tom Kinsella (10.00am); Phil Comerford; Lila & Neddy Brennan (11.00am); Mattie Byrne; Matthew Redmond (7.00pm); Annie Carroll; Thomas O'Connor; Sheila Burke; Loughlin O'Keefe; Brendan Conway; Denis Brennan; Thomas Drennan; Jake Brennan; Peg Neary; David Murphy.

*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.

Ministries for Weekend, 13th/14th June

Mass	Readers		Ministers of the Eucharist
6.00pm	Mairin Bergin		Fiona Lavelle & Jane Feehan
8.00am	Niamh Carroll		Marie Geary & Sadhbh Ní Bhearga
10.00am	Seán Colgan		Mary Pyke
11.00am	Fiona McGeary & Anne Marie Ryan		Catherine Peters
11.30am	Rosemary McPhillips		Maura Hickey & Candida Finella Lobo
7.00pm	Joan Galway		Elector Kilusanga & Susan Bofin

Attendance/Collections Last Weekend

Envelope Collection:	€995.00	
<u>Mass</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Baskets</u>
6.00pm St. John's	115	206.00
8.00am St. John's	114	264.00
10.00am Johnswell	45	155.00
11.00am Dunmore	66	72.00
11.30am St. John's	127	451.00
7.00pm St. John's	<u>108</u>	<u>172.00</u>
	575	€1,320.00

Parish Pilgrimage to Knock

Our annual St. John's Parish pilgrimage to Our Lady's Shrine at Knock, Co. Mayo will take place on Friday, 21st August (the 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. Fare: €25.00.

Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus - Friday, 13th June 2026

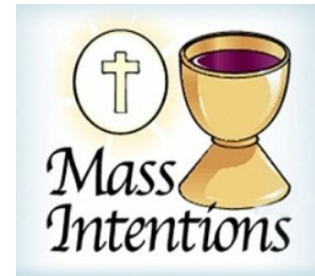
A picture of the Sacred Heart hung in the living-room of Catholic homes for many generations. It speaks of the self-giving love of Christ, an unlimited love most totally shown upon the Cross. The pierced heart of Christ proclaims that greater love predicted by Jesus when he said: "No one can have greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends."

The image of the Sacred Heart offered the message of love in a very personal way, echoed in St Paul's words, "I live by faith in the Son of God who loved me and gave himself for me." St John gives us one of the shortest yet most profound statements about God in all of the Bible: "God is love." He adds that "God's love was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son."

Jesus is the supreme revelation of our Father-God whose very nature is love. All authentic love is life-giving and that is uniquely true of Jesus himself. He invites all who are burdened by life's cares and crosses to come to him and to find rest, peace and hope. If we glimpse the tremendous love of God for us it can transform our hearts. It can empower us to love one another as God has loved us.

Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 8th June 2026

Thursday:	10.30am	Thomas Drennan
Friday:	10.30am	Jake Brennan
Saturday:	6.00pm	Melissa Bergin
Sunday:	10.00am	MM Jody Campion
	11.00am	Richard & Mary Hennessy
		Edward Governor Delaney
	11.30am	MM Ann Reynolds Bowen
		Michael Brett
		Philip Drohan
	7.00pm	Richard Bergin
		MM John Kelly



Why Should Anyone Listen to What Pope Leo Says About AI?

It was a question that was bound to be asked after Pope Leo XIV wrote about artificial intelligence in his latest letter "*Magnifica Humanitas*." Almost immediately, critics asked what the Holy Father and the Vatican could possibly know about such a complex topic.

One criticism from Silicon Valley said that the Vatican "couldn't have a position on [A.I.], because they don't understand it." An official from Trump's government commented: "I didn't know that tech editorializing was part of the role of being Pope." This is the main critique: Pope Leo should stay in his lane. On the other side others said he hadn't gone far enough, and the document is "disappointingly measured and cautious."

So why should we listen to the Pope?

Fr James Martin, SJ, suggests the following reasons:

- The Holy Father and the Vatican know what they are talking about;
- They have no moneyed interests to sway them;
- They draw from a tried-and-true moral framework;
- They have been speaking about social issues for centuries;
- They are one of the few places offering a deep commentary on this new reality.

The Pope's Monthly Intention for June

For the values of sports: Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity and personal growth.

Thought for the Day

The Eucharist gives us the experience of rediscovering the 'Community', and of 'Encountering the community'. It is the laboratory of fraternity. This is why a Christian can never be content with personal prayer because there are times when the Community, Jesus's friends, gather together to pray. This is the Eucharist. In this gathering, we listen to the Word and nourish ourselves on the Eucharist.

Lord Jesus, in gathering your disciples around the table, you teach me that there is no Eucharist without the community, and there is no community without service. Help me to make my life a Eucharistic life.

(Fr Andrea Vena)

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 next Wednesday 10th June at 6.30pm. Afterwards you are invited to join them from 7.30pm in the Parish Hall for a bake sale and arts and crafts exhibition, raffle and much more. All are very welcome.

BAKE SALE

