

Prayer for Summertime

Heavenly Father, as the warmth of summer surrounds us, we thank You for the gift of rest, beauty, and time with loved ones. Bless our journeys — whether near or far — with Your guiding hand. Keep us safe on the roads, in the skies, and across the waters. Send Your angels to guard us from harm, and fill our hearts with patience, kindness, and joy. May our holidays be a time of renewal, laughter, and deeper love for You and one another. Through the intercession of Our Lady of the Way and Saint Christopher, protect us always, and bring us home safely, enriched by the memories we make. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

St Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund

The next St Mary's Cathedral Restoration draw will take place on this Wednesday, 24th June. Tickets are available from the Parish Office, or any of the priests for €10 per month. We encourage your support for St. Mary's, our Diocesan Cathedral.

St John's Parish Scripture Group

This friendly and informal group meets in the Presbytery at 7.30pm each Thursday. All are most welcome to come along. We read the Scripture texts for the following Sunday's Mass, and then we have a relaxed chat about the meaning, message and relevance of each. It is an enjoyable way to spend an evening and helps us to better appreciate the Mass.

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Happy Fathers' Day!



Prayer for Fathers

Heavenly Father,
We thank You for the gift of fathers,
Bless all fathers with wisdom, patience, and unconditional love.
Strengthen them in their daily work and guide them as they lead their families.
For those who have gone before us, grant them eternal rest.
For fathers who are struggling, bring comfort and peace.
May all fathers mirror Your love, faithfulness, and compassion. Amen.

The Pope's Monthly Prayer 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."

Anchored in God

In the quiet of our daily lives, it is easy to let worry take the driver's seat. Yet, the Gospel continually reminds us not to be afraid. Whether you are facing personal challenges, family concerns, or simply the busyness of life, remember to place your burdens in God's hands.
He is a steadfast anchor in every storm!

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**

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 21st June 2026

The Wonder of the Child in the Womb

Day of Life - Sunday, 21 June 2026

Every year Day for Life falls on Father's Day and we wish fathers a blessed day. Today we remember with gratitude the loving care and direction our parents gave to us, whether they are still with us or have gone to the Lord.

Parenthood is a vocation of joys and hopes, of griefs and anxieties. On this year's Day for Life, we acknowledge the particular grief of mothers and fathers who have lost a child before birth or in infancy. Mother's Day and Father's Day can be especially difficult for parents who experienced the loss of an infant. Such loss often takes its bodily toll upon the mother, and it can leave fathers feeling helpless and unsure of how to support their family, or of how to express their own grief.

The Church wants to be especially close to parents who have suffered the loss of an infant. We try to offer spiritual support through the pastoral care and blessing of our priests, and through the comfort of our liturgy. You only have to reach out to your priest if you would like to know more about this.

Just as importantly, many parents find consolation in their faith and its assurance that every child, including those who lose their life before they are born or soon after, is created, willed and deeply loved by God from all eternity. We have the Lord's promise from the Scriptures that: "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born, I consecrated you" (Jeremiah 1:5).

Day for Life presents an opportunity to celebrate the dignity of all human life from conception to natural end. The theme for 2026 is 'The Wonder of the Child in the Womb'.

Thought for the Day - Day for Life

O Mary, bright dawn of the new world, Mother of the living, to you do we entrust the cause of life. Look down, O Mother, upon the vast numbers of babies not allowed to be born, of the poor whose lives are made difficult, of men and women who are victims of brutal violence, of the elderly and the sick killed by indifference or out of misguided mercy.

Grant that all who believe in your Son may proclaim the Gospel of life with honesty and love to the people of our time, to the praise and glory of God, the Creator and lover of life.

(Pope John Paul II, Evangelium Vitae, The Gospel of Life, 105)

St. Kieran's Cemetery Mass - This Friday

The Mass will be celebrated in the cemetery at 7.30pm this Friday, 26th June. Masses in Dunmore and Johnswell Cemeteries will take place at 7.30pm on the following Friday, 3rd July.

Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

Recently Deceased: Brigid Mullins, Granges Road. Reposing at Hehir's Funeral Home on Monday from 5.00pm with Funeral Prayers at 7.00pm followed by removal to St. Canice's Church. Requiem Mass on Tuesday at 10.30am followed by burial in Foulkstown Cemetery. Paddy Phelan, Glendine Court Bridget Doherty, Lord Edward Street Chris Brennan, Drakelands Maria Marshall, Clongowen

Anniversaries: Loughlin O'Keeffe; Ann & Mike Smith; Joseph Matthew (6.00pm); Kit, Oliver & Baby Bill Bennett (10.00am); Joan Costigan; Paddy Butler (11.00am); Siobhan Hennessy; Flora, Angela & Albert Kilusungu (11.30am); Denis Clowry; Breda Fogarty; Thomas, Bridget & Jimmy Grace; Brigid Doherty; Thomas & Catherine Ryan; The Ryan Family.

*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, 27th/28th June

Mass	Readers	Ministers of the Eucharist
6.00pm	Claire Coogan	Mary Feighery & Aishling Donnelly
8.00am	Mary Elliott	Kay Brennan & Jimmy Conway
10.00am	Betsy Rice	Monica Colgan/Cathal Bennett
11.00am	Eddie Holohan & Liz Holohan	Marian Eardly
11.30am	Mary Hanafin & Mary Lynch	Mary Ann Joyce & Bobbie Lahert
7.00pm	Linda O'Leary	Luke Leydon & Clodagh Butler



Attendance/Collections Last Weekend

Envelope Collection:		€1,275.00
<u>Mass</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Baskets</u>
6.00pm St. John's	150	191.00
8.00am St. John's	107	253.00
10.00am Johnswell	69	149.00
11.00am Dunmore	57	102.00
11.30am St. John's	195	398.00
7.00pm St. John's	<u>114</u>	<u>162.00</u>
	<u>692</u>	<u>€1,255.00</u>

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. First coach is almost full. Book early to enable us to hire a suitable coach. Fare: €25.00.

Ballyfoyle Baking Competition 2026

The Ballyfoyle Baking Competition will take place as part of the Ballyfoyle Agricultural Show on Sunday, 28th June 2026. Entries are welcome from home bakers of all ages, with competitions including scones, loaf cakes, tray bakes, fruit crumble, preserves, bread baking, and Under 15 categories such as decorated cupcakes, cookies and chocolate biscuit cake. Entries are taken on the day at €5 per entry. Details at www.ballyfoyleagriculturalshow.com or by contacting Denis Carrigan on 086 315 1937.

Thank you very much for your help and support. It is greatly appreciated.

National Franciscan Pilgrimage to Knock

Capuchin Friary Kilkenny Pilgrimage to Knock will take place on Sunday, 28th June. A bus will leave from the Closh, Jail Road, Kilkenny at 6.45am. Cost is €35 per person subject to uptake. To avoid disappointment please submit names, contact details and payment in full to the Friary Office, Kilkenny.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

The public Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in St. John's Church between 11.00am and 1.00pm on Wednesdays (except when there is a funeral). We invite you to join us and spend some time in prayer before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 22nd June 2026

Tuesday:	7.30pm	Pattern Mass in Johnswell
Friday:	7.30pm	St Kieran's Cemetery Mass
Saturday:	10.30am	Denis Clowry
		Breda Fogarty
Sunday:	11.00am	Mike Burke
	11.30am	Mary Connick
		Kitty & Michael McCarthy
	7.00pm	Maud Nolan

May they rest in peace



Cemetery Masses for 2026

St Kieran's Cemetery Mass - Friday, 26th June - 7.30pm
Dunmore and Johnswell Cemetery Masses - Friday, 3rd July - 7.30pm
Foulkstown Cemetery Mass - Thursday, 30th July - 7.30pm

Please invite relatives and friends who may not see this notice.

The Pattern of Johnswell

The Tradition: The term "Pattern" (derived from *pátrún* in Irish, meaning "Patron") refers to traditional, open-air Catholic devotions held on the feast day of a local parish saint. These gatherings, which blend early Christian practices with ancient pagan traditions, are deeply rooted in Ireland's social and religious history.

A revival of the Pattern Mass in Johnswell will take place on this Tuesday on the eve of the Feast of St. John the Baptist with Mass at the Well at 7.30pm. All are very welcome to attend this ancient custom of gathering and prayer by sacred waters.

Changing Gears

Changing Gears is an in-person course, which supports people in dealing with transitions or significant life-challenges (retirement, bereavement, job-loss, ill health, becoming a carer, relationship breakdown) in mid to later life. Its aim is to help participants to identify what has served them well thus far in life, the successes and challenges they have experienced, what supports they have in their lives and what they may need to put in place, and/or discard, for the next stage of life. It takes place over five weeks and is a facilitated group experience that uses a blend of personal reflection, worksheets, and small group sharing, in a safe environment.

Venue: Kilkenny Mayfair Library, Parliament Street, Kilkenny R95 N23R

Dates: Thursdays 16th, 23rd, 30th July and 6th, 13th August

Times: 11.00 to 13.30 (which includes a comfort break with tea and coffee)

Please note that this course has been funded by the HSE and is free of charge. Participation requires attendance at each of the five sessions.

Prayer for Day for Life

Father and maker of all, you adorn all creation with splendour and beauty, and fashion human lives in your image and likeness. Awaken in every heart reverence for the work of your hands and renew among your people a readiness to nurture and sustain your precious gift of life. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.

Peter's Pence Collection

The annual Peter's Pence Collection for the Pope's charities will replace the second collection on this weekend. Please support the Church's work among the poor of the world.

Grand Variety Concert

On Wednesday, 24th June St. Mary's Cathedral will host a Variety Concert featuring Frederick Chorale, Maryland with Unity Singers Kilkenny, Sospiro Male Voice Choir, Liam Costello (Uilleann Pipes), Megan Dermody (Violin). Admission €10. Proceeds to Maria Hogan Fund.