

Live Mass From Franciscan Friary

People across Ireland are invited to join RTE's live Sunday Mass from the historic Franciscan Friary in Multyfarnham, County Westmeath, this Sunday, 19th July, at 11.00am, as part of commemorations marking the 800th anniversary of the death of Saint Francis of Assisi. The special broadcast from one of Ireland's most treasured Franciscan sites will offer viewers an opportunity to celebrate the enduring legacy of Saint Francis in a place where his spirit has been alive for more than 750 years. Multyfarnham Friary was founded in 1268, just 42 years after the death of Saint Francis. It remains the only Franciscan friary in Ireland still standing on the footprint of its original medieval foundation, having survived centuries of suppression, destruction and restoration while continuing to serve as a place of prayer, welcome and pilgrimage.

For those who miss the live broadcast the programme will be available on RTE Player.

Man and Woman, He Created Them

The Priory Institute one-week online Summer School is reflective, informative and interactive and will run from 10th August. The course includes four recorded presentations and one online zoom discussion and is very flexible as it is delivered entirely online. Find out more please visit prioryinstitute.com.

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Prayer to Saint Mary Magdalene

Saint Mary Magdalene, woman of many sins, who by conversion became the beloved of Jesus, thank you for your witness that Jesus forgives through the miracle of love.

You, who stood faithfully by His cross and were the first to witness the risen Lord, please intercede for me. Obtain for me the grace of a repentant heart, that I may be forgiven for my own numerous transgressions.

Pray for me to our Lord, that my mind and soul may seek only what is holy and true. Inspire my heart with an unwavering love for Christ, and help me to rise each day with hope, serving others with humility. Guide me to live a life transformed by His divine mercy, so that one day I may share in the same everlasting joy in His glorious presence.

Amen.

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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**

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 19th July 2026

Mary Magdalene, First Witness of the Resurrection

We know that Mary Magdalene was a member of the group of Jesus's disciples. She followed him even to the foot of the cross and to the garden where he was buried. Saint Gregory reminds us that she was the first *testis divinae misericordiae* (witness to divine mercy). The Gospel of John recounts that Mary Magdalene wept because she could not find the Lord's body (see Jn. 20:11). Jesus had mercy on her, allowing her to recognize him as "*Rabbouni*", thus transforming her tears into Easter joy.

On the one hand, she had the honour of being the *prima testis* (first witness) of the resurrection of the Lord, the first to see the empty tomb, and the first to hear the truth of his resurrection. Christ had a special consideration and mercy for this woman who showed such great love toward Him that she sought him anxiously in the garden with such suffering, with *lacrimas humilitatis* (humble tears), as Saint Anselm called them...

In addition, it is specifically in the garden of the resurrection that the Lord says to Mary Magdalene: "Do not hold on to me". This is an invitation directed not only to Mary, but also to the entire Church, to enter into an experience of faith that surpasses any materialistic appropriation or human understanding of the divine mystery. It has an ecclesial scope! It is a good lesson for any disciple of Jesus not to seek human securities and worldly titles, but faith in the Living and Risen Christ!

The Church celebrates the feast of St. Mary Magdalene on Wednesday, 22nd July.

The Basilica at Knock

Knock Shrine celebrates the 50th anniversary of the Basilica of Our Lady Queen of Ireland this weekend. This Saturday, 18th July was marked with a special day of prayer, reflection, storytelling and thanksgiving. This special milestone marks 50 years since Knock Basilica was opened to accommodate the growing numbers of pilgrims visiting Ireland's international Eucharistic and Marian shrine. Over the past five decades, Knock Basilica has welcomed millions of visitors from Ireland and across the world, becoming a place of prayer, healing and spiritual renewal.

"The 50th anniversary of Knock Basilica is an opportunity to celebrate the faith, vision and generosity that made this magnificent place possible" said Fr. Richard Gibbons, Rector of Knock Shrine. "For five decades it has stood as a beacon of hope for pilgrims from every corner of Ireland and far beyond. We look forward to welcoming everyone to Knock as we give thanks for its remarkable legacy and pray for future generations who will continue to find comfort and inspiration here."

Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

Recently Deceased: Sean Barcoe, Dunbell. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.
Annette Murphy, Garringreen
Eileen Nugent, Jacob Street
Larry Hamilton, Gathabawn
Pem Stanley, Ballycotton/Nenagh

Maura Banim, Greenshill.
Joan Bennett, College Road
Tom Neary, Kickham Street
Dan O'Brien, Tullamore

Months Mind: Paddy Phelan (11.30am).

Patrick Ger Purcell (7.00pm)

Anniversaries: Maurice McCreery (6.00pm); Richard (Dick) Hennessy; Angela, Tony & Eileen McEvoy (11.00am); P.J. Mealy; Joan Laherty (11.30am); Peter O'Connor Phelan; John Walsh (7.00pm); Bid Byrne O'Carroll; Joan Knaggs; Clare Drennan; Patricia Wiltshire; Liam & Patsy Davitt; Eamon Reidy.

*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, 25th & 26th July

Mass	Readers	Ministers of the Eucharist
6.00pm	Mary Lynch	Mary Feighery & Aisling Donnelly
8.00am	Padraig O'Neill	Kay Brennan & Jimmy Conway
10.00am	Elaine Bennett	Martina Manning
11.00am	Bernard O'Gorman & John McGourty	Mary Manning
11.30am	Rosemary McPhilips	Maura Hickey & Candida Finella Lobo
7.00pm	Eileen Kinane	Helen Brennan & Grace Clune



Attendance/Collections Last Weekend

Envelope Collection:	Mass	Attendance	Baskets
6.00pm St. John's	87	150.00	
8.00am St. John's	101	306.00	
10.00am Johnswell	xx	89.00	
11.00am Dunmore	81	113.00	
11.30am St. John's	173	329.00	
7.00pm St. John's	116	262.00	
	558	€1,249.00	

Pope Leo's Monthly Prayer for July

His monthly prayer intention is a global call to transform our prayers into "concrete actions," serving as a compass for a mission of compassion for the world. In this way, he proposes a path to mobilize us each month, through prayer and action, for a more humane, fraternal, and solidary world.

Annual Jenkinstown Camino Walk

To celebrate the Feast of St. James of Santiago De Compostella, the Annual Jenkinstown Camino Walk, led by Fr. Willie Purcell, will take place on Sunday, July 26th. The walk will begin at 2.30 p.m. at Jenkinstown Church car park. This reflective Camino-style walk is open to everyone and offers a meaningful opportunity to step away from the busyness of daily life, enjoy the outdoors and join others for a time of quiet contemplation and shared journey. Whether you are seeking a moment of peace, a bit of exercise, or a sense of community, you are welcome to join this special afternoon. All are welcome.

Thought for the Day

When I trust God's perfect timing, my inner peace remains intact, even when confronted with delays or a slow pace of action or progress. I remember that God is in control, and God knows what he's doing. At last, I've come to realise that God's 'slow work' is where his best masterpieces lie, for time is often an ally where creation is concerned. The world in all its magnificence surely takes time for my human brain to behold, so naturally God reveals its intricacies slowly. God invites me to embrace this virtue of patience, giving me numerous opportunities to practice it. When I follow God's lead, at God's pace, the payoff is huge: experiencing God's ever-deepening nearness.

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Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 20th July 2026

Thursday:	10.30am	Clare Drennan
Saturday:	6.00pm	Frank Power Brid Maher
Sunday:	11.00am 11.30am	Aislinn Comerford Nelson Giovanna Magahy Sylvana Micklewright Mary McEnergy



May they rest in peace

Parish Pilgrimage to Knock

At the time of printing, we have 85 people booked on our annual parish pilgrimage to Our Lady's Shrine at Knock. There are 17 seats still available on the coaches. With this in mind we have asked local parishes to include a notice in their newsletters this weekend inviting their parishioners to travel with us. Please act immediately if you are interested in travelling with St. John's Parish – first come first served. Telephone the Parish Office on 056 772 1072 from 9.30am on Monday morning. The pilgrimage costs €25 per person and we hope to leave St. John's Church at 7.00am on Friday, 21st August returning to Kilkenny at about 10.00pm that evening.

Statement by Archbishop Eamon Martin

On behalf of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference, I wish to express my appreciation to His Excellency Archbishop Luis Mariano Montemayor, Apostolic Nuncio to Ireland, following the announcement by Pope Leo XIV, of his resignation from this role.

Since his appointment to Ireland on 25 February 2023, by the late Pope Francis RIP, Archbishop Montemayor has been warmly welcomed by parishioners and clergy across the length and breadth of the island.

His time as Nuncio has coincided with the Synodal Pathway consultations and assemblies and he has also engaged in listening and discussions in several dioceses around the island. His friendliness and good nature has been appreciated, and his approachability has been particularly welcomed by many. Archbishop Montemayor's guidance and support to the Irish bishops regarding diocesan review and restructuring has been sensitive, collaborative and much appreciated.

I wish to thank Archbishop Montemayor for this commitment and dedication during his tenure here in Ireland. I pray for many blessings and good health for Archbishop Montemayor's retirement.

The Painted Gospel - A Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi

The Adult Faith Development Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi will take place from the 8th to 14th March 2027. This journey led by Fr Dermot Ryan and Fr Kieran O'Shea will invite people to reflect on the art and architecture in these cities to open conversations around various aspects of the faith. Cost is 1,195 p.p.s., single room supplement €240. For further information see the poster in the church or visit the Ossory website. For bookings, please contact Kieran Troy of Myriam Tours on 057 93 55050, email info@myriam.ie or WhatsApp 085 179 2364.

Abide in His Love, Women's Conference

Abide in His Love Women's Conference. The Great Northern Hotel, Bundoran, 20th – 22nd November 2026. Join women from across Ireland for a faith-filled weekend with inspiring speakers including Sarah Swafford, Danielle Noonan, Fr Mark Wharton, Fr Barry Braum, Fr Oisín Martin, the Dominican Sisters of Nashville, Bishop Fintan Gavin, and more. A conference not to be missed!

Register: <https://abideinhislove.eventbrite.com/>