

Blood Donation Clinic at O'Loughlin Gaels
Tuesday 4th to Thursday 6th - from 3.45 to 8pm.
Sunday 9th August - from 12.00pm to 3.30pm
Monday 11th & Tuesday 12th - from 3.45pm to 8.00pm

Book Fair in St. John's Parish Centre in aid of the Rise & Shine Trust

A book fair will take place in St John's Parish Centre on Friday, 14th, Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th August. All proceeds will go to The Rise & Shine Trust (formerly Irish Pilgrimage Trust) of which Fr Dan is the National Chaplain. The Trust provides a fun pilgrimage/trip to Lourdes each Easter for young people with additional needs.

Have a look - choose a book - support a trip!

A Family Prayer for the holidays

Heavenly Father, please bless our holiday. Help our family to have patience and understanding. Guide us to be mindful of this gift of time together. Help us to make compromises when necessary and handle any chaos that comes our way with Your love and grace. Open our eyes to truly see the beauty of the memories we are creating that will last a lifetime. Amen.

Foot Health Practitioner

Previously called 'Chiropodist', we deal with foot and lower limb problems. Domiciliary visits provided. For bookings or further information, please call Beatriz Louro 089 251 7313 or email foothealth.b@hotmail.com

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IF YOU HAVE A SAFEGUARDING CONCERN CONTACT

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**A Prayer for Vocations to the Diocesan Priesthood
(Based on the words of Pope Leo XIV)**

Lord give us happy priests, happy because they know they are called by You and are Your friends.

May those who have been given the grace of a priestly vocation welcome it with gratitude and responsibility.

May they nourish it with Your Word, Your Sacraments and daily prayer.

We ask You Lord for pastors according to Your will: to seek out the lost, serve the poor, and humbly guide those entrusted to them.

Mary Mother of Priests, Pray for us, Saint Joseph Father of Priests, Pray for us.

Mary's Meals

Global school feeding charity Mary's Meals will hold their annual Step By Step to Feed the Next Child - Walk to Knock from 7th to 15th August. Local walkers are leaving St John's at 9am on Friday, 7th August and will be walking to St Patrick's Church, Clogh on the first stage of their Walk to Knock.

Please come out and encourage the walkers, and if you're able to do so, donate in the buckets or visit marysmeals.ie to donate online.

It costs just €22 to feed a child for a whole school year, and 11c provides one school meal. All donations, big or small, are very welcome.

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**

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 2nd August 2026

New Bishop for Ossory

On Wednesday last Pope Leo XIV appointed Bishop Ger Nash as Bishop of Ossory while he continues to serve as Bishop of Ferns, bringing the two dioceses together under the pastoral leadership of one bishop in a move known as *persona episcopali*. The appointment follows Bishop Nash's six-month period as Apostolic Administrator of Ossory after Bishop Niall Coll was appointed Bishop of Raphoe last November. The arrangement allows both dioceses to maintain their own identity while sharing the ministry and leadership of the same bishop. Welcoming the announcement, Bishop Nash said he was "deeply honoured to have been asked by Pope Leo to become Bishop of Ossory in addition to my existing pastoral role in the Diocese of Ferns."



He described the appointment as "simply the continuation of a journey", saying discussions that began during his time as Apostolic Administrator had explored "the possibilities for what brings most hope for the future of the Church, in both Dioceses."

Bishop Nash said the united leadership of Ossory and Ferns provides "an opportunity for us to do great things together" as both dioceses work "to create a community where our relationship with God will deepen and provide fertile soil for the preaching of the Gospel."

Acknowledging the challenges involved in leading two dioceses, he said the arrangement reflects "the experience of many priests in modern Ireland as they take on responsibility for more than one parish." He added that "the ultimate test for all change within the Church is whether it builds up the Kingdom of God."

Bishop Ger also highlighted the increasing role of lay people in the life of the Church, saying the current period of change provides "the opportunity...for real roles of responsibility and authority to be offered to lay people to build up the local Christian Community." He said collaboration between the dioceses could also support vocations, noting that "some very good prospects for the Diocesan priesthood are emerging" and that "there are certainly green shoots visible."

We pray God's blessing upon Bishop Ger as he begins his new ministry in Ossory

Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

Recently Deceased: Bernadette Dumez (nee O'Sullivan), formerly Danesfort and Newpark. Requiem Mass in St. Michael's Church, Danesfort at 11.00am on Monday.
Gordan Ryan, formerly Freshford and Waterford. Requiem Mass in Ballygunner, Waterford at 12.00 noon on Monday.

Maureen Burke (nee O'Grady), Whitewood Stephen Campion, Clara
Anastasia Van Driel, (nee Butler), London & late of Newpark Margo Dowling, Larchfield

Months Mind: Therese McGlynn (11.30am)

Anniversaries: Tony & Barbara Teehan; Clive O'Carroll; Nicky & Daisy Purcell (6.00pm);
Eveline Hennessy (10.00am); Catherine Bergin (11.00am); Mary Meany (11.30am); Patrick
Culleton (7.00pm); Tom Watson; Patricia Dinneen; Michael Walsh; William (Billy) Burke;
Kathleen & Margaret Doran; Matthew Thorton; Edward Ned Delaney; Eileen Roche;
Michael Ryan; David & Peggy Gaffney; Tommy Ruth.

Ministries for Weekend, 8th & 9th August

Mass	Readers	Ministers of the Eucharist
6.00pm	Ann Daly	Fiona Lavelle & Jane Feehan
8.00am	Jo Browne	Maire Geary & Sadhbh Ní Bhearga
10.00am	Eve Brennan & Anna Ryan	Anna Moore
11.00am	Esther Comerford & Tom Comerford	Mary Brennan
11.30am	Mary Hanafin & Mary Lynch	Mary Ann Joyce & Bobbie Lahert
7.00pm	Joan Scott	Isabel Hayden & Kay Foley



Attendance/Collections Last Weekend

Envelope Collection:		€730.00
<u>Mass</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Baskets</u>
6.00pm St. John's	127	222.00
8.00am St. John's	108	283.00
10.00am Johnswell	55	171.00
11.00am Dunmore	99	176.00
11.30am St. John's	140	404.00
7.00pm St. John's	96	265.00
	625	€1,521.00

First Friday of August

Next Friday is the First Friday of August. The sick and housebound will be visited at the usual times.

Please inform the Parish Office on 056 772 1072 or one of the priests if you have a relative or neighbour who would like this service.



A Short Reflection

The readings for this Sunday draw us into the heart of God's generosity. Isaiah speaks of a feast freely offered—*"Come, without paying and without cost"*—and Jesus, in the Gospel, multiplies the loaves to feed a hungry crowd. Both moments reveal a God who notices our needs before we voice them, who offers abundance where we expect scarcity, and who invites us to trust that nothing we bring is too small for Him to transform.

This Sunday challenges us to look honestly at our own hunger—our longing for meaning, reassurance, forgiveness, companionship—and to bring it to Christ without fear or hesitation. The disciples saw only five loaves and two fish; Jesus saw an opportunity for grace. When we place our limited time, energy, and love into His hands, He does the same for us: He blesses, breaks, and multiplies.

The miracle is not only that thousands were fed, but that everyone had enough. In a world that often teaches us to hold tightly, Jesus shows that true abundance begins with generosity. We are invited to become people who share what we have—our compassion, our patience, our presence—trusting that God will make it fruitful.

May this Sunday renew our confidence in the God who provides and inspire us to offer our "little" so He may do something great with it.

Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 3rd August 2026

Tuesday:	8.00am	Patricia Dinneen
Saturday:	6.00pm	Mary Cleere Ann Walsh
Sunday:	10.00am	Kathleen Butler
	11.30am	Fr Lorcan Moran Edward, Aileen & Eoghan Moran & Family MM Andy MacEneaney



Please note we may transfer an anniversary Mass on the occasion of a funeral.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Bishop Gerard Nash

Bishop Gerard Nash was born on 27th February 1959 at Glandree in the parish of Tulla, Co Clare. After completing his Leaving Certificate, he studied business and then worked in manufacturing industry for a number of years, subsequently choosing to study for the priesthood with the Diocese of Killaloe in Saint Patrick's College, Maynooth. On 15th June 1991 Bishop Nash was ordained a priest, by Bishop Michael Harty, in Drumcharley Church, Tulla. On 11th June 2021, Pope Francis appointed Bishop Nash as Bishop of Ferns.

Having served as Apostolic Administrator of Ossory from Sunday, 25th January 2026, on Wednesday 29th July it was announced that Pope Leo XIV has appointed him Bishop of Ossory in addition to his ministry as Bishop of Ferns.

Read Bishop Ger's Statement on his Appointment by scanning this QR Code.



Parish Pilgrimage to Knock

At the time of printing, our Second Coach for our annual parish pilgrimage to Our Lady's Shrine at Knock is full. We have been taking names for a waiting list should vacancies arise. We would ask that those who have yet to pay for their booking to please do so as soon as you can so we can confirm seats. The pilgrimage costs €25 per person and we will leave St. John's Church at 7.00am on Friday, 21st August returning to Kilkenny at about 10.00pm that evening.

Medjugorje Parish Condemns Vandalism

After an image of Our Lady was defaced and the outdoor altar of St. James Church set alight, the parish of Medjugorje in Bosnia and Herzegovina urges the faithful not to repay evil with evil. The parish has condemned acts of vandalism that damaged several of its places of prayer overnight and has invited the faithful to respond with "prayer, fasting, and forgiveness." "It is with great sadness that we received the news of the act of vandalism," on Tuesday.

"We pray for the conversion of the hearts of those who committed this act," the Parish statement said, asking that the Lord may touch them with His grace and lead them on the path of goodness. It added that cleaning and repairs began immediately so the affected areas could once again be properly prepared for prayer.

South Kilkenny Historical Society

Mystery Tour of Tullogher/Rosbercon Parish. Guide: Luke Grennan

Date: Sunday, 16th August 2026. Starting time: 2pm. Meeting point: Listerlin National School

Pope's Monthly Intention for August

For evangelisation in the city, which is often marked by anonymity and loneliness, that we may find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community

No 8.00am Mass on this Bank Holiday Monday