

### 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, 14<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> 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!.**

### Kilkenny Arts Festival

St. John's Parish is delighted to welcome all who have come to our city for the annual Arts Festival. We pray visitors, exhibitors, organisers and volunteers will have a wonderful and enjoyable festival.

### Blood Donation Clinic at O'Loughlin Gaels

Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> August - from 12.00pm to 3.30pm  
Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> August from 3.45pm to 8.00pm  
Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> August from 3.45pm to 8.00pm

### South Kilkenny Historical Society

Mystery Tour of Tullogher/Rosbercon Parish.  
Guide: Luke Grennan  
Date: Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> August 2026. Starting time: 2.00pm. Meet point: Listerlin National School.

### Fr. Joseph Lubola

This weekend we are delighted to welcome Fr. Joseph back to St. John's Parish. Fr. Joseph, from Uganda, will reside in our parish until the end of September.

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### 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

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### Counselling Services - Towards Healing Confidential Helpline

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### Leaving Cert Results

We remember in our prayers those who will receive their Leaving Cert '26 results on Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> August. We wish you well as you consider your future. God bless you.

### Prayer for Those Awaiting Exam Results

God our Father,  
may your presence be felt as young people receive exam results at this time. May they know that their worth and value is based on your great love for them. Help them to trust in your goodness, fix their eyes firmly on you and guide their steps along the path before them.

Thank you for the doors open to them, give them wisdom digging and hope in the challenges and opportunities that lie in the future.

Through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

### Kilkenny Adult Learning Service

Kilkenny Adult Learning Service will hold an open day on Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> August from 10.00am to 1.00pm at 43 Upper Patrick Street, Kilkenny R95 PXN2. Classes are free, QQI certification and support, expert led tuition in small groups. Register on the day. For further information call 056 776 3149 or visit [kilkennyadultlearning@kkadulded.ie](mailto:kilkennyadultlearning@kkadulded.ie).

# Parish Of Saint John The Evangelist

*incorporating | St John's | Dunmore | Johnswell | church areas*

### 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**

### Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 9<sup>th</sup> August 2026

### The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday next is the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a holy day of obligation and Masses in our parish will be at St. John's Church at 6.00pm on Friday, 8.00am and 10.30am on Saturday. Vigil Mass for Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> August, will be celebrated at 6.00pm on Saturday evening.

Celebrated on 15<sup>th</sup> August since the 5<sup>th</sup> century, the Assumption was known as Mary's "Birth into Heaven" or, in Byzantine tradition, her "Dormition". The feast reached Rome in the 7<sup>th</sup> century, and on 1<sup>st</sup> November 1950 Pope Pius XII proclaimed the dogma that Mary was assumed body and soul into heaven. This mystery fulfils the Christian hope in the resurrection of the body and eternal life: Mary, the sinless Mother of Jesus, is a "sign of sure hope and comfort" and a promise of the destiny awaiting all who are united to Christ in faith and love. The liturgy invites us to contemplate the Assumption through Revelation, Luke's Gospel, and Mary's Magnificat, which celebrates God's mercy and care for the poor and vulnerable. Mary's glorification affirms the goodness of both body and soul and calls us, with our eyes fixed on heaven, to live the Magnificat now by rejoicing in God's mercy and serving especially the weakest among us.

### Relic Of St Bernadette of Lourdes

Praying the Rosary Through our Lives: A relic of St Bernadette of Lourdes and the Children of Fatima will be present on Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> August 2026 at 7.00pm in St. Canice's Catholic Church, Kilkenny during a reflection led by Fr. Willie Purcell PP. In the busyness of modern life, the Rosary offers a quiet path back to prayer, a steady rhythm of scripture and silence that has carried our families and communities through every generation.

All are warmly invited to join us for an evening of reflection, tracing the mysteries of the Rosary as they meet us in the joys, sorrows, and hopes of our lives. The relics of St. Bernadette of Lourdes and the Children of Fatima will be available for veneration during the evening.

### Saint Carlo Acutis' Relic - Castlecomer

Now that school is closed for the summer holidays the relic of Saint Carlo Acutis has returned to the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Castlecomer from their usual home in the Oratory at Castlecomer Community School. All are welcome from 9.00am - 5.00pm daily.

### St. Vincent de Paul Society Trip to Knock

A Knock trip arranged by the St. Vincent de Paul Society takes place on Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> September. Bus leaving Butts Green at 8.00am. Cost of bus €25. All are welcome. If interested, contact Geoff on 087 255 9820.

### Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

**Recently Deceased:** Esther Joyce Conway, Glendine Court. Funeral Prayers at 6.30pm. on Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> August in Johnston's Funeral Home. Requiem Mass on Thursday morning at 10.30am in St. John's Church. Interment in Foulkstown Cemetery.

Anastasia O'Neill, Fr Hayden Road Elizabeth McLaughlin, Belfast  
Luke and Ann Halley, late of Wolf Tone Street

**Months Mind:** Andy MacEneaney (11.30am).

**Anniversaries:** Mary Cleere; Ann Walsh (6.00pm); Kathleen Butler (10.00am); Fr Lorcan Moran; Edward, Aileen, Eoghan Moran and Deceased Family Members; Jim Langton; Joan, Mary & Michael Cody; Maureen Dunne; Elizabeth O' Malley; Mary Boland; Patrick; Mary & Seán McGrath; Fr Donal Kelly.

*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, 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> August

| Mass    | Readers                         | Ministers of the Eucharist          |
|---------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 6.00pm  | Bridget Ahearn                  | Mary Feighery & Aisling Donnelly    |
| 8.00am  | Billy Phelan                    | Jacinta O'Connell & Rosario Frances |
| 10.00am | Cathal Bennett                  | Sheila Hanlon                       |
| 11.00am | Fiona McGeary & Anne Marie Ryan | Catherine Peters                    |
| 11.30am | Anne Maria Walsh & Kay Purcell  | Camilla Loader & Jimmy Connolly     |
| 7.00pm  | Anne Marie Grace                | Billy Carr & Emily Bradley          |



### Attendance/Collections Last Weekend

| Envelope Collection: | Mass | Attendance | Baskets |
|----------------------|------|------------|---------|
| 6.00pm St. John's    | 135  | 216.00     |         |
| 8.00am St. John's    | 91   | 306.00     |         |
| 10.00am Johnswell    | xx   | 166.00     |         |
| 11.00am Dunmore      | 90   | 122.00     |         |
| 11.30am St. John's   | 213  | 397.00     |         |
| 7.00pm St. John's    | 121  | 239.00     |         |
|                      | 650  | €1,446.00  |         |

### Parish Pilgrimage to Knock

Our second coach for our annual parish pilgrimage to Our Lady's Shrine at Knock is full. 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, 21<sup>st</sup> August returning to Kilkenny at about 10.00pm that evening.

### Finding Peace in the Midst of the Storm

In this week's Gospel (Matthew 14:22-33), we find the disciples terrified in a boat, battered by rising waves and strong winds in the dark of night. It is a scene many of us know all too well. Life's storms—whether they come in the form of illness, financial worry, grief, or broken relationships—have a way of making us feel overwhelmed and deeply isolated.

Yet, it is precisely in the middle of the chaos that Jesus appears, walking on the water and saying, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

When Peter steps out of the boat, he does the impossible: he walks on water. But the moment he shifts his focus away from Jesus and onto the howling wind, he begins to sink.

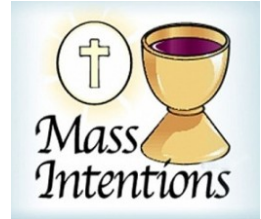
How often do we do the same? We focus so intensely on our problems, our anxieties, and the "winds" of the world that we lose sight of the One who controls the storm.

The beautiful truth of this passage is that when Peter cries out, "Lord, save me!", Jesus does not hesitate. He immediately reaches out His hand and catches him.

This week, whatever storm you are facing, remember that you do not have to weather it alone. Lift your eyes above the waves, fix your gaze on Christ, and trust that His hand is always stretched out ready to catch you.

### Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 10th August 2026

|            |          |                                               |
|------------|----------|-----------------------------------------------|
| Tuesday:   | 10.30am  | <b>Recently Deceased</b> Elizabeth McLaughlin |
| Wednesday: | 10.30am: | Jim Langton                                   |
| Thursday:  | 10.30am  | <b>Requiem Mass</b> Esther Joyce Conway       |
| Saturday:  | 10.30am: | Joan, Mary & Michael Cody                     |
|            | 6.00pm:  | Eoin O'Donovan                                |
|            |          | Mary McCarthy                                 |
|            |          | Mary O'Dwyer                                  |
| Sunday:    | 10.00am: | Derek Butler                                  |
|            | 11.00am: | Tom Ryan                                      |
|            | 11.30am: | Aileen Beirne                                 |
|            |          | David Kelly                                   |
|            |          | Lukas Funtal                                  |
|            | 7.00pm:  | <b>MM</b> Annette Murphy                      |
|            |          | Jack Poyntz                                   |



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.**

### Pope's August Prayer Intention

Pope Leo XIV has urged Catholics across the globe to join him this August in praying for 'evangelization in the city'. He released the monthly "Pray with the Pope" video at the beginning of August. In his prayer, Pope Leo asks the "Good Shepherd" who "walks through our streets and squares," to "enter tall buildings and humble neighbourhoods," and to "silently accompany millions" of people who "seek meaning amid noise and haste."

The Chicago-born Pope acknowledges that while cities are meant to be places of "freedom and opportunity," they can also become "spaces of anonymity and isolation." Thus, he expressed his hope that urban environments may provide "fertile ground" for proclaiming the Gospel. The Holy Father also prayed that the faithful make "simple and loving gestures," and do so together as a community that "goes forth," and combats indifference and isolation with presence and fraternity.

Today, 45% of the world's population lives in urban areas. Demographic growth has led to a high concentration of people, generating social and community challenges, including loneliness that affects the mental health of many people, especially young people. Pope Leo's video message is available by scanning this QR code.



### Saints This Week

**St. Theresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein):** This brilliant German-Jewish philosopher became a Carmelite nun who embraced the "Knowledge of the Cross." A co-patron of Europe whose feast is celebrated on 9<sup>th</sup> August, she offered her life and her martyrdom at Auschwitz for the sake of the suffering Jewish people and for the peace of the world.

**St. Maximilian Kolbe:** This Polish Conventual Franciscan, whose feast day is 14<sup>th</sup> August, was a missionary in Japan before returning to a Poland ravaged by war. Imprisoned at Auschwitz in 1941, he offered to take the place of a fellow prisoner condemned to death. John Paul II canonized him as a "martyr of charity."

### Medjugorje Evening of Prayer

The Monthly Medjugorje Mass, with Rosary, Adoration and Prayer for Healing, will take place on next Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30pm in the Oratory of St. Patrick's Parish Centre, Loughboy. All are welcome.