

Evening Prayer with Bishop Ger

You are invited to join with Bishop Ger as his Evening Prayer in preparation for his Episcopal Installation as Bishop of Ossory on 13th September when he becomes our Bishop.

Beginning at 7.30 p.m. each evening

Friday, 28th August - Church of the Assumption, Owing, Templeorum Parish.

(Oldest Church in the Diocese of Ossory 1798)
Friday, 4th September - St Kieran's Church, Seir Kieran, Co. Offaly.

A Prayer for Our Bishop-Elect

Dear Lord,

On Sunday, 13th September 2026, we will come together in Saint Mary's Cathedral for the installation of Bishop Ger Nash as Bishop of our Diocese.

In these weeks of preparation, pour out your Spirit upon him so that in his ministry you may guide him; in his care of us you may support him and that together as the people of Ossory we will realise the great hope our faith brings. St. Kieran, St. Canice, St. Fergal, and all the saints of Ossory, protect him. Amen

The Priory Institute

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Leaving Certificate Students

Heartiest congratulations to those who received Leaving Certificate results on last Friday. We hope you are pleased with your achievements and find yourself in a position to acquire the college place or work placement for which you wished and worked. Well done on all your hard work and best wishes for the future.

Book Fair in Aid of the Rise & Shine Trust

A big thank you to all who supported and volunteered during the book fair last weekend in aid to the Rise and Shine Trust. The total amount raised was €2,000. The Trust provides a pilgrimage/trip to Lourdes each Easter for young people with additional needs.

2nd Annual Charity Awareness Walk in Memory of Aislinn Nelson Comerford

The 2nd Annual Charity Awareness Walk in memory of Aislinn Nelson Comerford will be held in Dunmore Countryside Park, (R95 HD50), Castlecomer Road entrance on Saturday, 29th August at 2.00pm. All welcome, young, old and 4-legged.

All donations received will go to Thrombosis Patient Services at The Irish Heart Foundation. Online donations can be made on Just Giving, search 'Aislinn's Step Forward for Thrombosis 2.' There will be face painting, refreshments and a raffle on the day. Donations: <https://tinyurl.com/AislinnsWalk>



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**

Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time - 23rd August 2026

Season of Creation 2026: Living Water

Christians are invited to mark the Season of Creation from 1st September to 4th October, with this year's theme "Living Water" highlighting hope and care for creation.

From 1st September to 4th October, Christians around the world will come together to celebrate the Season of Creation, a special time of prayer, reflection and action for our common home.

This year's theme, "Living Water," is inspired by the beautiful vision in the Book of Ezekiel: "Wherever the river flows, every living creature that swarms will live... and everything will live where the river goes." (Ezekiel 47:9)

Ezekiel's vision comes from a time of exile and loss. Yet, into this experience of uncertainty, the prophet offers a powerful vision of hope. Living water flows from God's sanctuary, bringing healing and new life wherever it goes. Rivers are renewed, the land becomes fruitful, biodiversity flourishes and communities are restored.

This image speaks powerfully to our own time. Water is essential to all life, yet rivers, lakes, wetlands and oceans are under increasing pressure from pollution, climate change and biodiversity loss. Communities around the world are also experiencing the devastating impacts of droughts, floods and changing rainfall patterns.

The Season of Creation invites us to see water not simply as a resource, but as a gift from God and a source of life, connecting people, communities and the whole earth community. It is an opportunity to reflect on our relationship with creation and on our shared Christian vocation to protect and cherish the world entrusted to us.

St. Joseph Men's Camino

St. Joseph Men's Camino will take place on Saturday 12th September, near Drogheda, Co. Louth in the Boyne Valley. 25km – One Day – One Pilgrimage. A Pilgrimage that will test the body, enlighten the mind and strengthen the soul. Holy Mass, Adoration, Confessions, Fraternity. Walking the historic Boyne Valley route. After dinner speaker Fr Mark Quinn, founder of Men of St. Joseph Tuam Archdiocese. Cost €65 (includes lunch and dinner). Students: €55. Men aged 18+ only. Book now and find full details at: dominicans.ie.

Alliance Française

The Alliance Française in Kilkenny offers classes in French, with enrolment on Tuesday, 8th September from 7.00pm in the Club House Hotel (where the classes will be run). So, if you are a beginner and want to know what do you say after you say "Bonjour", or you want to revive your school French, or get better value from your French holiday or are good at French but need to practice it and build on that, well, there are classes for all levels. afkilkenny.org

Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

Recently Deceased: Niall Clooney, Maudlin Street. Service of Committal will take place on Sunday at 1.00pm in St. Kieran's Cemetery.
Michelle Tennyson, formerly of Newpark Close. Funeral arrangements to be confirmed.
Méabh O'Connor, Bleach Road. Requiem Mass at St. John's Church on Thursday at 12.30pm followed by burial in Foulkstown Cemetery.

Marcin Szast, Rose Hill, Kells Road and formerly of Ashfield. Requiem Mass at St. John's Church on Friday at 3.00pm followed by private cremation.

Sheila Cremin, Coachford, Co. Cork Mary Conway, Loughboy

Elizabeth Delaney, Patrick Street

Anniversaries: Jim, Betty & Seamus Canty; Betty Cassin; Seamus Brennan; Jackie Kiely (6.00pm); Tom Tobin (10.00am); Baby Gabriela Rochford; Clare Drennan (11.30am); Eleanor Connelly (7.00pm); Kitty Saunders; Jim Carroll; Catherine Kennedy; Julia Walsh; Jim Doherty; Pauline & Michael Delaney; Josie Hackett; Thomas & Mary Duggan; Natalie Hunt; John & Mary Brennan; Patrick Ruth; Dom Tynan; Shane O'Carroll.

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, 29th & 30th August

Mass	Readers
6.00pm	Mary Lynch
8.00am	Padraig O'Neill
10.00am	Elaine Bennett
11.00am	Eddie & Liz Holohan
11.30am	Kathleen Ferguson & Susan Bofin
7.00pm	Eileen Kinane



Ministers of the Eucharist
Mary O'Donovan & Peter Donnelly
Billy Phelan & Jacinta Cantwell
Siobhan McKiernan
Marian Eardley
Mary Deegan & Ava Maher
Helen Brennan & Grace Clune

Attendance/Collections Last Weekend

Envelope Collection:	€1,187.00
<u>Mass</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
6.00pm St. John's	108
8.00am St. John's	116
10.00am Johnswell	44
11.00am Dunmore	62
11.30am St. John's	202
7.00pm St. John's	155
	581
	€1,358.00

Pilgrimage to Knock

Thanks to 112 people who travelled to Knock on our parish pilgrimage on last Friday.

A great day was enjoyed by all.

A similar Knock pilgrimage has been arranged by the local Society of St. Vincent de Paul on Saturday, 12th September. Bus leaving Butts Green at 8.00am. Cost of bus €25. All are welcome. If interested, please contact Geoff on 087 255 9820.

Back to School

Best wishes to all the boys and girls from our parish who start or return at about this time. We also pray God's blessings on our teachers and staff as they begin the new academic year. We wish health, happiness and wisdom for all.

"Who do you say that I am?"

Today, Jesus bypass's public opinion and asks us for a personal answer. It is easy to talk about what *others* think of faith, or to treat Jesus like a historical figure or a distant moral teacher. But Christ wants a living relationship with **you**.

When Simon Peter answered from his heart, Jesus changed his name, revealed his true purpose, and gave him a mission. The same happens for us. When we truly acknowledge Jesus as the Lord of our lives—not just with our lips, but in our daily choices—our own identity becomes clear, and we find our true purpose. "Simon Peter said: 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.'" (Matthew 16:16)

Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 24th August 2026

Monday:	10.30am	Catherine Kennedy
Wednesday:	8.00am	Julia Walsh
Saturday:	6.00pm:	MM Mary Kelly Moll O'Leary Mary O'Brien
Sunday:	10.00am:	David & Tommy Dillon
	11.00am:	Liam Óg Maddock
	11.30am:	Eileen O'Connor Joe Doheny
	7.00pm:	Julia Walsh



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.

Rosary at St James' Green

Rosary will be recited in St. James' Green on Thursday, 27th August at 6.30pm. It is for the Pro-Life cause. All are welcome.

Poor Clares Galway - Cherished Daughters

A half-day retreat for women, 18 - 40, including Adoration and Evening Prayer will take place on 6th September from 2.00pm to 6.00pm. For booking and further information please visit cherisheddaughters.eventbrite.ie

Marriage Enrichment Weekend (2nd – 4th October)

Marriage Encounter Ireland invites married couples to a residential Weekend from Friday, 2nd to Sunday, 4th October 2026 at the Focolare Centre, Curryhills, Prosperous, Co. Kildare. Step away from daily distractions to deepen your communication, renew your love, and rediscover the joy of your marriage. www.marriageencounter.ie

Contemplative Prayer at Integritas

On Wednesday evening, 16th September at 8.00pm the contemplative prayer will resume at Integritas, Ennisnag, Stoneyford, Co. Kilkenny, R95 CR7W. For further information please contact Linda Rainsberry (Tel: 087 293 6951) | Patrick Treacy (Tel: 087 227 0969). E-mail: enquiries@integritas.ie. Website: www.integritas.ie

ALONE Volunteer Meet and Greet

Interested in volunteering in your community? Meet the ALONE team at Kilkenny Volunteer Centre and learn how you can support older people locally. Drop in for a friendly chat, ask questions and discover more about volunteering with ALONE.

Everyone is welcome, whether you are ready to volunteer or simply curious.

Tuesday, 25th August, 11.00am–1.00pm

Kilkenny Volunteer Centre, 11 Irishtown, Kilkenny, R95 KHR6

To RSVP, email info@volunteerkilkenny.ie or telephone 089 487 9940.

Thought for the Day

What we believe about God matters...

More than anything else in this world. And there is no more important time to wrestle with this than right now. In the midst of all that we are going through in our world today, we confess once again our faith and trust in Jesus, believing, with all our heart, soul, mind and strength, that he is the Savior of our world, the Son of the Living God, who promises to calm our every storm, who offers us a peace that surpasses understanding, who is eager to hear our every prayer, and who assures us that he will be with us always, even to the end of the age.

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