

Kilkenny Toastmasters Club

Kilkenny Speakers the Toastmasters Club. Our next club meetings are at 8.00pm on Tuesdays the 1st and 15th September at the Club House Hotel, Patrick Street. Develop your public speaking, presentation and leadership skills in a safe, supportive place. All welcome. No obligation to join. Admission free.

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

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

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Office: 056 772 1072; **Secretary:** Áine Butler; **Office Hours:** Mon-Fri 9.30 a.m. - 2.00 p.m.

Newsletter Deadline: Thursdays 12.00 noon

SVP Help Line: 051 350 725

Monsignor Dan Carroll: 087 907 7769

Fr Tom O'Toole: 087 224 0787

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Monsignor Michael Ryan (Retired)

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

The Diocesan Designated Liaison Person, Mr Fintan Fanning, 085 802 1633 - dlp@ossory.ie

OUR PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES ARE:

Phil Curran; Marian Eardly; Brenda Whitely.

Counselling Services - Towards Healing Confidential Helpline

1800 313 316 - www.towardshealing.ie

Roman Catholic Diocese and Parishes of Ossory - Registered Charity No. 20015831

Legion of Mary – Trip to Knock

Legion of Mary - Annual Trip to Knock Sunday 27th September. Bus leaving Butt's Green 7:00am. Please contact 086 8469011 to book a seat.

St Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa) – Feast Day 5th September

"Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier."

"Every time you smile at someone, it is an action of love, a gift to that person, a beautiful thing."

How great is the power of Prayer!

Invitation to Come, Pray and Receive Blessings during the visit of the First-Class Relics of Sts. Zelig and Louis Martin, First Canonised Couple, and their beloved Daughter St. Therese in the Carmelite Monastery Tallow P51 CC9Y from September 11th to 13th. September 11th – 4.30pm Reception of the Relics by Most Rev. Bishop Alphonsus Cullinan, Bishop of Waterford & Lismore. For further information please visit the following website – <https://theway.ie/relics-of-st-therese-and-parents-coming-to-tallow/>

Poor Clares Galway - Cherished Daughters

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

Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - 30th August 2026

A Prayer For Our Bishop-Elect

Dear Lord, On Sunday 13th September, we will come together in St Maty'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, St Fiace and all the Saints of Ossory, protect him. Amen.

This prayer is available on prayer cards at the back of our churches.

Cultural Evening — All Welcome!

Tuesday, 15th September

Our parish is home to people from many different countries, and this September we want to celebrate that richness together. We're holding a Cultural Evening, an informal gathering where people of different nationalities living in our community are warmly invited to come along, meet one another, and share a little of where they're from.

We'd love to have tables or booths representing different countries and cultures — a chance to display flags, photos, traditional dress, crafts, or even a taste of home-cooked food. Whether you'd like to host a table, help on the night, or simply come along and enjoy meeting your neighbours, everyone is welcome. We will meet at the St. John's Parish Centre (R95 P448) at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 15th September.

This is a chance for St. John's Parish to be what it's meant to be: a place where every nationality among us feels at home. If you'd like to take part or find out more, please contact the Parish Office on 056 772 1072 or stjohns@ossory.ie

Big Congratulations to St John's u12 boys

Congratulations to the St John's u12 boys' outdoor soccer team who won the Cairn Community Games national title in SETU Carlow on Sunday. Representing Kilkenny and Leinster they overcame stiff competition from Sligo in the semi final before taking the victory over Milford of Donegal in the final. Thanks to the coaches, parents, sponsors and all of those who volunteered or contributed from the parish in supporting the boys on this fantastic journey.

Side by Side Club

The Side-by-Side Club will resume after the Summer break next Thursday the 3rd of September. The Club meets every Thursday from 2.00pm to 5.00pm in the St. John's Parish Centre. Should you require any further information please contact Helen on 083 406 8148.

Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

Recently Deceased: Patricia Treacy, Lacken Drive. Reposing in Johnston's Funeral Home, Prayers at 6.30pm. Requiem Mass on Sunday at 11.30am in St. John's Church. Interment in St. Kieran's Cemetery.
James (Jim) Lawler, Old Leighlin, Carlow. John Fitzpatrick, Tommy Martin Plc.
Una Mahony, Fr Murphy Square.

Month's Mind: Mary Kelly (6.00pm)

Anniversaries: Joe Doheny; Moll O'Leary; Mary O'Brien (6.00pm); Marian Phelan Cairo (8.00am); David & Tommy Dillon (10.00am); Liam Óg Maddock (11.00am); Nellie Brophy; Julia Walsh (7.00pm); Eileen O'Connor; Geraldine Maher; Martin Shelly; William (Billy) Burke; Fr Liam Holohan; Julie Comerford; Dick Maher; Pat Wood; Edward Ryan; Louise Kealy;

*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, 5th & 6th September

Mass	Readers	Ministers of the Eucharist
6.00pm	Claire Coogan	Fiona Lavelle & Jane Feehan
8.00am	Mary Elliott	Maire Geary & Sadhbh Ní Bheargha
10.00am	Betsy Rice	Eleanor Malone
11.00am	Christy Murray & Maise Powell	Ann Hehir
11.30am	Rosemary McPhillips	Maura Hickey & Candida Finella Lobo
7.00pm	Linda O'Leary	Luke Leydon & Clodagh Butler

Attendance/Collections Last Weekend

Envelope Collection:	€670.00
<u>Mass</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
6.00pm St. John's	91
8.00am St. John's	103
10.00am Johnswell	38
11.00am Dunmore	75
11.30am St. John's	173
7.00pm St. John's	167
	647
	€1,385.00

Prayer to Saint Teresa of Calcutta

St. Teresa of Calcutta, you allowed the thirsting love of Jesus on the Cross to become a living flame within you, and so became the light of His love to all.
Obtain for me from the heart of Jesus
(mention your request here).
Teach me to allow Jesus to penetrate and possess my whole being so completely that my life, too, may radiate His light and love to others. **Amen.**

First Friday of September

Next Friday is the First Friday of September. 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.

St Michael the Archangel of Divine Mercy Mission

Fr Peter Prusakiewicz CSMA, visiting from Poland, and in association with the Knights of the Most Holy Blessed Sacrament and St Michael (Derry) 6:00 pm — Holy Mass and Homily (Talk 1) 7:00 pm — Talk 2: St Michael the Archangel of the Divine Mercy Please note that Confession is available before Mass. Also there will be a Eucharistic Healing Service and Benediction along with veneration of the first-class relic of St Faustina, Anointing with the blessed oil of St Michael, Investiture of St Michael Scapular and veneration of the sword of St Michael. All welcome St Mary's Cathedral Friday 18th September.

Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 31st August 2026

Thursday:	10.30am	Geraldine Maher
Saturday:	10.30am:	Martin Shelly
	6.00pm:	MM Josie Bolger
Sunday:	11.00am:	Mary & Dan O'Hanlon
	11.30am:	Theresa Byrne
		Michael & Michelle Reynolds



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.**

Shifting Our Perspective

In last week's Gospel, Saint Peter was praised as the "**rock**" of the Church. This Sunday (**Matthew 16:21-27**), he becomes a **stumbling block**.

When Jesus reveals that he must suffer and die, Peter protests out of a natural human desire to protect his teacher from pain. But Jesus rebukes him sharply: "**You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do.**"

We all share Peter's instinct. We naturally prefer comfort, safety, and a faith without sacrifice. Yet, Jesus is clear about the cost of discipleship: "**Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.**"

Taking up our cross is not about seeking out suffering. It is the daily, deliberate choice to lay down our ego, comfort, and desire for worldly validation to love as Christ loves. As Saint Paul urges us, we must "**not be conformed to this world**" but be transformed by renewing our minds.

When we shift our perspective from human comfort to divine love, the cross ceases to be a burden and becomes the path to true life.

Polska Msza Święta

W czwartek, 17 września o godz. 19:00, w St. Mary's Cathedral w Kilkenny odbędzie się uroczysta Polska Msza Święta.

Naszym gościem będzie wyjątkowy i bogobojny rekolekcjonista, ks. Prusakiewicz, który w niezwykle sposób przybliży nam postać św. Michała Archanioła.

To prawdopodobnie jedyna i niepowtarzalna okazja, aby spotkać się z tak wspaniałym kapłanem, a także wziąć udział w uroczystym nadaniu szkaplerza św. Michała Archanioła.

The Samaritans of Kilkenny and Carlow

The Samaritans of Kilkenny and Carlow are holding an information night in The Club House Hotel on Monday 7th September from 6 to 8pm. Have you ever wondered about volunteering with the SAMARITANS, or what exactly is expected of a listening volunteer? Then come along for a cuppa and a chat to meet existing volunteers to find out what we do and how we contribute to answering 1500 calls for help every day of the

year. We are looking for tolerant open-minded people who wish to help callers and have 3 hours to give each week, full training will be provided to all volunteers.

Alzheimer's Memory Walk

Join Alzheimer's Memory Walk, supported by Aviva, as communities come together in over 40 locations across the country to remember and honour those living with Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia, and the families who stand beside them every step of the way. This year's walk will take place in Kilkenny Castle Park on Sunday the 20th September.

Meeting Point: Meet just inside Switzer's gate on Castle Road.

Time of Walk: 11am.

Distance: 5 Km. Registrar by visiting – www.memorywalk.ie