Kilkenny Toastmasters' Club

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

Legion of Mary – Pilgrimage to Knock

Legion of Mary - Annual Pilgrimage to Knock takes place on Sunday, 27th September. Bus leaving Butt's Green at 7.00am. Please contact 086 846 9011 to book a seat.

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 6.00 to 8.00pm. 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 1,500 calls for help every day of the year.
We are looking for tolerant, open-minded people who wish to help callers and have three hours to give each week. Full training will be provided to all volunteers. Come along and find out more about our work.

Alzheimer's Memory Walk

Join Alzheimer's Memory Walk, supported by Aviva, as communities come together in over forty 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, 20th September.
Meeting Point: Meet just inside Switzer's Gate on the Castle Road.
Time of Walk: 11.00am.
Distance: 5km.
Register by visiting: www.memorywalk.ie

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)
6.00pm — Holy Mass and Homily (Talk 1)
7.00 pm — Talk 2: St Michael the Archangel of the Divine Mercy.
Confession is available before Mass. Also there will be a Eucharistic Healing Service and Benediction along with veneration of the 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.
St Mary's Cathedral Friday, 18th September.

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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-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - 6th September 2026

St. Mary's Cathedral Draw 2026/2027

A new cycle of draws will begin at the end of September, and tickets are available from the Parish Office or any of the priests. Draws take place on the last Wednesday of each month. Tickets cost €10 per month.
The outside works in the Cathedral grounds are being completed at the moment and when completed they will enhance the welcome and access for visitors to the Cathedral facilities. Your renewed support and generosity towards our Diocesan Cathedral is greatly appreciated.

Scripture Group

The St. John's Parish Scripture Group resumes its weekly meetings on Thursday, 10th at 7.30pm in the Presbytery, following our summer break. All are welcome, and no commitment is required. We look at the readings for the following Sunday and have a relaxed chat about their meaning and context, guided by the Holy Spirit.
At his weekly audience of 4th February, Pope Leo XIV said the following: *While Scripture is a text rooted in historical truth, it also contains a limitless spiritual depth that speaks to people of all times and places, communicating above all God's love and his desire to save us*.

Capuchin Friary Kilkenny Three Day Tridium

800th Anniversary of the Death of Saint Francis, 'The Transitus'
1st, 2nd and 3rd October at 10.30am – Mass: Preacher Father Joe Bulman OP
Bishop Ger Nash will celebrate Mass in the Capuchin Friary at 12 noon on 4th October, hosted by the Capuchin Friars with assistance from the local OSF fraternity and other helpers. All are welcome.

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 Fiacre and all the Saints of Ossory, protect him. Amen.

Society of St Vincent De Paul Says 'Thank You'

A sincere thank you for your generous support at our recent weekend collection in St. John's Parish. Remember the local conference can be contacted on 051 350 725 if you or anyone you know is in need.

Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

Recently Deceased: Jack Nolan, Maiden Hill, Kells Road. Requiem Mass at St Patrick's Church at 11.00am on Monday. Interment follows in Foulkstown Cemetery.
John (Jack) Donnelly, Rothe Terrace. Requiem Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral at 11.00am on Monday. Interment follows in St Kieran's Cemetery.
Michael Slattery, St Kieran's Crescent
Ann Scott, Fr Murphy Square
Ellen Hennessy, Dominic Street
Ann Lee, Stephen Street
Bill Hennessy, Cork & late of Radestown.
Joan Fitzpatrick, Kickham Street
Michael Doran, Freshford Road

Month's Mind: Josie Bolger (6.00pm). Marie Bolger (11.30am)

Anniversaries: Mary & Dan O'Hanlon; Maurice, Anna & Jack Nolan (11.00am); Teresa Byrne; Michael & Michelle Reynolds (11.30am); Catherine Carroll (7.00pm); Elizabeth O'Rourke; James (Jimmy) Dowd; Patrick Murray; John Seán Curran; Bernard & Bridget Taylor; Maureen McKiernan; Michael & Bridget Maher; John Foley; Tom Cassin; Michael Denieffe; Max Larkin; Ann McDermott; Mary Barry; Michael & Ann Coffey; Joey Downey.

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, 12th & 13th September

Mass	Readers	Ministers of the Eucharist
6.00pm	Ann Daly	Ger Daly & Martin O'Neill
8.00am	Joe Browne	Jacinta O'Connell & Rosario Frances
10.00am	Eve Brennan & Anna Ryan	Martina Manning
11.00am	Jim Kavanagh & Claire Hanrick	Pierce Lennon
11.30am	Paula Rogers & James Connolly	Kathleen Ferguson Geraldine Ruessmann
7.00pm	Joan Scott	Isabel Hayden & Kay Foley

We say a sincere thanks to all our Readers and Eucharistic Ministers.

Attendance/Collections Last Weekend

Envelope Collection: €770.00

Mass	Attendance	Baskets
6.00pm St. John's	137	266.00
8.00am St. John's	97	361.00
10.00am Johnswell	72	188.00
11.00am Dunmore	210	391.00
11.30am St. John's	345	586.00
7.00pm St. John's	103	161.00
	964	€1,953.00

Heavenly Father,
grant us the wisdom and humility
to speak your truth in love,
the courage to seek reconciliation
where there is division,
and the grace to always see your presence
living within our parish community.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Reflection: Loving Enough to Speak the Truth

This Sunday, Jesus provides a masterclass in healing relationships through honest, private dialogue. It is often easier to ignore a conflict or resort to gossip, but Christ calls us to a higher standard of community care.
True Christian love is not passive. As Saint Paul reminds us, "Love is the fulfilment of the law." Sometimes, love requires the courage to have difficult conversations wrapped in gentleness and humility. Our goal should never be to win an argument, but always—as Jesus says—to "win over" a brother or sister.
When we gather to build these bridges of reconciliation, Christ promises to be right there with us: "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 7th September 2026

Monday:	8.00am:	Elizabeth O'Rourke
Tuesday:	10.30am	James (Jimmy) Dowd
Thursday:	10.30am:	Max Larkin
Friday:	10.30am:	John Foley; Michael & Bridget Maher; Tom Cassin. Michael Denieffe
Saturday:	10.30am:	Ann McDermott & Mary Barry
	6.00pm:	John Mulhern; Mary Marnell; Bernadette Hayes
Sunday:	11.00am:	Jim, Michael Sharon & Mary Brennan
	11.30am:	Clare, Richard & Catherine Shortall Ann Holohan
	7.00pm:	Phil Fahy

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

Season of Creation 2026

Christians around the world celebrate the Season of Creation between 1st September and 4th October (the feast of St Francis) each year. This is a time to pray, reflect and act for our common home. This year we are invited to renew our sense of wonder at God's creation and to consider how our everyday choices can help care for the earth and all its inhabitants.
Let us take this season as an opportunity to give thanks for the beauty of creation, to recognise our responsibility to protect it and to work together for a more sustainable and hopeful future.
St Francis, pray for us.

A Prayer for Our Earth

All powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of our creatures.
You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. Oh God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction. Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth.

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be fulfilled with awe and contemplation, to recognise that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light. We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice love and peace.

(Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'*, 246)