

**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.

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.

Kilkenny Speakers the Toastmasters Club.

Club meetings are at 8.00pm on the first and third Tuesdays of the month 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.

The Pope's Monthly Intention for September

For the care of water – Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

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.

South Kilkenny Historical Society lecture

Date: Thursday, September 24th - **The 1926**

Census: A Treasure Trove for Local Historians

Speaker: Liz Gillis - **Time:** 8pm - **Venue:** Mulinavat Parish Hall **Admission:** €5, society members free. The release of the 1926 Census has opened an extraordinary window into life in the early years of the Irish Free State. In this talk, historian Liz Gillis explores what the census reveals about our communities. Drawing on local examples, you will hear the stories behind the statistics and see how people lived and worked a century ago.

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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-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 13th September 2026

Walking Together into a New Chapter

As we begin a new chapter in the life of Ossory and Ferns, we look forward to walking this journey together.

Bishop Ger Nash is looking forward to meeting parishioners from all thirteen pastoral areas in the Diocese of Ossory over the coming weeks and months.

These gatherings will provide an opportunity to come together, listen to one another and have an open and honest conversation about the journey ahead for our Church.

As Ossory and Ferns now share a bishop, what might this new chapter mean for our dioceses, our parishes and our communities?

What opportunities might it bring, and what challenges will we need to face together?

As we look to the future, we want to do so with hope. These conversations are an opportunity to reflect together on how we can embrace the opportunities that change brings, while also acknowledging the challenges, hopes and fears that we may carry.

Together with Bishop Ger, clergy, members of the Parish Pastoral Councils and Pastoral Area Councils, everyone is warmly invited to come along and be part of this important conversation. This Wednesday, 16th September, 2026, St Patrick's Parish Centre, Loughboy from 7.00pm to 9.00pm.

Night at the Dogs in Aid of Rise & Shine Group 174

Rise and Shine Group 174 will hold a Benefit race night in Kilkenny Greyhound Track on Friday evening the 18th September. Gates open at 6.30pm, first race at 7.30pm.

Admission €10. Accompanied children U16 Go free. All admission tickets will be entered into a Raffle on the night. Come join us for a great family fun night of thrilling racing.

Thank you for your Support!

Job Vacancy: Accord CLG Executive Director

Accord CLG is seeking an Executive Director who will be the chief executive officer of Accord CLG and be responsible for providing strategic and operational leadership across the organisation. The deadline for applications is 12 noon on Monday, 28 September. For more information, visit www.forvismazars.com/ie/en/executiverecruitment or scan the QR code.

Medjugorje Evening of Prayer

The Monthly Medjugorje Mass, with Rosary, Adoration and prayer for healing, will take place next Monday the 14th September at 7.30pm in the Oratory of St. Patrick's Parish Centre. All are welcome.

Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

Recently Deceased: Michael Barry, College Road. Funeral Prayers in Hehir's Funeral at 5.00pm on Sunday followed by removal to St. Patrick's Church. Requiem Mass on Monday at 12.30pm. Interment in Foulkstown Cemetery.

Brian McHenry, Kilkenny City. Funeral prayers in Shasby's Funeral Home at 6.00pm on Sunday. Requiem Mass at 12 noon in Foulkstown Church followed by burial in local cemetery.

Paddy Donnelly, College Road. Funeral prayers at his home at 7.00pm on Monday. Requiem Mass in St. Patrick's Church at 12.00 noon on Tuesday followed by interment in Foulkstown Cemetery.

Jim Coyne, Palmerstown, Tullaroan. Funeral prayers at Johnston's Funeral Home at 5.30pm on Sunday followed by removal to St. Canice's Church. Requiem Mass on Monday at 10.30pm followed by interment in Sy. Kieran's Cemetery.

Bridget Kearns, Kilmoganny. Aiden McDonnell, Mayo

Olive Walsh, Fatima Place Mary McGuire, Larchfield

Fr. Val Farrell, Co. Meath

Anniversaries: John Mulhern; Mary Marnell; Bernadette Hayes (6.00pm); Jim, Michael, Sharon & Mary Brennan (11.00am); Clare, Richard & Catherine Shortall; Ann Holohan (11.30am); Phil Fahy (7.00pm); Billy & Danny Cassidy; Brid Cogan; Kevin Cremin; Maureen Holden; Bridget Dooley; Anthony Murphy; Seán Hanaphy.

Ministries for Weekend, 19th & 20th September

Mass	Readers	Ministers of the Eucharist
6.00pm	Bridget Ahearn	Mary Feighery & Aisling Donnelly
8.00am	Billy Phelan	Kay Brennan & Jimmy Conway
10.00am	Cathal Bennett	Mary Pyke
11.00am	Stephanie Butler & Roger Curran	Chloe Phelan
11.30am	Mary Hanafin & Mary Lynch	Mary Ann Joyce & Bobbie Lahart
7.00pm	Anne Marie Grace	Billy Carr & Emily Bradley

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

Attendance/Collections Last Weekend

Envelope Collection:	Mass	Attendance	Baskets
6.00pm St. John's	137	251.00	
8.00am St. John's	106	297.00	
10.00am Johnswell	39	92.00	
11.00am Dunmore	98	186.00	
11.30am St. John's	161	336.00	
7.00pm St. John's	110	251.00	
	650	€1,413.00	

St John's Parish Scripture Group

This friendly and informal group meets in the Presbytery at 7.30pm each Thursday. All are most welcome to come along. We read the Scripture texts for the following Sunday's Mass, and then we have a relaxed chat about the meaning, message and relevance of each. It is an enjoyable way to spend an evening and helps us to better appreciate the Mass.

Monastic Experience Day for women

Poor Clares Galway, Monastic Experience Day for women 18-35. An opportunity to explore and experience Poor Clare life and spirituality from 10.00am to 5.00pm on Saturday, 19th September. For info and registration:

<https://poorclaresmonasticday.eventbrite.ie> or poorclares.ie/monastic-experience-days

The Most Holy Rosary

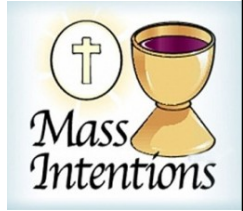
A number of parishioners gather each morning at St. John's Church to recite the Rosary at 10.10am. Some others assemble to pray the Rosary at 3.00pm each day. All are welcome to come and join in this beautiful Marian prayer.

Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 14th September 2026

Monday:	10.30am:	Billy & Danny Cassidy
Wednesday:	10.30am	Seán Hanaphy
Friday:	8.00am:	Special Intention
Saturday:	6.00pm:	Aine & Tom Dooley
		Laurence & Ann Morrissey
		Kathleen Mahony
Sunday:	10.00am:	Margaret & James Butler
	11.00am:	Michael Roche
	11.30am:	Daniel, Ger & Ann McEvoy
		Sheila Bergin
		Chris, Tommy & Billy Grace
	3.00pm:	Filipino Community Mass
	7.00pm:	Special Intention

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.



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 this 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

The Measure of Mercy

Peter asks a sensible question: "Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?" In the ancient world, forgiving seven times seemed remarkably generous. But Jesus flips the script with his reply of "seventy-seven times"—meaning a love and mercy that keeps no tally and knows no end.

To drive the point home, Jesus tells the story of a servant who begs for patience and has an impossible, life-shattering debt cancelled entirely by his master. Yet, that same servant immediately grabs a fellow servant by the throat over a tiny pittance. His inability to pass on the mercy he just received shocks the master—and mirrors our own tendency to hoard God's grace while holding tight to petty grudges.

Dovida Coffee Morning and Caregiver Recruitment Event

Dovida is a leading home care provider, supporting people to live independently in their own homes and communities. We are passionate about delivering high-quality, person-centred care while making a positive difference in the lives of our clients every day.

We are hosting a Coffee Morning in St. John's Parish Centre, Kilkenny, on Tuesday, 15th September from 10.00am to 2.00pm. Everyone is welcome to attend for a cup of tea or coffee and an informal chat. If you are interested in a rewarding caregiver role within your local community, we would be delighted to meet you, discuss the opportunities available, and answer any questions you may have. We look forward to welcoming you on the day!