

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.

South Kilkenny Historical Society Lecture

Date: Thursday, 24th September - "The 1926 Census: A Treasure Trove for Local Historians".

Speaker: Liz Gillis - Time: 8.00pm

Venue: Mullinavat 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 communities. Drawing on local examples, you will hear the stories behind the statistics and see how people lived and worked a century ago.

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, 28th September. For more information, visit: www.forvismazars.com/ic/en/executiverecruitment

St. Mary's Cathedral Draw 2026/2027

A new cycle of draws begins on Wednesday, 30th of September. Tickets cost €10 per month or €120 for the year. Tickets are available from the Parish Office, Jane in the Sacristy or any of the priests.

Loreto Secondary School, Kilkenny

The closing date for applications for a First-Year place in Autumn 2027 is 22nd October 2026. Applications: www.loretokk.ie.

An Open Night for 6th Class Girls will take place on Thursday, 24th September 2026. Tickets for the Open Night are available to book through Eventbrite via www.loretokk.ie.

Kilkenny MABS

The Money Advice and Budgeting Service is a free, confidential and independent Money Management and Advice Service. MABS assist people in dealing with their existing debt problems, who have difficulty paying a mortgage, or those facing legal action because of debt.

For more information or an appointment, contact MABS, 4 The Parade, Kilkenny, R95 V052 or telephone 0818 072610.

Counsellor / Psychotherapist

Professional and Confidential service, reasonable rates. Please contact Eileen Hanaphy M.I.A.H.I.P. Kilkenny on 06 3459826, available also evenings and weekends.

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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-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 20th September 2026

Preparing for the Priesthood

Fifteen new students have begun their training for the priesthood for the academic year 2026 – 2027. In total, there are now 74 seminarians in formation training to minister for Irish dioceses. Sadly, none of these are preparing to minister in the Diocese of Ossory.

Welcoming the new seminarian figures, Bishop Phonsie Cullinan of Waterford and Lismore, who serves as chair of the Council for Vocations of the Bishops' Conference, said, "The number of those in training for diocesan priesthood continues to rise. While the increase is modest, it is very encouraging. I believe that young men, and not so young, are discovering the personal love of Jesus Christ for them. They are not satisfied with the emptiness and shallowness of much in the culture around them. In various ways through the Church, they are hearing the call to priesthood."

Let us encourage them and continue to beg the Lord for all the graces they will need to fan into a flame the spark which has been placed in their hearts and minds.

Kilkenny Leader Partnership - Craft Event and Gathering

Next Wednesday, 23rd September, we invite older Ukrainian and Irish people to a friendly gathering where you can chat, meet new people and enjoy some time together. Refreshments and treats will be provided, along with the choice of creative activities—everyone can choose something they enjoy.

This gathering will take place in St. John's Parish Centre on next Wednesday, 23rd September from 10.30am to 12.30pm. All are very welcome

Society of St Vincent De Paul Collection

The Monthly Collection for the local conference of the Society will take place this weekend, 19th and 20th September. A sincere thank you for all your generous donations. We can be contacted on 051 350 725 if anyone is in need.

Ossory Pilgrimage to Lourdes – 2027

The dates for The Ossory pilgrimage to Lourdes in 2027 are Friday, 14th May to Wednesday, 19th May, inclusive. Details regarding costs will follow shortly. All bookings, apart from those travelling as assisted pilgrims, are to be made directly with JWT. Tel. 01 241 0800.

Dates for your Diary

First Holy Communion – Johnswell – Sunday, 16th May 2027 at 10.00am

First Holy Communion – St John's – Saturday, 22nd May 2027 at 11.00am

Parish Confirmations – Friday – 28th May 2027 at 11.00am

Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

Recently Deceased: Annmarie O'Reilly, Funeral Prayers in Johnston's Funeral Home at 6.00pm on Monday followed by removal to St. John's Church. Requiem Mass on Tuesday morning at 10.30am. Funeral afterwards to St. Kieran's Cemetery.
Margaret O'Callaghan, Boyle (Ted Bennett's sister). Reposing in Mahon's Funeral Home, Boyle on Tuesday from 4.00pm to 6.30pm with arrival to St. Joseph's Church, Boyle for 7.00pm. Requiem Mass on Wednesday at 12 noon followed by burial in Assylinn Cemetery.
Eamonn Langton, John Street Hayley Beaven, England

Months Mind: Marcin Szast (6.00pm)

Anniversaries: Aine & Tom Dooley; Laurence & Ann Morrissey; Kathleen Mahony (6.00pm); Margaret & James Butler (10.00am); Michael Roche; Daniel, Ger & Ann McEvoy (11.00am); Sheila Bergin; Chris, Tommy & Billy Grace (11.30am); Special Intention (7.00pm); The Cassin Family; Syd & Elizabeth Bluett; Shelia & Michael Delaney; Eamon Conway; Bridget Cahill; Kathleen Tobin; Daniel Butler; Thressia Thomas; Diarmaid Ryan; Ann & John Breen.

*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, 26th & 27th September

Mass	Readers	Ministers of the Eucharist
6.00pm	Mairin Bergin	Mary O'Donovan & Peter Donnelly
8.00am	Niamh Carroll	Billy Phelan & Jacinta Cantwell
10.00am	Stephen Pyke & Sean Colgan	Anna Moore
11.00am	Bernard O'Gorman & John McGourty	Mary Manning
11.30am	Anne Maria Walsh & Kay Purcell	Camilla Loader & Emily Bradley
7.00pm	Joan Galwey	Anna Morrison & Susan Bofin

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	118	210.00	
8.00am St. John's	105	258.00	
10.00am Johnswell	40	117.00	
11.00am Dunmore	70	130.00	
11.30am St. John's	180	320.00	
7.00pm St. John's	93	337.00	
	606	€1,372.00	

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.

The Installation of Bishop Ger Nash as Bishop Of Ossory

Last Sunday, 13th September 2026, Bishop Ger Nash was installed as Bishop of Ossory, in addition to his duties as Bishop of Ferns. We wish Bishop Ger every peace and blessing as he becomes Bishop of Ossory, that he may lead God's people as priest and good shepherd. Please scan the QR code for a glimpse of the celebration



*'May God give you the strength to face each day,
the courage to walk through storms,
and the wisdom to know you never walk alone.'*

Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 21st September 2026

Tuesday:	10.30am:	Requiem Mass: Annmarie O'Reilly
Friday:	10.30am:	Thressia Thomas
Saturday:	10.30am:	Diarmaid Ryan Ann & John Breen
	6.00pm:	MM Patsy Treacy Kathleen Maher Jimmy, Alice & Frances Leahy; Linda Kelly
Sunday:	11.30am:	Elizabeth Brett Marie Holohan Pat Wall
	7.00pm:	Alan Bergin Statia, Stephen & Bosco Buckley Anne Croke, Theresa Kenny



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.**

Abide Women's Conference

Abide Women's Conference, 20th — 22nd November, the Great Northern Hotel Bundoran, Co. Donegal. Speakers include Sarah Swafford, Fr Barry Braum, Fr Mark Wharton, Kimberlee WooLing, Danielle Noonan, Nashville Dominicans and more. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Fintan Gavin, from Cork and Ross Diocese. We would love to welcome you this weekend. For more details, please visit Abide in His Love at eventbrite.ie. Registration link: <https://abideinhislove.eventbrite.com>

World Mental Health Day Concert

A night of songs and stories with Tenor Paul Byrom and special guests, the Cois Nore Choir in St. Canice's Cathedral, Kilkenny on Saturday, 10th October to mark World Mental Health Day. Tickets €30 and can be purchased <https://fundraise.grow.ie/event/paul-byrom/home>

Castlecomer Male Voice Choir

On Saturday, 3rd October the Castlecomer Male Voice Choir will be joining the Gwalia Singers in St. Mary's Cathedral, Kilkenny for a spectacular night of choral music. Tickets are available now via <https://celticconcert.eventbrite.ie>
Proceeds from the event will go to Cois Nore and Dillon Quirke Foundation <https://www.facebook.com/share/19rjLLtvd/>
Tickets can also be got from Sean Butler 087 210 6854.

The Scandal of Grace

Our world runs on a strict rule: you get what you earn. That is why Jesus' Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard (Matthew 20:1-16) can feel so unsettling. A landowner pays workers hired at the eleventh hour the exact same wage as those who laboured all day in the scorching heat. Naturally, our human sense of fairness grumbles. But Jesus is not teaching economics; He is revealing the mind of God. As the first reading from Isaiah 55 reminds us, *My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways.*

God does not use a punch-card system. His grace, love, and mercy are infinite gifts—and you cannot divide infinity. Whether someone has walked with God for a lifetime or finds Him in their final hour, the reward of His kingdom is given fully. Instead of measuring our efforts against others, this Sunday invites us to drop the ledger of comparison and simply rejoice that we have been invited into the vineyard at all.
God's love is a gift, not a pay cheque.