

The Pope's Prayer 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.

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.

Loreto Secondary School, Kilkenny

The closing date for applications for a First-Year place in Autumn 2027 is 22nd October 2026. Applications can be made via the school website: www.loreto.kk.ie.

Counsellor / Psychotherapist

Professional and Confidential service, Reasonable rates. Please contact Eileen Hanaphy M.I.A.H.I.P. Kilkenny on 086 345 9826, available also evenings and weekends.

Work through what you're going through.

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 at €30 can be purchased <https://fundraise.grow.ie/event/paul-byrom/home>

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Email: stjohns@ossory.ie **Website:** www.stjohnskilkenny.com

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

Fr. Paul Kasu 087 390 5060 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

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Lay Pastoral Ministers

This weekend at St. Patrick's College, Maynooth eighteen people from our diocese begin a two year training course to become Pastoral Ministers and Catechists in the Diocese of Ossory. These volunteers have already spent one year in discernment and now begin their academic and pastoral training. In time, please God, they will be commissioned by the Bishop to work in various roles in our parishes. We invite you to pray for them as they begin their formation. We wish them well.

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 the Dillon Quirke Foundation <https://www.facebook.com/share/19rjLLtivid/> Tickets can also be got from Sean Butler 087 210 6854.

First Class Relic of St Thérèse

Human Life International Ireland: Fr Lawrence Carney (USA), international speaker and popular author, Provincial Tour of Ireland. Join us for the Leinster event at the Talbot Hotel, Stillorgan, on Monday, 28th September at 6.45pm, with a First-Class Relic of St Thérèse. Free admission.

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-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 27th September 2026

Farewell from Fr Joseph

As I confided to some of you, dear People of God, I am also a self-appointed “**Chaplain to the Swallows**”. Now that those migratory birds have stuffed their bellies and readied themselves for the journey back to Africa, I, their Chaplain, and taking my job very seriously, must now pack my bags too and follow them back home.

I wish therefore, to convey my sincerest gratitude to the Pastor Msgr. Dan Carroll, my Big Brother Priests and to you all dear parishioners for the warm welcome and support I received during my stay. Interestingly every time I have come over, I have always been exhausted to the bone but your support (a roof over my head and plenty of shepherds' pies) have always done the magic. I can't thank you enough!

This coming week I will return to Uganda to continue my work with *Radio Sapientia*, the Catholic Radio of Uganda which, among other things, advocates for peace, justice, political maturity, human rights and duties, with special consideration for children, youth, women and the family. Its tough work but I count on your moral and spiritual support. May the Lord bless us all, especially the work of our hands. *Slán go fóill.*

Yours truly, Fr. Joseph Lubula “**Chaplain to the Swallows**”

Mother of Fair Love School 1966 - 2026

60th Anniversary Mass of Thanksgiving in Mother of Fair Love School, James's Street, Kilkenny - 9th October 2026 at 12.00 noon. You are invited to join our celebration of 60 years of Education for children and young adults with special needs. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Ger Nash, Bishop of Ossory and Ferns and Father Dermot Ryan, Chairperson of the Board of Management. Past staff, students and members of the community are welcome to join us in celebrating the past and looking forward with hope to the future. Refreshments will be provided afterwards.

World Day of Migrants and Refugees

The Church has been celebrating the World Day of Migrants and Refugees since 1914. It is always an occasion to express concern for different vulnerable people on the move; to pray for them as they face many challenges; and to increase awareness about the opportunities that migration offers. In his Message for the 112th World Day of Migrants and Refugees to be observed the Sunday, 27th September 2026 on the theme “Even Just One of These Children,” Pope Leo XIV says that the cry of the displaced appeals to the conscience of all. For the Pope's full message please scan the QR code.



Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

Recently Deceased: Mary Collins, Lavistown, Clara.

Reposing in Johnston's Funeral Home, John's Green on Tuesday from 5.00pm to 7.00pm with Prayers at 6.30pm. Requiem Mass on Wednesday morning at 11.00am in St. Colman's Church, Clara.

Mai Nolan, Noremount

Constance Hennessy, (nee Brennan), Threecastles

Breda Hallahan, Waterford

Mary Comerford, Newpark

Months Mind: Patsy Treacy (6.00pm);

Michael Slattery (Tues. 10.30am);

Anniversaries Kathleen Maher; Jimmy, Alice & France Leahy; Linda Kelly (6.00pm); Pat Wall; Elizabeth Brett; Marie Holohan (11.30am); Alan Bergin; Statia, Stephen & Bosco Buckley; Anne Croke; Theresa Kenny; Stephen Buckley (7.00pm); Frank Coyne; Thomas & Michael O'Connor; Bridget O'Keeffe; Jean Murphy; Catherine O'Keeffe; Bridget Slattery; Elizabeth & Seamus Connick; Maureen Delaney.

Ministries for Weekend, 3rd & 4th October

Mass	Readers	Ministers of the Eucharist
6.00pm	Mary Lynch	Fiona Lavelle & Jane Feehan
8.00am	Padraig O'Neill	Maire Geary & Sadhbh Ni Bhearga
10.00am	Elaine Bennett	Sheila Hanlon
11.00am	Martina Brennan & Tom Keating	Gavin Phelan
11.30am	Frank & Emily Bradley	Cathy & Enda Cuniffe
7.00pm	Eileen Kinane	Helen Brennan & Grace Clune

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	121	243.00	
8.00am St. John's	103	302.00	
10.00am Johnswell	xx	120.00	
11.00am Dunmore	82	144.00	
11.30am St. John's	158	285.00	
7.00pm St. John's	108	371.00	
	572	€1,465.00	

Dates for Your Diary

First Holy Communion
Johnswell – Sunday, 16th May 2027 at 10.00am
St John's – Saturday, 22nd May 2027 at 11.00am

Parish Confirmations
Friday, 28th May 2027 at 11.00am

Please pray for the families involved.

First Friday of October

Next Friday is the First Friday of October. 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. Mary's Cathedral Draw 2026/2027

A new cycle of draws takes place next 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.

We encourage you to support St. Mary's, our Diocesan Cathedral.

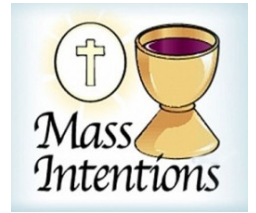


St. Vincent de Paul Collection

The members of the St. John's Parish conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul would like to thank those who contributed to their collections on last weekend. Your support is appreciated and the funds raised will be used locally. Thank you for your continued generosity. The Society may be contacted by calling: 051 350 725.

Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 28th September 2026

Monday:	10.30am	Frank Coyne
Tuesday:	10.30am:	MM Michael Slattery
		Bridget Slattery
Friday:	10.30am:	Special Intention
Saturday:	6.00pm:	John Kelly
		Philip Walsh & Margaret Dowling
		Eamon Morrissey
		Joe Cleere
Sunday:	11.00am:	MM Bill Hennessy
	11.30am:	Liam O'Gorman
	7.00pm:	Anthony Mahony



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.

Thought for the Day

This Sunday's readings invite us to examine not just what we say, but what we do. In the Gospel, Jesus tells of two sons: one who at first refused his father's request, but later went to work in the vineyard; the other who promised to go, yet never did. He reminds us: "The tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you." It is a striking, challenging truth: faith is not measured by fine words, but by lives turned toward goodness.

The first reading from Ezekiel echoes this: each of us stands before God with our own choices. The righteous who turn away from goodness will not be remembered for their past virtue; the sinner who turns back will be forgiven. No one is beyond redemption — and no one can rest on past laurels.

Saint Paul, in the second reading, calls us to have the same mind that was in Christ: humility, service, care for one another. Our parish is our vineyard — not a place of status, but of welcome and work. Every act of kindness, every prayer, every offering of time builds up our community.

This week, let us ask ourselves: when the Lord calls, do I say "yes" and walk away? Or do I stumble, but turn and go? God does not ask perfection — only willingness. Let us be the ones who, in the end, are found at work in His garden.

Kilkenny Bereavement Support

Kilkenny Bereavement Support provides free one to one listening support to people who are bereaved and are seeking to recruit volunteers. Volunteers with Kilkenny Bereavement Support are required to provide one to one support to bereaved people in our central Kilkenny location; commit one to two hours weekly at a time that suits you; attend one group supervision session each month. Volunteer induction training will be provided, and all four sessions must be attended. Saturday, 7th November 10.00am to 12.00pm, Tuesday, 10th November 7.00pm to 9.00pm, Tuesday, 17th November 7.00pm to 9.00pm, Saturday, 28th November 10.00am to 12.00pm.

If you have a strong interest in making a meaningful difference in the lives of people who have been bereaved, we want to hear from you. Phone: 086 067 0566 or Email: director@kilkennybereavementsupport.com.

"The Hired Man"

Opening on 6th October at The Watergate Kilkenny, this year's production by Kilkenny Musical Society promises to be an emotional nostalgic journey. 'The Hired Man' is a captivating musical drama written by Melvyn Bragg and based on the true story of John Tallentire and his wife Emily. Set in the rugged hills of Cumbria from 1898 to 1920s. A musical brimming with passion, epic storytelling and spectacular choral music, this is a deeply moving story of love, betrayal and community resilience. Tickets: www.watergatetheatre.com or on 056 776 1674.