Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

Recently Deceased: Sr. Nuala Reidy, Loreto Convent, Kilkenny late of Clonmel. Requiem Mass in St. Canice's Church at 11.30am on Sunday. Interment in the Convent Cemetery.
Kieran Gormly, Robertshill
Toni Riley, Newpark Lower
Karen O'Leary Deegan, Kennyswell Road
Helen Byrne, Newpark Close
Seamus Ryan, Fr Murphy Square

Month's Mind: Olive Walsh (6.00pm). Eamonn Langton (10.30am Tuesday)

Anniversaries: Kathleen Comerford; Ann, John, Elizabeth & Bernadette Delaney (6.00pm); Martin Ryan; Lena Cantwell (11.00am); Mai Malone; Joseph Morris (11.30am); Stephen Murphy; Nicholas Nicky McGrath; Frank Murphy; Bridie Brennan; Mary Moynihan; Maureen Bryan; Tommy Hackett Snr.; John Jack Cleere; Bernadette Dermody; Jimmy Walsh; Julia Burke; Billy Maher; Fr. Pat O'Farrell.

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.

Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 19th October 2026

Tuesday:	10.30am:	**MM** Eamonn Langton
Saturday:	6.00pm:	John Butler; Bridie & Dan Herlihy
		Kevin Barry
		Seán Nolan
Sunday:	11.30am:	Mollie Bergin
		Gay & May Noonan
		Ann Lacey

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.

Attendance/Collections Last Weekend

Envelope Collection: €1,140.00

Mass	Attendance	Baskets
6.00pm St. John's	151	320.00
8.00am St. John's	84	238.00
10.00am Johnswell	38	108.00
11.00am Dunmore	85	191.00
11.30am St. John's	133	254.00
7.00pm St. John's	117	279.00
	608	€1,390.00

Thank you for your continued support.

Prayer for Missionaries

Lord our God, loving Father,
we humbly pray to you for our beloved missionaries, heralds of the Gospel.
May our prayers reach their hearts that they may feel our love, our strength, our faith.
May our prayers reach their hearts that they continue with your zeal the mission you entrust them with. May their presence in their community be a reminder of your presence among us. Amen.

Ministries for Weekend, 24th & 25th October

Mass	Readers	Ministers of the Eucharist
6.00pm	Bridget Ahearn	Mary O'Donovan & Peter Donnelly
8.00am	Billy Phelan	Billy Phelan & Jacinta Cantwell
10.00am	Cathal Bennett	Eleanor Malone
11.00am	Liam Burke & Liam Maddock	Karena Phelan
11.30am	Paula Rogers & James Connolly	Kathleen Ferguson & Geraldine Ruessmann
7.00pm	Anne Marie Grace	Billy Carr & Emily Bradley

Prayers for Pope Leo

Many of us were moved last Sunday when Pope Leo shared, simply and calmly, that doctors had found a small growth on his lung. On Tuesday he had surgery at Rome's Gemelli Hospital, where part of his right lung was removed. The Vatican has since confirmed it was an early-stage lung cancer, and that the operation went well, without complications. He is expected to rest in hospital for about a week, his audiences have been cancelled until 20th October, and he still hopes to make his journey to South America in November.

Let us pray for our Holy Father this week, along with everyone in our own parish facing illness and treatment.

Lord Jesus, Divine Healer,
we place our Holy Father, Pope Leo, in your loving care.
Guide the hands of his doctors and nurses,
grant him rest, strength and peace,
and restore him to full health,
that he may continue to shepherd your people with joy.
Mary, Health of the Sick, pray for him. Amen.

Taizé Youth Programme 2027

A youth trip to Taizé in France organised by Ossory Youth will take place from Sunday, 27th June to Sunday, 4th July 2027. A week in the Taizé Community is an opportunity for reflection and contemplation and a little step back from daily life. However, bringing people together is also the essence of Taizé and it is a week of meeting young people from different countries and cultures where new friendships are made. Tens of thousands of young people from around the world, including 25 from Kilkenny, will made the trip to Taizé next year.

The programme, which runs from November 2026 to July 2027 is open to Transition year and 5th year students. Closing date for applications is Friday, 6th November. For additional information, including cost and application forms, contact Patrick Bookle, Ossory Youth at 056 776 1200, 087 212 9006 or pbookle@ossoryyouth.com.

Preparation for Marriage and Married Couples Courses 2026/27

Grásta is a voluntary group of married couples based in Ireland, who for over 25 years have been facilitating pre-marriage courses for couples getting married in the Catholic Church. Details: www.grasta.org or at info@grasta.org

Preparing for Marriage? Weekend residential courses for those preparing for marriage are available: 13-15th November 2026 and 26-28th February 2027.

Married couples' weekend residential courses are also available: 14-15th November 2026 and 27-28th February 2027.

Ossory Times

The autumn edition of the *Ossory Times* is now available in the church porches. The *Ossory Times* is a colourful, informative diocesan magazine and costs a mere €2. This month's edition features the recent installation of Bishop Ger Nash as Bishop of Ossory and introduces the new course for Pastoral ministry in our diocese. It also has pages and competitions for our young people. Make sure you pick up your copy.

South Kilkenny Historical Society

South Kilkenny Historical Society lecture. Friday, 30th October. "100 Years of the (Dreaded) Leaving Cert". Speaker: Eoin Walsh. Time: 8.00pm. Venue: Mullinavat Parish Hall (opposite St. Beacon's Church). Admission: €5, Society members free.

St. Luke's General Hospital - Annual Remembrance Mass

St. Luke's General Hospital for Carlow/Kilkenny Annual Remembrance Mass will take place on Wednesday, 21st October at 7.30pm in St. Canice's Parish Church, for the families and loved ones of patients who have died in our hospital. The Mass, organised by the End-of-Life Care Committee, particularly remembers the patients who have died between 1st September 2025 and 31st August 2026.The Mass can also be viewed on St Canice's Parish webcam. All are welcome.

Kilkenny Rape Crisis Centre

New 10-week Support Group for Adult Survivors of Childhood Sexual Abuse. During the ten weeks participants, facilitated by a qualified therapist, will have the opportunity to give and receive support. Explore building self-esteem, boundaries and healthy relationships. For further information contact Rose on 056 775 1555 or rose@kasa.ie.

Table Quiz in aid of Castlecomer Hospital

A table quiz in aid of Castlecomer Hospital will take place in Brennans Bar, Johnswell on Saturday, 24th October at 8.30pm. €40 per team and a chance to try your luck with our raffle. Come join us to support this worthy cause, great company and good craic.

Saint Martin de Porres

Novena in honour of Saint Martin de Porres in the Black Abbey, 28th October to Thursday, 5th November. Mass each day 10.30am and 7.30pm. Mass and Anointing of the Sick on Sunday, 1st November at 3.00pm. All welcome.

Anam Cara

Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on Wednesday, 21st October 2026 at 7.30pm in the Horse and Jockey Hotel, Thurles. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or how recent their death was. You do not need to register in advance.

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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-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Mission Sunday) - 18th October 2026

We Celebrate 100 Years of World Mission Sunday!

This World Mission Sunday marks the 100th anniversary of its establishment by Pope Pius XI in 1926. This centenary is an opportunity to celebrate with renewed missionary zeal. Last year, Pope Leo XIV made an appeal to us in a personal video for World Mission Sunday. His request echoed around the world: "Please help me help missionaries everywhere." That's what World Mission Sunday does: it helps Pope Leo care for the 1,130 missionary dioceses and territories under his supervision through the Dicastery for Evangelization. We are all called to be a part of this missionary work, and we have a singular means to do so: World Mission Sunday.

The second collection we take up today helps extend the Church's evangelisation work to missionary lands where the Gospel is being proclaimed for the first time, as well as to places where the Church barely exists, or is too young, too persecuted, or too poor to sustain herself. Thank you for responding to Pope Leo's call to help him help missionaries everywhere!

"What Does God Want from the Church in Ireland at this Time?"

The Working Document for the Irish National Synodal Assembly, which took place in Gormanston, Co. Meath, on Saturday 17th October 2026, has been published. Entitled "Is not this what God asks of you?" the document brings together the fruits of five years of prayer, listening and discernment along the Irish Synodal Pathway. It formed the basis for the prayer, conversation, discernment and deliberation of delegates as they participated in the National Synodal Assembly on Saturday.

But this is not a document for Assembly delegates only. The Working Document belongs within the wider journey of the Irish Synodal Pathway and reflects the voices, hopes, concerns and discernment of people and communities from across the Church in Ireland. We therefore invite everyone to read it, pray with it and reflect on the question that has accompanied the Synodal Pathway from the beginning.

Visit https://www.catholicbishops.ie/ to read the full document.

Parish Finance Committee Meeting

A meeting of the Parish Finance Committee will take place on this Wednesday at 7.00pm in the Presbytery.

St Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund

The next St Mary's Cathedral Restoration draw will take place on Wednesday, 28th October. Tickets are available from the Parish Office, or any of the priests for €10 per month.