

Mission Sunday - Next Weekend

Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday. The Holy Father invites all Catholics to support Missio – his charity for world mission – through a special collection. This day of prayer, solidarity and giving, unites Catholics worldwide to share the Good News of God's love which has the power to transform lives and heal our world. Next weekend's 2nd collection will be for the missions, or you can donate through their website, www.missio.ie or call Missio Ireland on 01 497 2035 or by cheque Missio Ireland, 64 Lower Rahminnes Road, Dublin, D06 N2H1

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 Rose on 056 775 1555 or rose@krcsa.ie

Scripture Reflection

Today's readings focus on God's care for all people. Isaiah speaks of a lavish banquet prepared by the Lord for all peoples in Jerusalem. In that same city, the Lord tells a parable of a wedding feast to which all are invited — even as they must dress in a wedding garment. The context of these lavish feasts implies God's power over hostile forces — Isaiah's banquet marks the very destruction of death itself.

The invitation has gone out to the whole world. The feast is real.

The question this Sunday puts to every soul is not "*Are you invited?*" — you are — but "*Are you coming, and are you coming prepared?*"

Medjugorje Evening of Prayer

The Monthly Medjugorje Mass, with Rosary, Adoration and Prayer for Healing will take place on next Monday, 12th October at 7.30pm in the Oratory of St. Patrick's Parish Centre. All are welcome.

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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-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 11th October 2026

Love That Lasts a Lifetime

Of all the forms of human love, the love between a man and a woman holds a special place. It can strike the heart like an arrow, swiftly and intensely. But true love doesn't stop there. It is more than a passing feeling: it is a decision, a deep commitment to the other, a journey and a covenant for life. Such love begins with the question, "*How can I love as Christ loved?*" (cf. Jn 15:12), and only in the end asks, "*What do I get out of it?*" "Love is authentic and lasting only when it reflects the splendour of God, who is love (cf. 1 Jn 4:8). (Pope Leo to Young people in Lebanon).

Marriage reveals something of God's own mystery. When a husband and wife give themselves wholly to one another, God comes alive in their midst. Their faithfulness, their forgiveness and their daily efforts to do good mirror Christ's love for his Church. In the words of St Augustine, "*In him, who is one, we are one.*"

To our young people especially: do not be afraid of the depth of this love. It isn't perfect, but it grows in the light of faith, and it is strong enough to carry you through life's difficulties. It is God's gift, patient and generous in all the ways St. Paul describes (cf. 1 Cor 13).

We see true love most clearly in Christ on the cross, who gave his life for us: "*Love one another as I have loved you. There is no greater love than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.*" (Jn 15:12-13).

(Pope Leo, "YOU CAN Love Forever")

St. Luke's General Hospital - Annual Remembrance Mass

The St. Luke's General Hospital Annual Remembrance Mass will take place on Wednesday 21st October at 7.30pm in St. Canice's 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 at sicanicesparish.ie/webcam/. All are 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. No need to register in advance.

South Kilkenny Historical Society

On Friday, 30th October will host a lecture: "100 Years of the (Dreaded) Leaving Cert".
Speaker: Eoin Walsh Time: 8.00pm Venue: Mullinavat Parish Hall. mAdmission: €5, society members free

Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

Recently Deceased: George Smyth, Castlecomer
 Anne McKillen, Bennettsbridge
 Majella McCormack, Cypress Court, Loughboy

Anniversaries: Seamus McGurran; John Butler; Annette Cummins (6.00pm); Joe Bergin; Frank & Colette Dalton (11.00am); Bridget Breda Byrne; Elizabeth Rooney (11.30am); Mary & John Cassin; Angela Clutterbuck; Tommy & Bridgie Donnelly; Carmel Hayden; Marty Ryan; Bishop Laurence Forristal.

*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, 17th & 18th October

Mass	Readers	Ministers of the Eucharist
6.00pm	Ann Daly	Mary Feighery & Aisling Donnelly
8.00am	Jo Browne	Kay Brennan & Jimmy Conway
10.00am	Eve Brennan & Anna Ryan	Siobhan McKieran
11.00am	Fiona McGeary & Anne Marie Ryan	Catherine Peters
11.30am	Rosemary McPhillips	Maura Hickey & Candida Lobo
7.00pm	Joan Scott	Isabel Hayden & Kay Foley

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

Attendance/Collections Last Weekend			A Prayer on the Feast of St. Canice
Envelope Collection:	€910.00		O God of mercy,
Mass	Attendance	Baskets	in joy and in sorrow,
6.00pm St. John's	162	368.00	turn our minds and hearts to you,
8.00am St. John's	98	357.00	and with the Abbot Saint Canice to
10.00am Johnswell	41	115.00	pled for us, grant that nothing,
11.00am Dunmore	87	160.00	in life or in death,
11.30am St. John's	115	201.00	may sever us from your love.
7.00pm St. John's	<u>93</u>	<u>238.00</u>	Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your
	596	€1,439.00	Son, who lives and reigns with you and
			the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Table Quiz in Aid of Castlecomer Hospital

A table quiz in aid of Castlecomer Hospital will take place in Brennan's 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.

October Offering Envelopes

We offer a gentle reminder that the envelopes (green in colour) for the October Stations are included in your contribution packs. We appreciate your continued support.

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.

Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 12th October 2026

Monday: 10.30am: Special Intention
 Thursday: 10.30am: Mary Cassin, John Casin & Angela Clutterbuck
 Saturday: 6.00pm: MM Olive Walsh

Sunday: 11.00am: Ann, John, Elizabeth & Bernadette Delaney
 11.30am: Martin Ryan
 Mai Malone

Joseph Morris
 Filipino Community Mass

3.00pm: 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.**

New Apostolic Nuncio to Ireland

On last Wednesday, the Holy Father Pope Leo XIV appointed His Excellency Archbishop Jan Romeo Pawlowski, Titular Archbishop of Sejny, until now Apostolic Nuncio in Greece, as the new Apostolic Nuncio to Ireland. In response to the appointment, Archbishop Eamon Martin, said, "I very much welcome today's news that Pope Leo has appointed Archbishop Jan Romeo Pawlowski as the new Apostolic Nuncio to Ireland. I pray God's blessings on Archbishop Pawlowski and look forward to meeting with him when he takes up his appointment in Ireland."

Pray for the National Assembly

With the National Synodal Assembly taking place just over a week away, the Church in Ireland is being invited to pray, reflect and seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit as delegates prepare to gather in Gormanston, Co Meath, on Saturday, 17th October.

The Assembly will bring together nominated delegates from across the country to consider the fruits of five years of prayer, listening and discernment through the Irish Synodal Pathway. A key resource for the Assembly is the Working Document, *'Is not this what God asks of you?'*, which brings together proposals developed through the seven national Working Groups. The document will provide the basis for prayer, conversation, discernment and deliberation.

The invitation is for the whole Church to engage with the document, not simply by reading it, but by praying with it and reflecting on the question that has accompanied the Synodal Pathway since 2021: *"What does God want from the Church in Ireland at this time?"*

The Assembly marks the culmination of the five-year Irish Synodal Pathway, while also opening a new stage in the Church's synodal journey. Recommendations emerging from the gathering will be received and discerned by the **bishops** of Ireland as they consider how the fruits of the process can be carried forward in the life and mission of the Church.

The Working Document is available at synod.ie/working-document-for-the-national-synodal-assembly-2026-published/.

Mad Hatter Table Quiz

Come and have fun at the Mad Hatter Table Quiz at the Orchard House, Johnswell Road at 8.30pm on Thursday, 15th October. €40 per table of four. Spot prize for best hat. Raffle prizes on the night. In aid of Group 174, Rise and Shine Trust who bring young people with additional needs to Lourdes each Easter.

St. Canice

Although not celebrated this year this Sunday is the feast of St. Canice, patron of our City. He was a 6th century saint, teacher and missionary. Founder of churches and monasteries, he helped spread Christianity across Ireland and Scotland.