Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

Recently Deceased: **Fr. James O'Halloran** SDB. Reposing in Molloy's Funeral Home, Callan from 3.00pm on Sunday with Funeral Prayers at 6.00pm followed by removal to The Church of the Assumption, Callan. Requiem Mass on Monday at 11.00am.

Jimmy McGree, Riverside Drive. Reposing at Hehir's Funeral Home on Sunday from 4.30pm with Funeral Prayers at 6.00pm followed by removal to St Canice's Church. Requiem Mass on Monday at 10.30am.

Patrick Kelly, Assumption Place. Requiem Mass in St Canice's Church at 10.30am on Tuesday.

Wieczysław Podgórski. Funeral arrangements later.

Billy Tyrrell, Meadow Way

Mary Lawlor, Johnswell

John Deasy, Glendine

Patrick Drennan, Gowran

Mary Dunne, The Sycamores

Anniversaries: Michael & Kathleen McGarry (6.00pm); Billy & Mary Fitzpatrick (8.00am); Gregory, Catherine, Joe & Ann Byrne; Sr Marian Byrne; Michael & Ellen O'Gorman; Thomas & Mary Dowling; Bobby Fitzgerald & the Fitzgerald Family; Mary Fitzgerald; Patricia Corr; Winifred O'Dwyer; Joe Phelan; Michael & Josie Noonan; John & Gay Noonan; P.J Marrinan
Nicky Dunne.

Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 1st November 2026

Tuesday:	8.00am:	Thomas & Mary Dowling
Thursday:	10.30am:	Bobby Fitzgerald & Fitzgerald Family
Friday:	10.30am:	Mary Fitzgerald
Saturday:	6.00pm:	Ann Little / Mary Mulcahy
Sunday:	7.00pm:	Rita Shannon

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, rest in peace. Amen.

Attendance/Collections Last Weekend

Envelope Collection: €1,105.00

Mass	Attendance	Baskets
6.00pm St. John's	132	197.00
8.00am St. John's	116	342.00
10.00am Johnswell	38	74.00
11.00am Dunmore	95	149.00
11.30am St. John's	173	361.00
7.00pm St. John's	72	241.00
	625	€1,364.00

Thank you for your continued support.

Annual Remembrance Mass

We are currently planning our Remembrance Mass for those of our parishioners who died during the past year. We invite relatives and friends to St. John's Church at 7.30pm on Friday, 20th November when we will call to mind in prayer those who have died since this time last year. Please inform those who live away from Kilkenny. More details later.

Ministries for Weekend, 7th November & 8th November

Mass	Readers	Ministers of the Eucharist
6.00pm	Mary Lynch	Fiona Lavelle & Jane Feehan
8.00am	Padraig O'Neill	Jacinta O'Connell & Rosario Francis
10.00am	Elaine Bennett	Mary Pyke
11.00am	Christy Murray & Maise Powell	Ann Hehir
11.30am	Mary Hanafin & Mary Lynch	Camilla Loader & Emily Bradley
7.00pm	Eileen Kinane	Helen Brennan & Grace Clune

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

First Friday of November

Next Friday is the First Friday of November. 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.

First Holy Communion Programme

We are delighted to welcome next year's First Holy Communion candidates and their families to a special enrolment Mass at St. John's Church this weekend. We would ask you to keep the children and their families in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Eucharist for the first time in May.

Come and Join in Prayerful Solidarity

Jo Jo Dullard is missing 31 years this November. Jo Jo was 21 years of age at the time of her disappearance. At the time that she disappeared, she was making her way from Dublin back home to Callan in Co Kilkenny. To mark the anniversary a walk and prayer service to remember Jo Jo will take place on Sunday, 8th November at the courtyard of Kilkenny Castle at 2.00pm walking to the missing persons' monument. This is an opportunity for all of us to gather 31 years on to ensure that Jo Jo is not forgotten and the search for her will continue.

The Painted Gospel

A Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi. The Adult Faith Development Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi will take place from the 8th to 14th March 2027. This journey led by Fr Dermot Ryan and Fr Kieran O`Shea will invite people to reflect on the art and architecture in these cities to open conversations around various aspects of the faith. Cost is €1,195pps, single room supplement €240. For further information see the poster in the church or visit the Ossory website. For bookings, please contact Kieran Troy of Myriam Tours on 057 935 5050. Email info@myriam.ie or WhatsApp 085 179 2364.

Pope Mourns Those Lost in Spanish Train Crash

Pope Leo XIV has expressed his "deep sorrow" over the tragic railway accident that occurred in central Spain on Wednesday. He sent a telegram of condolences signed by Cardinal Secretary of State Pietro Parolin and addressed to Archbishop Chaves of Toledo. In the telegram the Holy Father assured all those affected of his prayers for the eternal repose of the deceased and extended his heartfelt condolences to the families of those who have died, together with expressions of comfort and deep concern, and his wishes for the speedy recovery of the injured.

He likewise encouraged members of the rescue teams to persevere in their efforts to provide relief and assistance and imparted his Apostolic Blessing.

This weekend let us join with Pope Leo in praying for all affected by this terrible accident.

Songs of Praise at St Canice's Cathedral

On Sunday at 5.30pm there will be a Songs of Praise Service in Saint Canice's Cathedral. The Service will take place under the Peace Doves installation, a huge and immersive community art project by artist Peter Walker. 10,000 paper doves soar above the cathedral crossing, each with a handwritten message of peace, a prayer, a memory of a loved one.

On the Feast of All Saints all are welcome to come and sing favourite hymns in this glorious setting.

Our singing will be led by the Cathedral Choir with Dr Harry Meehan FRCO at the cathedral's Bevington organ.

A Great Cloud of Witnesses

St Canice's Catholic Parish will host a special exposition of more than 3,000 first class relics of saints and martyrs on the Feast of all Saints. Public veneration will take place during and after the 11.30am Mass.

Annual Novena

The annual novena in honour of Saint Martin de Porres will be held in the Black Abbey, 28th October to 5th November. Mass each day 10.30am & 7.30pm. Mass and Anointing of the Sick on Sunday, 1st at 3.00pm. All are welcome.

Parish Ministries

If you can offer your gifts in one of our parish ministries – Reader, Ministry of Welcome, Music, Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist – contact the Parish Office on 056 772 1072.

Please Return Your 'CHY3 Cert'

Thank you to all who have returned the form so far. If you haven't done so yet, it would be much appreciated if you could return the form to the Parish Office for processing. Thanks.

Mass for Deceased Bishops, Priests and Religious

Bishop Ger will celebrate a Memorial Mass for deceased Bishops, Priests and Religious of Ossory on Sunday, 8th November 2026 in St Mary's Cathedral at 5.30pm. All are welcome.

Prayer for the Month of November

Lord Jesus, may I never doubt your guiding presence and your merciful love towards me. Through the gift of your Spirit fill me with courage and persevering faith to trust you in all things and in every circumstance, I find myself. Give me the strength to cling to your promises when the word around me begins to shake or crumble and when my love and zeal begin to waver, fan into my heart a flame of consuming love and dedication for you who are my all. Amen.

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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

All Saints – 1st November 2026

The Solemnity of All Saints

This Sunday we celebrate the feast of All Saints, a day that gently reminds each of us that we are all called to holiness. And the path to holiness is not hidden. Jesus has already shown it to us in the Beatitudes.

In our first reading from the Book of Revelation, St. John is given a beautiful glimpse of heaven: a vast crowd, too many to count, standing before the throne of God in white robes. These are the saints of every age, gathered "from every nation, race, tribe and language." What a lovely reminder that God's family knows no borders. As Catholics, we cherish the dignity of every person, whatever their country, language, or culture. We do this not because the world tells us to, but because this is how God Himself sees His children.

In the second reading, St. John tells us something truly wonderful: we are *already* children of God through our baptism. Even now, in the ordinary days of our lives, God is preparing us to see Him face to face one day.

Then, in the Gospel, Jesus goes up the mountain and describes the life of a saint in the Beatitudes. This is the very road walked by so many holy men and women: young St. Carlo Acutis, St. Maximilian Kolbe, St. Teresa of Calcutta, and St. Oscar Romero, to name just a few.

So let this feast fill us with hope. The saints were not superheroes living lives far beyond our reach. They were baptised Christians like you and me who, with God's grace, said "yes" to the life Christ offered them. That same invitation is held out to each one of us, in every pew, every single day of our lives.

Vatican News

Pope Leo XIV has become Papal Confrater of the College of St George at St George's Chapel, Windsor, with the approval of King Charles III, the Dean and Canons of Windsor announced on Friday, 23rd October. According to the announcement, the appointment represents "a visible sign of spiritual fellowship, ecumenical friendship and Christian fraternity". It recognises the centuries-old relationship between the College and Chapel of St George and the Holy See, as well as progress in relations between the Catholic Church, the Church of England and the Anglican Communion.

The appointment also reflects the mutual esteem between Pope Leo XIV and King Charles III and their shared desire for Christian unity, the announcement states. More information on www.vaticannews.va