## Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

**Recently Deceased**: Lee Heffernan, Old Callan Road and late of Newpark Close
Fr Tom Cody, Diocese of St Augustine, Florida and late of Glenmore
Eddie McCall, Florida and late of Ballybought Street
John Sherlock, Thomastown John O'Leary, Kilmuckridge

**Anniversaries:** Ann Little; Mary Mulcahy (6.00pm); Walter Tallis (11.30am); Rita Shannan (7.00pm); Willie Maher; Stephen & Josephine Deegan; Bobby Fitzgerald & Family; Josephine, Michael & Mary O'Driscoll; Greg Moynihan; Kit & Michael Corr; Patricia Lewis; Tereance Doherty; Agnes Byrne; Margaret, Patrick & Nora Doran; Sean Barry; Paddy, Catherine & Michael Delaney.

## Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 9th November 2026

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| Tuesday: | 8.00am: | Stephen & Josephine Deegan |
| Thursday: | 10.30am: | Bobby Fitzgerald & Fitzgerald Family |
| Friday: | 8.00am: | Josephine, Michael & Mary O'Driscoll |
| Saturday: | 6.00pm: | **MM** Clare Murphy / **MM** Helen Byrne |
| | | Seamus & Breda Murphy |
| | | Damien & Lily Dowling |
| Sunday: | 10.00am: | James Butler |
| | 11.30am: | Carl Widger |
| | 7.00pm: | Michael Dooley |
| | | Deceased Members & Staff of Kilkenny Co-op Livestock Mart |

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: €615.00

| Mass | Attendance | Baskets |
|---|---|---|
| 6.00pm St. John's | 114 | 205.00 |
| 8.00am St. John's | 95 | 358.00 |
| 10.00am Johnswell | 35 | 71.00 |
| 11.00am Dunmore | 56 | 99.00 |
| 11.30am St. John's | 157 | 312.00 |
| 7.00pm St. John's | 90 | 198.00 |
| | 547 | €1,243.00 |

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 |
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| 6.00pm | Claire Coogan | Ger Daly & Martin O'Neill |
| 8.00am | Mary Elliott | Kay Brennan & Jimmy Conway |
| 10.00am | Betsy Rice | Anna Moore |
| 11.00am | Jim Kavanagh & Claire Hanrick | Pierce Lennon |
| 11.30am | Frank & Emily Bradley | Cathy Cunniffe & Enda Cunniffe |
| 7.00pm | Linda O'Leary | Luke Leydon & Clodagh Butler |

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

## JoJo Dullard Remembrance

JoJo Dullard is missing 31 years this November. JoJo 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 JoJo will take place on Sunday, 8th November at the courtyard of Kilkenny Castle at 2.00pm walking to the missing persons' monument.

## Medjugorje Evening of Prayer

The Monthly Medjugorje Mass, with Rosary, Adoration and Prayer for Healing, will take place on Monday, 9th November at 7.30pm in the Oratory of St. Patrick's Parish Centre.

## Anam Cara Monthly Meeting

Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on Wednesday, 18th November at 7.30pm in Horse and Jockey Hotel, Thurles.

## The Painted Gospel

A Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi. The Ossory 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.

## Carmelite Open Day

A Day of Prayer, Reflection and Sharing with the Carmelite Friars and Nuns will take place on Saturday, 21st November from 10.30am to 4.30pm in the Avila Retreat Centre, Donnybrook, Dublin D04 YF66. Cost: Free. Light lunch included. Register by 15th November.
For more information: Nuns: www.carmelites.ie, Friars: www.ocd.ie.

## Advent Retreat - Friday, 27th November – Sunday, 29th November 2026.

Come away and rest awhile in the beautiful landscape of Kiltegan, Co. Wicklow. We invite you to join us at Slí an Chroí in the grounds of St. Patrick's Missionary Society, as we pause to reflect and celebrate a moment in time on your unique journey.
Advent is a special time of reflecting on our transition from the past to the future that God holds for us. May this be a moment of grace for you as we all await the celebration of new life. For enquiries, contact Michèle at slianchroi@spms.ie or phone 089 469 0508. Price: €315.00.

## Women's Conference 2026

From 20th to 22nd November join hundreds of women at the Great Northern Hotel, Bundoran, Co. Donegal for our third Abide Women's Conference. Speakers include Sarah Swafford, Danielle Noonan, Kimberlee Woo Ling, Fr Oisín Martin CFR, Fr Barry Braum, the Nashville Dominican Sisters, Fr David Nugent and Fr Mark Wharton, with Holy Mass celebrated by Bishop Fintan Gavin. A beautiful weekend of faith, celebration, healing and joy! Register on Eventbrite: Abide in His Love.

## 'Sleepathaon' for the Homeless

Cllr Joe Malone, Cathaoirleach of Kilkenny County Council, invites you to sleep out in solidarity and help raise funs for the Good Shepherd Centre. The sleep out will take place at the Hurlers' Monument, Canal Square from Friday, 20th November at 8.00pm until Saturday, 21st November at 8.00am. All donations greatly appreciated.

### November Offering Envelopes

The November Offering Envelope Contributions are now due. The envelope can be found in the box that you received at the end of last year. Thank you to those who have returned your November Offering envelope already. These contributions go towards the income of our bishop and priests. Your generosity is much appreciated.

We invite those who are new to the area and who would like to register as part of our St. John's Parish Community to call to the Parish Office or telephone 056 772 1072.

### Blessed Fulton Sheen - An Irish Connection

The Church has recently beatified a bishop with strong links to Ireland. Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen (1895-1979), the celebrated American preacher, writer and pioneer of Catholic radio and television, was beatified in St Louis, Missouri, last September. For Irish Catholics there is a special connection. Fulton Sheen was the grandson of John and Mary Fulton from Croghan, Co. Roscommon, who emigrated to Illinois. His Irish heritage remained important to him throughout his life.

Archbishop Sheen became one of the best-known Catholic voices of the twentieth century. Through radio and his enormously popular television programme "Life Is Worth Living", he brought the Christian message into millions of homes. His preaching combined a deep love of Christ with devotion to the Eucharist and Our Lady. His beatification is an invitation to rediscover his simple conviction that holiness is possible in ordinary life and that modern means of communication can be used to proclaim the Gospel.

For us in Ireland Blessed Fulton Sheen's Roscommon roots give us another reason to celebrate and to ask his prayers: Blessed Fulton Sheen, pray for us!

### Mass for Deceased Bishops, Priests and Religious

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

**Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – 7th November 2026**

### "Stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

This Sunday's first reading from the Book of Wisdom opens with a quietly stunning image: Wisdom herself is already at the gate, waiting for those who seek her. She does not hide from the earnest heart. But she must be sought — and that seeking requires a soul that is awake.

St. Paul, in the second reading, speaks directly to every family that has lost someone they love: "to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope." Grief is not forbidden - it is human and holy. But Christian grief is never the final word. Because Jesus rose from the dead, those who have "fallen asleep" in Him have not vanished. They have gone ahead.

The Gospel brings the same truth into sharp focus. In the Parable of the Ten Bridesmaids, five keep their lamps burning and enter the wedding feast. Five do not. The difference is not talent, wealth, or status - it is preparation. The oil in those lamps, the Fathers of the Church tell us, is the interior life of grace: charity, prayer, the sacraments, fidelity lived day after day. It cannot be borrowed at the last moment. It must be cultivated now.

November reminds us, through the memory of those we have lost, that the Bridegroom is coming. The question put before every heart today is simply this: Is the lamp still burning?

### Ministers of the Word

If you would consider serving as a Ministers of the Word (Reader) in St. John's Parish, please give your name to one of the priests or contact the Parish Office on 056 772 1072.

### Cois Nore Candlelight Concert

Cois Nore will hold a Candlelight Concert in St Mary's Cathedral, on Saturday, 5th December at 8.00pm. Performers include Niamh Sheehy, Cois Nore Choir, Orlaith Mulholland and Kilkenny Community Orchestra. Tickets €20, (€15 for U16s). Tickets available coisnorecandlelight.eventbrite.ie and from Cois Nore House on the Waterford Road.

### Society of St Vincent De Paul Collection

The Monthly Collection for the local conference of the Society will take place next weekend, 14th and 15th November. We can be contacted on 051 350 725 if anyone needs assistance.

### Pope Leo's Monthly Intention - For the proper use of wealth

Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service of the common good and solidarity of those who have less.