## Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

**Recently Deceased**: Kathleen Cody, Meadow Way. Requiem Mass on Wednesday at 11.30am in St John's Church.
Liam Stapleton, St Francis Terrace. Requiem Mass on Tuesday at 11.00am in Cathedral.
Tom Dunne, The Sycamores. Requiem Mass on Wednesday at 10.30am in St Canice's Church.
Elizabeth (Lil) Downey, Cashel Downs. Requiem Mass on Sunday at 2.00pm in Conahy.
Jim Tynan, Glendine Heights  Statia Byrne, Jenkinstown  Dermot Butler, Dunmore

**Months Mind**: Clare Murphy (6.00pm)  Helen Byrne (6.00pm)
Lila Porteus (10.30am Saturday, 21st)

**Anniversaries:** Seamus & Breda Murphy; Damien & Lily Dowling (6.00pm); James Butler; Mary Theresa & Jimmy Butler (10.00am); Carl Widger (11.30am); Michael Dooley; Deceased Committee Members & Staff of Kilkenny Co-op Livestock Mart (7.00pm); Tony Milea; Jim Fogarty; Dan McEvoy; Josephine Browne; Michael Gibbons; Jack & Kavanagh Family; Peter Blanchfield; Fr Tom Murphy; Fr Pat Comerford; Joseph (Joe) Murphy; Seamus Loughman.

## Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 16th November 2026

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Tuesday: | 8.00am: | Tony Milea |
| | 10.30am: | Jim Fogarty |
| Wednesday: | 11.30am: | Requiem Mass - Kathleen Cody |
| Thursday: | 10.30am: | Dan McEvoy / Josephine Browne |
| Saturday: | 10.30am: | **MM** Lila Porteus |
| | 6.00pm: | Seán Walsh & Rebecca Ashmore |
| Sunday: | 10.00am | Jim Brophy |
| | 11.30am: | Maura Leahy |
| | 7.00pm: | Stephen, Statia, Bosco Buckley; Anne Croke; Rita O'Donnell Theresa Kelly; Stephen Buckley. |

## Attendance/Collections Last Weekend

Envelope Collection: €615.00

| Mass | Attendance | Baskets |
|---|---|---|
| 6.00pm St. John's | 180 | 205.00 |
| 8.00am St. John's | 99 | 358.00 |
| 10.00am Johnswell | 37 | 71.00 |
| 11.00am Dunmore | 79 | 99.00 |
| 11.30am St. John's | 144 | 312.00 |
| 7.00pm St. John's | 94 | 198.00 |
| | 633 | €1,243.00 |

Thank you for your continued support.

## November Offering Envelopes

The November Offering Envelope Contributions are now due. 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 become part of our St. John's Parish Community to call to the Parish Office to register (056 772 1072).

## Ministries for Weekend, 21st November & 22nd November

| Mass | Readers | Ministers of the Eucharist |
|---|---|---|
| 6.00pm | Ann Daly | Mary Feighery & Aisling Donnelly |
| 8.00am | Jo Browne | Billy Phelan & Jacinta Cantwell |
| 10.00am | Eve Brennan & Anna Ryan | Sheila Hanlon |
| 11.00am | Stephanie Butler & John McGourty | Chloe Phelan |
| 11.30am | Kathleen Ferguson & Susan Bofin | Mary Deegan & Ava Maher |
| 7.00pm | Joan Scott | Isabel Hayden & Kay Foley |

## Red Wednesday – Day of Witness to Those Persecuted for their Faith

Aid to the Church in Need is an important organization in our Church. At the request of Pope Pius XII in 1947 ACN was founded in Germany as a Catholic charity for war refugees. The charity has grown over the years and expanded its work. Today it is present in 23 countries giving support to over 6,000 projects through prayer, generosity and volunteering work.
Every year the ACN hosts a Week of Witness and since 2016 the Wednesday of this week has become known as 'Red Wednesday'; red is the liturgical colour of the feast of martyrs, representing the blood of those who suffer death for their faith. More Christians have been killed because of their faith in Christ in the last century than the previous 1,900 years of Christian history. Come to celebrate Mass on Wednesday and join us in standing with the persecuted in prayerful solidarity. More information available at www.acnireland.org/

## Celebrate – The Feast of Christ the King - Fall Afresh on Us!

On Sunday, 22nd November from 2.00pm to 5.00pm in the Tower Hotel Waterford we will have an opportunity to 'come apart and rest a while,' to deepen our relationship with the Lord Jesus, the King of Kings through prayer, praise, scripture, talks, sharing and prayer ministry. All welcome. Further info: Sile 086 859 0394 or Tom 087 270 1311.

## 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.

## 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 D04YF66. 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, please contact Michèle at slianchroi@spms.ie or phone 089 469 0508 Price: €315.00.

## Cois Nore Candlelight Concert

Cois Nore will hold a Candlelight Concert in St Mary's Cathedral, on Saturday, 5th December at 8.00pm, doors open 7.30pm. Tickets €20 adults, €15 for u16s. Tickets can be bought online via coisnorecandlelight.eventbrite.ie and from Cois Nore House on the Waterford Road.

## A Prayer by the Graveside

O Lord of life and hope,
as I stand at this grave, I remember with love (Name…).
Thank You for the gift of them in my life. I have been truly blessed by their presence, their words and actions, and their love. The pain of their loss is a reminder of the depth of the bond we shared.
Give me the strength and courage, O Lord, to leave them in your care. Help me to realize that the distance between us now is not so great and that one day, I will be reunited with them in heaven, sharing in Your promise of eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### ‘Aislinn’s Step Forward for Thrombosis’ Memorial Awareness Walk

The family of Aislinn Nelson Comerford would like to offer their heartfelt thanks again this year to everyone who joined them on Saturday, 29th August for ‘Aislinn’s Step Forward for Thrombosis’ memorial awareness walk at Dunmore Countryside Park. A special thank you also goes to all who made contributions, whether online or on the day itself. The turnout was truly wonderful, it meant so much to our family and demonstrates that Aislinn is still very much in people’s thoughts. We are immensely grateful that together this year we have raised €6,300 for the Irish Heart Foundation, this will go towards increasing awareness of thrombosis in the hope that it may help prevent other families from experiencing the heartbreak we have endured. We would also like to acknowledge those who could not be there on the day but kindly sent their apologies and still made contributions or offered words of encouragement. Your support has been greatly appreciated. It is our hope that this time next year we can again gather for another walk in Aislinn's memory, continuing our annual tradition.

*The Comerford and Nelson Families*

### ‘Sleepathon’ for the Homeless

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

### Anam Cara Monthly Meeting

Anam Cara, monthly Parent Support Evening on Wednesday, 18th November at 7.30pm in the Horse and Jockey Hotel, Thurles.

### St. Mary’s Cathedral Restoration Fund

This month’s draw will take place on Wednesday, 25th November. Tickets are available from the Parish Office, or any of the priests of St. John’s Parish. Please support our cathedral.


**Address:** St John’s Presbytery, Dublin Road, Kilkenny. R95 ND2W

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

**Office:** 056 772 1072; **Secretary:** Áine Butler; **Office Hours;** Mon-Fri 9.30am - 2.00pm

**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**

Phil Curran; Marian Eardly; Brenda Whitely

**Counselling Services - Towards Healing Confidential Helpline**

1800 313 316 - www.towardshealing.ie


**Roman Catholic Diocese and Parishes of Ossory - Registered Charity No. 20015831**


# 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**

**Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – 15th November 2026**

### We Welcome Bishop Ger Nash

As part of a pastoral initiative our new bishop is visiting all of the parishes in the Diocese of Ossory. We are delighted to welcome Bishop Ger to St John’s Parish this weekend. Allowing for Bishop Ger’s busy schedule in two dioceses it is wonderful that he can celebrate Mass in St John’s Church at 6.00pm on Saturday and in Dunmore at 11.00am on Sunday. Please God he will be able to join us sometime soon to celebrate the other scheduled Masses in our parish. Bishop Ger is looking forward to joining us on Saturday and Sunday and hopes to greet the congregations after the Masses. We join in welcoming him.

### Parish Remembrance Mass - Next Friday

Our annual Parish Remembrance Mass will take place St. John’s Church at 7.30pm on next Friday, 20th November when we will call to mind in prayer our loved ones who have died. Please invite your relatives, neighbours and friends. Special mention will be made of those 86 souls who passed away since this time last year. The Mass will be available worldwide on our parish webcam at stjohnskilkenny.com and locally on our parish radio link at 106.8fm.

### Gathering of Special Ministers of the Eucharist and Readers

We invite all our Special Ministers and Readers to gathering in the Parish Hall on next Wednesday evening. The get-together will include a short period of prayer and reflection, some light refreshments and some time for a chat. Please try to join us.

### Eucharistic Do This in Memory

Next weekend, as part of our *Do This in Memory Programme*, it’s a great pleasure to welcome the children who are preparing for First Holy Communion and their families to our 6.00pm Mass. 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.

### Collection for the Ossory Priests’ Society

The Ossory Priests’ Society is charged with making suitable financial provision for the care of the priests in the Diocese of Ossory in sickness and old age. The annual collection for this good cause takes place on next weekend, the Feast of Christ the King, 21st / 22nd November. A contribution to the Ossory Priests’ Society collection is an opportunity to show appreciation for the many years of service our sick and retired priests have given to God and to His people throughout the Diocese of Ossory. Your support is very much appreciated.