Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

Recently Deceased: May McEnroe, John's Quay
Grace Flynn, Bishop Birch Place
Kathleen Cody, Meadow Way
Ned Delaney, Friary Street
Dick Keoghan, Ashfield & Threecastles
Liam Stapleton, St Francis Terrace
Tom Dunne, The Sycamores
Carrie Flynn (née Comerford), Newcastle West and late of Radestown

Anniversaries: Seán Walsh; Rebecca Ashmore (6.00pm); Jim Brophy (10.00am); Maura Leahy (11.30am); Stephen, Stastia & Bosco Buckley; Anne Croke; Rita O'Donnell; Theresa Kelly & Stephen Buckley (7.00pm); Michael & Margaret Smullan; Mary & Andy Brennan; Kim Egan; John Darcy; Edward (Ned) Lawless & Deceased Family Members; Hannah Byrne; Kitty & Jack Hennessy & Deceased Family Members; Patrick J. Crotty. The Dooley Family; Ann & Patrick Nolan; Margaret Guilfoyle; Theresa Parkinson & Family; John Kennedy & Family; Peig & Jim McAndrew; James Delaney; Jack McDonald; Margaret Thornton; Michael Kearney; John Madigan.

Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 23rd November 2026

Monday:	10.30am:	Edward Ned Lawless & Deceased Family Members in Conahy
Wednesday:	10.30am:	Hannah Byrne
Saturday:	10.30am:	Kitty & Jack Hennessy & Deceased Family
	6.00pm:	**MM** Mary Lawlor / Liam Leydon
		Smithwick's Brewery Deceased Members
Sunday:	11.00am	The Sullivan Family
	11.30am:	Kathleen, Micko & Stephen Slattery
		Larry & Dick O'Shea
		Helen Purcell
	7.00pm:	Ollie Bergin / Helen Butler

Attendance/Collections Last Weekend

Envelope Collection: €760.00

Mass	Attendance	Baskets
6.00pm St. John's	172	258.00
8.00am St. John's	85	245.00
10.00am Johnswell	xx	121.00
11.00am Dunmore	71	135.00
11.30am St. John's	184	445.00
7.00pm St. John's	148	423.00
	660	€1,627.00

Thank you for your continued support.

Collection for the Ossory Priests' Society This Weekend

The Ossory Priests' Society annual collection takes place this weekend, the Feast of Christ the King. 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.

Ministries for Weekend, 28th November & 29th November

Mass	Readers	Ministers of the Eucharist
6.00pm	Bridget Ahearn	Mary O'Donovan & Peter Donnelly
8.00am	Niamh Carroll	Maire Geary & Sadhbh Ni Bhearga
10.00am	Cathal Bennett	Monica Colgan
11.00am	Bernard O'Gorman & John McGourty	Mary Manning
11.30am	Paula Rogers & James Connolly	Maura Hickey & Candid Finella Lobo
7.00pm	Anne Marie Grace	Billy Carr & Emily Bradley

Ossory Youth Ministry Team – Advent Youth Mass

The Ossory Youth Ministry Team invites young people, families, and the wider community to join us for a special Advent Youth Mass on Sunday, 29th November 2026, the First Sunday of Advent.

The Mass will take place in St. Canice's Catholic Church, Dean Street at 11.30am and will be a wonderful opportunity for young people to come together in faith, prayer, and celebration as we begin the Advent season and prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ. Music for the celebration will be provided by students from local secondary schools, bringing their gifts and talents to enhance the liturgy and create a joyful and prayerful atmosphere.

All are warmly welcome to join us as we begin our journey through Advent together.

Ossory Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

The 2027 Ossory Annual Pilgrimage will take place from Friday, 14th May to Wednesday 19th May 2027 inclusive. Book directly with Joe Walsh Tours on 01 241 0800. Details of fares will be available shortly.

Kilkenny Stroke Support Group

Kilkenny Stroke Support Group meets next Friday 27th November from 2.30 to 4.00pm, at Tuinscint meeting rooms, at the St Canice's Hospital Complex, Kilkenny. Meetings are open to stroke survivors and carers, are informative and social. Information 087 781 4697.

Youth 2000 Christmas Retreat | 11th-13th December 2026

Calling all young people aged 16–35! Join us at the Youth 2000 Christmas Retreat in Newbridge College, Co. Kildare. This is a donation-only event, with free buses available across the country and all meals included. Expect inspiring talks and workshops, Mass, music, prayer, and plenty of opportunities to chill out and meet other young Catholics. Whether you are new to the faith or looking to be refreshed, all are welcome. To register or find out more, visit youth2000.ie or follow @Youth2000Ireland.

May They Rest in Peace

In our Catholic tradition of remembering the dead we are living out our faith in the fact that we belong to a community that goes way beyond our family, our school or our parish. We belong to a community that reaches beyond the grave, and which reminds us that: "Love never ends" (1 Cor 13:8). This is a community that invites us to know that in times of great sadness we are never alone, that we are linked to one another through an unbreakable bond of love.

These November days are days of great hope and love because they invite us to think about how blessed we have been in the family members and friends who have gone before us.

These days also allow us to feel the pain of our loss, something we must do if we are to grieve properly. Jesus knows our pain and wants us to find our peace in him. These days also encourage us not only to pray for our departed friends but also to pray to them, knowing that through our faith we are linked by a love that never ends.

Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed

Parishioners, neighbours and friends gathered in St John's Church on Friday evening for our parish's annual celebration in memory of relatives and friends who have died. We were blessed with a large congregation and prayed for all our beloved dead, with special mention of the 86 people who have died since this time last year. May they rest in peace.

Thank you to all who prepared our liturgy and to those who participated on the evening. As November draws to a close let us continue to pray for all who have gone before us in faith.

The Holy See at COP31

You could ask why the Vatican would be at COP31. An 11-person Holy See delegation at COP31, led by Cardinal Parolin, sees its role as bringing moral and ethical perspectives into the negotiations, based largely on Pope Francis' 2015 encyclical, *Laudato Si'*, on Care for Our Common Home. The delegation has emphasized raising the voices and experiences of vulnerable communities who bear the worst impacts of more extreme storms, droughts and wildfires due to climate change.

The Vatican and Catholic organisations have repeatedly stated it is immoral and unjust that communities and countries who have contributed the least to greenhouse gas emissions suffer the most from their impacts. They have called on wealthy nations to repay their "ecological debt" to the Global South by providing financing and resources to assist in reducing emissions and building resilience to climate impacts.

St. Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund

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

Ireland's Next Census

Ireland's next census will take place between 5th April and 9th May next year. To help us carry it out we are recruiting 3,850 Census Field Support Officers all over the country. This competition will open on Monday, 23rd November and applications will be accepted online at census.ie. For further details please visit census.ie

Divine Will - Day Retreat

A Divine Will day retreat will take place on Wednesday, 2nd December from 10.45am to 5.30pm in the Woodford Dolmen Hotel, Kilkenny Road, Carlow, R93N207. Speaker: Tony Hickey. The gift of living in the Divine Will as presented in the writings of the Servant of God Luisa Piccarreta. Registration fee: €25. To book: Contact Maria on 086 102 0741.

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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

Christ, King of the Universe – 22nd November 2026

The Feast of Christ the King

The feast of Christ the King is less than a century old. It was instituted by Pope Pius XI as a somewhat political move. It was a time when the Pope was called "the prisoner of the Vatican;" he was not free to travel since there was no political relationship with the Italian government after the unification of Italy and the seizure of the Papal States.

It was also a time of growing nationalism and secularism in Europe, and the Pope was insisting that the Church had a right to freedom and immunity from the state, that leaders of nations must give respect to Christ, and so that the faithful must let Christ reign in their lives.

The feast was originally the last Sunday of October, but Pope Paul VI moved it to the last Sunday of the liturgical year, which changed its focus somewhat. In between the late Sundays of Ordinary Time and the First Sunday of Advent, all of which have readings focusing our attention on the end times. Taken together, the second reading and the gospel of this Sunday spans Christ's reign from beginning to end. St. Paul speaks of Christ as the firstborn of creation, in whom "were created all things in heaven and on earth, the visible and the invisible." In the gospel, Jesus promises the repentant thief that he will be with Christ in paradise. So, Christ spans the whole of time, from the beginning of creation until the end of time. Christ the King, of Heavan and Earth, the beginning and the end, the Alpha and the Omega, of all that is, that was and will be.

Dunmore Cake Sale

Join us for our Annual Christmas Bake Sale on Sunday, 6th December after the 11.00am Mass in Dunmore. Please drop baked goods and raffle prizes into the Community Hall before Mass. Everyone is very welcome to come along for a cuppa and refreshments after the Mass.

Society of St Vincent De Paul Says Thank You!

A sincere thank you for all who contributed generously to last weekend's Society of St Vincent de Paul Collection. Please remember the local conference can be contacted on 051 350 725. The Christmas Appeal will take place on the weekend of the 12th and 13th December.

Readers Rota - St John's Church and Johnswell Church

The readers' rota for the coming year is available for collection in the sacristies in St John's Church and Johnswell Church. Thanks to all who undertake this very important ministry in our parish. Your commitment is appreciated