

All Saints Pastoral Area Parishes - Aghaviller, Ballyhale & Mullinavat

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Ballyhale, Knocktopher & Knockmoylan Parish Newsletter

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Please submit items for Parish Newsletter by Friday 9 a.m. please

World Mission Day – Collection This Sunday, 18th October 2026

This weekend we celebrate World Mission Sunday, the Holy Father's annual appeal to support overseas mission and missionaries. In the poorer and more remote countries of Africa, Latin America and Asia, it is the missionaries who are on the front line. Our support of our Missionaries will provide them with essential aid to help them to relieve suffering and distress. Please call Missio Ireland 01 4972035 or go to www.missio.ie for further information. Thank you for your support.

Prayer Of Pope Leo XIV For The 100th World Mission Sunday, 18th October 2026

Holy Father, make us one in Christ, rooted in his love that unites and renews. May all members of the Church be united in mission, docile to the Holy Spirit, courageous in bearing witness to the Gospel, proclaiming and daily embodying your faithful love for all creatures. Bless all missionary men and women, support them in their efforts, and watch over them in hope! Mary, Queen of Missions, accompany our work of evangelization in every corner of the earth: make us instruments of peace, and grant that the whole world may recognize in Christ the light that saves. Amen.

Pope's Monthly Intention – October

Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

Autumn Collection

The Autumn Collection for our Priest is due around this time. Thank you for your generosity.

Taizé Youth Programme 2027

A youth trip to Taizé in France organised by Ossory Youth will take place from 27th June to 4th July 2027. A week in the Taizé Community is an opportunity for reflection and contemplation and a little step back from daily life. However, bringing people together is also the essence of Taizé and it is a week of meeting young people from different countries and cultures where new friendships are made. Tens of thousands of young people from around the world, including 25 from Kilkenny, will make the trip to Taizé next year. The programme, which runs from November 2026 to July 2027 is open to Transition Year and 5th Year students. Closing date for applications is Friday, 6th November. For additional information, including cost and application forms, contact Patrick Bookle, Ossory Youth at (056) 7761200, (087) 2129006 or pbookle@ossoryyouth.com

If you have a child safeguarding concern or wish to raise a matter from the past you may contact:-
Diocesan Designated Liaison Person, Mr. Fintan Fanning, 087 100 0232 email dlp@ossory.ie TUSLA
Tel. 059-9115570 www.ossory.ie/safeguarding
Parish Safeguarding Representatives: Helena Trait & Brian Murphy

Twenty Ninth Sunday Of Ordinary Time

Anniversary Mass: 7.30 p.m.

9 a.m.

11 a.m.

Fr. Pat O'Farrell

Next Week's Anniversaries:

7.30 p.m.

David McGrath

9 a.m.

Agnes Cleary, Margaret Walsh, Declan Brady

11 a.m.

Ministers of the Word & Eucharistic Ministers next weekend

Ballyhale Sue Devoy, Helen Grant & Gabrielle Treacy

Knocktopher Ann Marie O'Keeffe, Margaret O'Neill, Deirdre Hoyne

The Parish Of Ballyhale

At the time of Cromwell's confiscation in 1653, the old proprietors of; Kilnedy Parish according to the Downs Survey books of 1657, were: the Earl of Ormond who held New Castle (now Cattlebanny) Ballytarsney, Kilnedy, and Castlecanning (now Cashel, and Castlegannon); Robert and Philip Walsh, who held Derrylackagh; and Robert Walsh who held Crobally. The Irish sound of Cattlebanny is (Cairleán a bainne) that is, the castle of the Milking. The Irish of Knockwilliam is Cnoc Uillim Geanncaig is Castle-ganno; it should have been anglicised Cashel-gannon; as the true Irish form of the name is Caireal- Geannaain, Gannon's Cashel or Stone Fort. *(to be continued...)*
Carrigan

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Anyone wishing to receive this Sacrament, can do so after Mass, on request.

First Friday

If you, or someone you know is homebound or unable to attend Mass, and would like to receive Holy Communion on the First Friday of the month, please contact Fr. Seán/Aoife.

Grasta - Preparing for Marriage? Weekend Residential Courses Available

13th - 15th November & 26th - 28th February 2027. Details: www.grasta.org or at info@grasta.org

St. Luke's General Hospital for Carlow/ Kilkenny Annual Remembrance Mass

Wednesday, 21st October at 7.30 p.m. in St. Canice's Parish Church, Kilkenny, for families and loved ones of patients who have died in the hospital between 1st September 2025 and 31st August, 2026 and can also be viewed at www.stcanicesparish.ie/web-cam/

South Kilkenny Historical Society Lecture

'100 Years of the (Dreaded) Leaving Cert' with Speaker, Eoin Walsh, on Friday, October 30th, 8 p.m. in Mullinavat Parish Hall (opposite St. Beacon's Church). Admission: €5, members free.

St. Mary's Cathedral Draw

Draw Tickets are €10 monthly/€120 yearly and are available from Fr. Seán/Aoife.

Dates For 2027

Remembrance Mass for the Deceased during the year, 21st/22nd November – All Masses

Sacrament of Confirmation, Friday, 12th March 2027 in Knocktopher.

First Holy Communion, Saturday, 8th May 2027 in Knocktopher.

Ossory Pilgrimage To Lourdes, 14th May - 19th May, inclusive. Details to follow.

Parishioners who would like to, and are unable to give their contribution to the parish, can do so through the Parish Bank Account. Details:

Bank of Ireland IBAN: IE68 BOFI 9060 9911 7047 59 BIC: BOFIE2D

Sincere thanks to all who contribute so generously every weekend to all the various collections.

If you wish to make a donation to the parish, you may do so by logging on to our parish website www.ballyhaleparish.ie select the "donate to a parish" option and follow the instructions and organise a once off donation or set up a monthly direct payment through Pay Pal.

FERRYBANK & SLIEVERUE PARISHES

18th October 2026

Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Very Rev. Roderick Whearty P.P.
Tel. 086 813 3661

Ferrybank/Slieverue Parish Office
Tel. 051-830813 Mon. -Fri. 10am to 1pm
Closed on Holy Days & Bank Holidays
Ms. Marie Cashin/Ms. Angela O'Brien
email Slieverue@ossory.ie/ferrybank@ossory.ie
Website www.ferrybankslieverueparishes.ie

Mass Schedule

Daily Mass

Monday to Thursday 10am Mass from Ferrybank

Friday - 10.00am from Slieverue

Saturday Vigil 6pm Slieverue and 7pm Ferrybank

Sunday 9.30am Ferrybank 10.30am Slieverue 11.30am Ferrybank

Eucharistic Adoration Every Wednesday in the Blessed Sacrament

Chapel Ferrybank Church from 10.30am to 11.30am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Tuesday in *Slieverue* Church from 7.30pm – 8.30pm

Every Wednesday in *Slieverue* Church from 2.30pm – 3.30pm

Every Friday in *Slieverue* Church from 10.30pm – 11.00am

Sacramental Preparation Masses

We are delighted to welcome the children preparing to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion to our 7.00pm Saturday Vigil Mass and 11.30am Sunday Mass in Ferrybank and to our Sunday 10.30am Mass in Slieverue this weekend. We keep them in our prayers as they begin their journey in preparation for Confirmation and First Holy Communion and pray that with God's help their parents and families may truly pass the light of faith on to them.

World Mission Sunday - 18th October 2026

World Mission Sunday 2026, a day when the whole Church unites in praying for Missionaries and offering practical support where possible. Today we mark the 100th anniversary of its establishment by Pope Pius XI in 1926. The theme for this year's celebration of Mission Sunday is: *"One in Christ, united in mission"*. Pope Leo reminds us that love is at the heart of mission. Saint Francis of Assisi said, "Love is not loved." Saint Thérèse also desired "to love Jesus and to make him loved." On this World Mission Day, may we renew our missionary spirit through our prayer, kindness, generosity and care for those in need, may we make Jesus known and loved. May Christ make us one in him, unite us in mission, and send us out to share God's love with everyone.

In **Ferrybank** the Second Collection will be held after Holy Communion to support this missionary work. Please give what you can.

In **Slieverue** you can use the yellow envelope which is included in yearly box of envelopes.

Alternatively you can donate at www.mission.ie or use the special envelope at the back of Church or call Missio Ireland on 01 497 2035. To learn more, go to www.missio.ie

St. Mary's Cathedral Restoration

Tickets are available in the Parish Office at a cost of €10 per month or €120 for the year. Please consider supporting our Diocesan Cathedral. *Be in to Win!*

Sacred Heart Church Choir

Scientific research has shown that singing is good for your health: *'Singing in a choir for just one hour boosts levels of immune proteins in people...'*

Then why not join our Parish Choir for the benefit of your body and soul?

We are looking for new members - both men and women. The Sacred Heart Church Choir sing at 11.30am Mass each Sunday. We practice on Monday nights from 7.30-8.30pm in the Church. If you sing and are interested in joining, please contact any of the members or just come up to the Choir Gallery any Sunday at 11.30am. We look forward to welcoming you.



The Church of the Sacred Heart
Ferrybank



The Church of the Assumption
Slieverue



Use QR Code to go to our parish website, facebook page & newsletter online



Remembering all our loved ones who have died

Recently Deceased

Margaret Condon (née Douglas), Silverwood, Ferrybank and formerly of Gracedieu Road, Waterford.

Anne (Nancy) O'Sullivan Kilmurphy

Elizabeth Breen, Glen Terrace, Waterford

Month's Mind

Sun. 11.30am Vydaudas Petras Urbonas

Anniversary

Sat. 6.00pm Catherine Halsey

Sat. 7.00pm Seán Hennessy, Bishpsgrove (1st Anniv.)

Jack Moore

Annie Condon

John & Doris Byrne and their sons John & Liam

Sun. 11.30am Jennie O'Keeffe

Joan Power

Mon. 10.00am John & Seán Power

Tues. 10.00am Chrissie & Jimmy Farrell and deceased members of the Farrell & Cassidy Families

Wed. 10.00am Tommy Doyle

Frankie Hamilton, Ringville, Slieverue

May they rest in peace ...



The Sanctuary Lamp burns in our Church every hour of every day this week before the Blessed Sacrament in ... **Ferrybank - Anniversary Tommy Doyle**

Ossory Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2027

The dates for The Ossory pilgrimage to Lourdes in 2027 are Friday May 14th to Wednesday May 19th inclusive. Details regarding costs will follow shortly.

All bookings apart from those travelling as assisted pilgrims are to be made directly with JWT. Tel. 01-2410800.

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 30p 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 11th September 2025 and 31st August 2026. The Mass can also be viewed at scanicesparish.ie/webcam/. All are welcome.

Coffee Morning



There will be a Coffee Morning in support of ALONE on Tuesday 27th October 2026 at 10.30am in Hill's Field Community Centre, Belmont Road, Ferrybank. Tea/Coffee/Scones/Raffle/Small Sales Table. ALONE is a national organisation that enables older people to age at home as well as providing befriending services, advocacy and support. All are most welcome.

Slieverue & District Ative Retirement Association

Wednesday 21st October Chairyoga 11.40am St Mary's parish Hall followed by Bingo and craft Club at 1.05pm.

Date for your diary... Not to be missed.

Relive a wonderful parish event in the Rhu Glenn, from 1994; the 40th anniversary of Slieverue winning the county Hurling final in 1954 was captured on video and will be shown on the opening night of Eigse, November 6th in the Rhu Glenn Country Club at 7.30pm. Light refreshments will be served at the interval. Admission €10.

Ferrybank Library

Join Ferrybank Library this Halloween for two creative workshops for ages 7+: a **Halloween Screen Printing Workshop** on **Tuesday, 27th October at 3pm** and **Spooktacular Halloween Crafts** on **Thursday, 29th October at 11am**. Both events are free, but booking is essential. Contact Ferrybank Library on **051 897200** or ferrybank@kilkennylibrary.ie to book.

South Kilkenny Historical Society Lecture 100 Years of the (Dreaded) Leaving Cert

Friday, October 30th with speaker Eoin Walsh at Mullinavat Parish Hall (opposite St. Beacon's Church) Admission: €5, society members free. Everyone living in Ireland today has heard of it, if not sat, the dreaded Leaving Certificate. It has recently passed a milestone of 100 years of existence. But how did it come about? And why do we still get nightmares about it as adults?

Ferrybank Ministers of the Eucharist 24th & 25th Oct. 2026

Saturday 7.00pm	Mary White & Imelda Kennedy
Sunday 9.30am	Eileen Fitzpatrick & Margaret O'Driscoll
Sunday 11.30am	Angela O'Brien & Br. Frank Brennan

Ferrybank Ministers of the Word 24th & 25th Oct. 2026

Saturday 7.00pm	Bríd Mallon
Sunday 9.30am	Mary Griffin
Sunday 11.30am	Arjun/Vaigia James

Slieverue Ministers of the Eucharist 24th & 25th Oct. 2026

Saturday 6.00pm	Deirdre Costello
Sunday 10.30am	Deirdre Roche & Adam Roche

Slieverue Ministers of the Word 24th & 25th Oct. 2026

Saturday 6.00pm	Martin Quilty
Sunday 10.30am	Kathleen Phelan

Church Collections for last weekend

Ferrybank	
Envelopes	€687.50
Offertory	€584.00
Slieverue	
Envelopes	€ 430.00
Offertory	€ 397.25
Ossory Soc. Serv.	€ 75.50
Missions	€ 72.00
Retired Priests	€ 84.00

Many thanks to all our parishioners in both Ferrybank & Slieverue parishes who contribute weekly, monthly & yearly and to those who donate online and by Standing Order.

Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives

Ferrybank - Jerry Hughes & Mary Griffin

Slieverue - Mary Kenny & Catherine Manning

If you, or anyone you know, has a Safeguarding concern please contact: Diocesan Director of Safeguarding and Designated Liaison Person, DLP, Fintan Fanning at 085 802 1633 or Email: @ossory.ie An Garda Síochána: 1800 555 222 (or your local Garda Station). TUSLA Waterford 051-301450 Wexford 053-9198201/TUSLA: Kilkenny 052 6177302

Counselling Services

Towards Healing Confidential Helpline: 1800 303 416 www.towardshealing.ie

Towards Peace Helpline: 01 5053028 www.towardspeace.ie



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St Colmcille's Pastoral Area - Thomastown & Inistioge Parishes

INISTIOGE PARISH

Inistioge Parish Mass Times

Vigil:	The Rower	7.30 p.m.
Sundays:	Clodiagh	9.30 a.m.;
	Inistioge	11.00 a.m.
Weekdays:	The Rower	9.30 a.m. Tuesday
	Inistioge	9.30 a.m. Thursday

Thomastown Parish Mass Times

Vigil:	Thomastown	6.00 p.m.
Sundays:	Thomastown	10.00 a.m.
Weekdays:	Thomastown	9.30 a.m. -
		Wednesdays & Fridays.

(NB: weekday mass times may occasionally change according to circumstances)

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 26th October 2025

For inclusion in Parish Newsletter (from diocesan office) Diocese of Ossory Mission and Ministry Weekend – 25th / 26th October Launching the New Ministry of Catechist in the Diocese of Ossory

This weekend we celebrate Mission and Ministry across our Diocese, giving thanks for all who already serve so generously in our parishes.

As part of this celebration, Bishop Niall has launched the new Ministry of Catechist in the Diocese of Ossory. In his pastoral letter A Call to Serve as Catechists in our Diocese,” Bishop Niall reminds us that from the very beginning, the Christian faith has been passed on by ordinary believers, people like you sharing the love of Jesus in their homes, parishes, and communities.

Catechists are women and men who help others to know and grow in faith through prayer, teaching, and the witness of their lives. As the Church faces new challenges, catechists through their ministry will play a vital role in keeping the light of faith alive

in our parishes. Copies of Bishop Niall’s Pastoral Letter are available this weekend in our churches and on the Diocesan Website. Bishop Niall invites parishioners across Ossory to pray, discern, and consider whether they might be called to this ministry. A period of discernment will begin in Advent 2025, leading to a two-year formation programme starting in September 2026.

If you feel this ministry might be for you an information workshop is be-

All Saints - Next Saturday Holy Day

Next Saturday is the Feast of All Saints and a Holy Day of Obligation.

There will be **one mass in the parish** for the Feast: Saturday morning in Inistioge at 11.00am. No Mass in The Rower.

There will be **one Mass in Thomastown** - a Vigil Mass on Friday at 6.00pm (no 9.30 am Mass).

Bereavements

Anniversaries: Patrick Meaney, Ballinabarna (9.30am); John Cahill, Mill Road, and deceased members of the Cahill family; Jim Hennessy & Lar Hennessy, High Street; Margaret Barron, Brownsford (11.00am).

Next w/e: Marguerite Brereton & deceased members of the Brereton family, Ballynunnery; Josie Phelan, Tinnascolly; Tony & Agnes O’Mahony, Coolraney (7.30pm); Paddy Lawlor, Ballygallon; Eileen & Ger Hayes, Inistioge; Matt Drea, Kilmacshane; Luke, Mary & Fr Denis Treacy, Coolraney (11.00am).

ing organised. This Go & Make Disciples” event will be an opportunity to learn more about this ministry and to begin a journey of prayerful reflection. An Information leaflet is available in all our churches with more information on the ministry of Catechist and details of how to register for the ‘Go make Disciples’ event. You will also find this information leaflet on our Diocesan Website www.ossory.ie

Let us give thanks for all who already minister in our Parishes and Diocese and pray that the Holy Spirit will guide and inspire those being called to serve as Catechists in our Diocese to come forward.

Save the date!

Inistioge Tidy Towns Christmas Market Sunday 7th December. Please contact Joan on 086 350 3704 to book your place

Solas Cancer Support Centre & Oak Ward Fundraiser

Thanks from all Committee for your support. A total of €14,000 was raised on the night. Solas cancer support received €10,000 & Oak Ward received a total of €4,000.

Last Week's Collection

Plate: € 878

Many Thanks

Address: Kilcross, Inistioge, County Kilkenny, R95 P5P0

Email: inistioge@ossory.ie

Website: inistiogeparish.ie

Office Hours: Wed. 9 - 2 & Thur. 2 - 4

Newsletter Deadline: Thursday 3.00 pm

Secretary: Sandra Cullen **Office:** 056 775 8581

Parish Priest: Fr Frank Purcell **086 601 0001**

SAFEGUARDING:

If you have a safeguarding concern contact:

The Diocesan Designated Liaison Person: Ms Ailish Higgins, 085 802 1633, dlp@ossory.ie

Deputy DLPs: Rose Brophy, 087 331 4330 & Cathal Cullen, 056 7752448

email: ddlp@ossory.ie

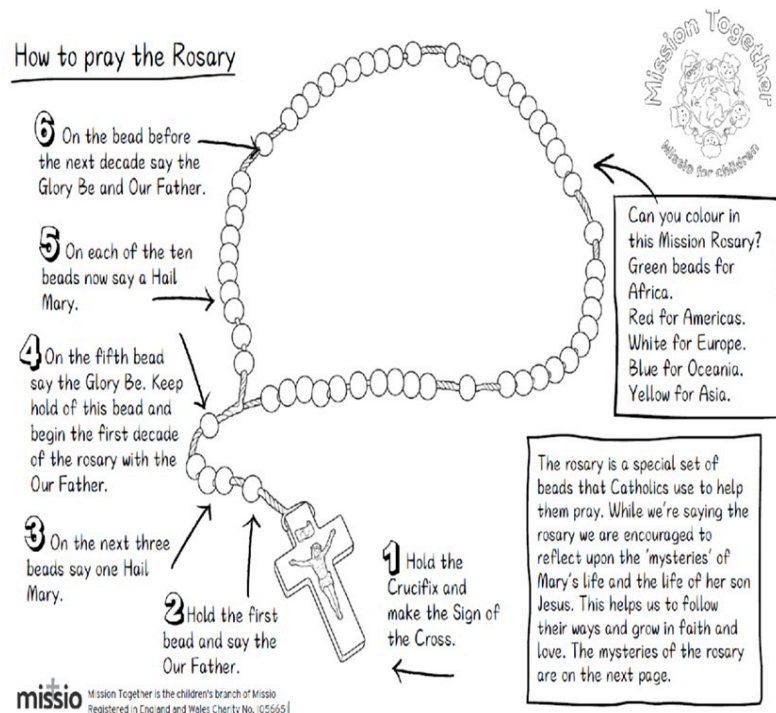
Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are:

Marie Hayden - Suzanne Cottrell - Betty Gannon

cf. Full Safeguarding details: www.ossory.ie

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

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. It is also the month of the Missions. The Mission Rosary helps children on every continent to pray for one another. Follow the instructions to colour each decade of this Rosary beads to create your own Mission Rosary.



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TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

<u>First Reading:</u>	Isaiah 25:6-10a
<u>Responsorial Psalm:</u>	Psalm 23
<u>Second Reading:</u>	Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20
<u>Gospel:</u>	Matthew 22:1-14 or 22:1-10
<u>Key Theme:</u>	God's invitation to joy
<u>Focus:</u>	Faith and readiness
<u>Summary:</u>	God welcomes everyone to His feast. He provides comfort, strength, and hope. We must accept His invitation with ready hearts.
<u>Challenge:</u>	Trust God in both plenty and need. Respond to His call with faith. Live in a way that shows you are ready.
<u>Action Step:</u>	Welcome someone who feels left out this week.
<u>Verse to Remember:</u>	"Invite to the feast whomever you find." (Matthew 22:9)

Sunday's Scriptures **The Feast Is Ready** God does not wait for us to be worthy before inviting us to his table. Through Isaiah, he promises a banquet for all peoples, where death is destroyed and every tear wiped away. In the Gospel, the king sends his servants to the crossroads: "Invite everyone you can find." The feast is ready—but we must come clothed in the grace he gives, not in our own self-sufficiency. St Paul, even in prison, learned that Christ is enough: "There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength." At Mass, we taste that heavenly banquet. Let us accept the invitation, put on Christ, and bring others to the feast. Come—everything is ready.

World Mission Sunday – 18 October 2026 Sunday, 18th October, the Church marks 100 years of World Mission Sunday, with the theme "Missionaries of Hope Among All Peoples." It is the Holy Father's official day of prayer and support for overseas missions, coordinated in Ireland by Mission Ireland.

How we can help:

- Pray for missionaries and young churches.
 - Offer small sacrifices and acts of kindness.
 - Give generously to the Mission Sunday collection/envelopes.
- Your support helps bring the Gospel, education, healthcare and pastoral care to communities in need. Please give what you can. Thank you.

Joyful Mysteries <i>Monday, Saturday</i>	Sorrowful Mysteries <i>Tuesday, Friday</i>	Luminous Mysteries <i>Thursday</i>	Glorious Mysteries <i>Wednesday, Sunday</i>
*The Annunciation *The Visitation *The Nativity *The Presentation *The Finding in the Temple	*The Agony in the Garden *The Scourging at the Pillar *The Crowning with Thorns *The Carrying of the Cross *The Crucifixion	*The Baptism of Jesus *The Wedding Feast at Cana *The Proclamation of the Kingdom *The Transfiguration *The Institution of the Eucharist	*The Resurrection *The Ascension *The Descent of the Holy Spirit *The Assumption *The Coronation

MOONCOIN PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPS

Katherine Hogan. Miriam Grace. Marian Walsh c/o Mooncoin Parish Office 051 895 123

Next edition of the Newsletter **18th October 2026**

Many thanks to all who contributed so generously to the Hospice Coffee Morning held recently in Comerfords. The success of this fundraiser reflects the efforts of those who helped so willingly on the day. Special thanks to Marjorie for her jam sales of €242 and to Kathleen & Cora for their cakes. The total amount collected was €1,792. *Rene*.

IN NOVEMBER WE REMEMBER. *They are not gone from us, but gone before us.*

November is a time for remembering and praying for our loved ones who have gone before us and whose loss we feel. It is a time when we are particularly conscious of those in our parishes who are grieving and also all those families who have lost loved ones in the past year. We have a list of the deceased **in the parish**, and they will be prayed for at the masses, but we are kindly asking any parishioner who has experienced the loss of a loved one **outside of the parish** in the last year (November 2025 to November 2026) to contact the Parish Office 051 895123 or email mooncoin@ossory.ie if they would like to have them remembered at any of the memorial masses (Dates below).

DATES FOR NOVEMBER MASSES for deceased members of our Parish community as follows:
Mooncoin: Sat 7th Nov. **Kilnaspic:** Sun 8th Nov. **Carrigeen:** Sun 15th Nov.

This year, during the month of November, on the following Sundays, you are invited to join Fr Martin in saying the Rosary and for the blessing of graves in Portnascully (8th November), Rathkieran (15th November) and Ballytarsney (22th November).
More details will follow so keep an eye on the newsletter.

PARISH HALL To contact us, please email mooncoinparishhall@gmail.com or check out our Facebook page for updates: Mooncoin Parish Hall, Mob: 089-223 2830

Christmas Craft Fair in the Parish Hall. We are holding our Christmas Craft Fair on Sunday 13th December from 11am - 4pm. We are inviting those interested in a table to email mooncoinparishhall@gmail.com with a brief description of your crafts.

October The month of the Holy Rosary. October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. Praying the Rosary at home, even a decade a day, draws families closer to Jesus through Mary and brings peace to the home. Family prayer and Sunday Mass belong together. The home is the "domestic church," but we also need to gather each week as God's family to hear his Word and receive Jesus in the Eucharist. Sunday Mass is the heart of the week. Let us make the Rosary part of our homes and weekly Mass the centre of our family life. Our Lady, pray for us.

ANNIVERSARIES: Martin Delahunty, Ballytarsney. Mary & Kieran Howley, Main Street. Patrick 'Paddy' Croke, Hillview House, Old Luffany. Willie Ryan. Seamus O'Keeffe, Mooncoin Heights/Tipperary. Margaret McCarthy, Grannagh. John McGuire, Ballybrazil & his daughter Ann, Ballybrazil/Manchester & her partner Richard Everett, Rathkieran/Manchester. Michael Lannon, Ballinlough. Eugene Wilson, Cavan/Dublin. Kay English, Barrabehy. Bridie Sales, Barrabehy/Limerick. Mark McDonnell, Main Street. Baby Donnacha John Purcell. Hannah Murphy, Ballincur. Thomas Murphy, Ballincur/Waterford. Mary Ryan, Ballincur. Patrick O'Brien, Ballincur.

MONTHS MIND: Denis Hogan, Dournane.

The family of the late Jody Laffan would like to express their sincere appreciation for all for the kind and heartfelt condolences they have received. A mass will be offered for all your warm intentions."

A big thanks to everybody who supported me in raising funds for the sensory room in Carrigeen School. Thanks to those who made personal donations and a special thanks to John & Margaret Croke & staff who were so accommodating. €2,500 was raised and has been given to the school. *Bridget McGrath*

Coffee Morning Mooncoin Cancer Support Group will host a Coffee Morning on Saturday 17th October from 10am-12pm. We are here to support you so please come along and support a worthy cause while having a cuppa and chat. Everyone is welcome.

Masses for the coming week

No Mass on Monday or Tuesday.
Mooncoin Residential Care Centre Mass on Tuesday at 2.30 p.m.
Wednesday 9.30 a.m. Mooncoin
Tuesday 9.30 a.m. Mooncoin
Friday 9.30 a.m. Mooncoin

**ST MARY'S RESTORATION FUND
DRAW 2026 / 2027**

Monthly Draw Tickets available from the parish office €10 per month.

COMMUNION / CONFIRMATION 2027

Mooncoin: Confirmation 23rd April @ 11am
Carrigeen: Communion 8th May @ 11am
Mooncoin: Communion 15th May @ 11am

WEEKLY ADORATION Every Thursday in the Nagle Chapel, from after the 9.30 Mass until 12 noon. You are welcome to come along at any time. You can sit, kneel, read the Bible, pray the rosary or other prayers, or simply sit in silence before the Blessed Eucharist

Carrigeen Text Alert Information Night.

Speakers on the night: Andy Hargreaves, HSE Drug Education Officer. Eddie Brennan/ former KK hurler, Crime Prevention Officer, Kilkenny Garda Siochana. Royal Oak Lounge , October 13th at 8pm. All welcome.

October Stations. A gentle reminder to all parishioners to please remember the **October Stations**. Your support helps provide for our priests and their ministry among us. As the last collection was in June, the Clergy Account is now depleted and urgently needs your support. **Our sincere thanks to everyone who faithfully supports the Stations.**

Our very best wishes to Mooncoin in the **Intermediate Camogie County Final** against Emeralds on Saturday 17th October.

FLOWERS FOR OCTOBER

Annette Purcell Eucra Downey

Priests: Fr. Martin Tobin Adm. 086 240 1278
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MASSES THIS WEEKEND IN RATHDOWNEY PARISH

SATURDAY 17TH OCTOBER 2026

Rathdowney 6pm: Ned Stenson & deceased members of the Stenson family, Donaghmore
Michael & Mary Ann Creagh, Harristown
Jackie Cahill, Mooreville

SUNDAY 18TH OCTOBER 2026

Errill 9.30am: Colm Tierney, Knockardgannon
Fr. Joe Campion, Lisduff
Patsy Kelly, Knockardgannon

MASSES DURING THIS WEEK IN RATHDOWNEY

Tuesday: Mass at 10am
Wednesday: Deceased members of the Delaney Family, Templequain.
Thursday & Friday: Mass at 10 am

Anniversaries: Sr. Veronica (Kathleen) Keyes, Monamondra
Patrick Feehan, Johnstown Glebe, 1st Anniversary

Recent Death: Maureen McCartney (née Healy), Coolrain.

MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

SATURDAY 24TH OCTOBER 2026

Rathdowney 6pm: Maura & John Loughlin, Moore Street

SUNDAY 25TH OCTOBER 2026

Errill 9.30am: Maria Grogan, Errill

Collections

Weekend 10th/ 11th October 2026

Loose Plate - €311 Envelopes €2036

Adoration

Adoration in Rathdowney Church on Thursdays after 10am Mass
and in Errill Church on Fridays from 10.30am until 11.30am.

Rosary available each evening at 5.30pm on the Webcam

Annual Pilgrimage to Medjugorje

Will take place April 20th to 27th 2027, 7 nights half board @ Hotel Leone
at €899 pp sharing. €100 off if paid in full by the 31st of October 2026,
single supplement €210. Travel Insurance, extra. Luggage allowance 10 KG pp
or 20KG for €80 return. Pilgrimage led by Fr. Martin Delaney.
For bookings contact Mary O'Dea @ 0873170084.

Coffee Morning

Mairead Malone from Shanahoe will be travelling to Kolkata and Keralan to do
some charity work in November. She is organising a coffee morning in the Par-
ish Centre, Portlaoise after 10am Mass on Sat. 24th if anyone would like to sup-
port The Missionaries of Charity Sisters in their work with the poor.

Night Adoration, Mass and Benediction

On the Fri 30th Oct there will be "Night Adoration" in St. Brigid's Church, Sha-
nahoe, R32AH90 for The Holy Souls, Starting at 8pm and confessions are avail-
able 8-15pm - 9pm. At 12 midnight there will be Mass for The Holy Souls and
we conclude with Benediction Sat morning at 8am. If anyone would like to
commit to sitting with The Lord for a particular hour they can
contact 086-8900673.

Newsletter for the Parishes of

Durrow and Rathdowney

17th / 18th October 2026

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Mission Sunday

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www.towardspeace.ie
Parish Representatives
Rathdowney
John Casey & Helen Campion
Durrow
Michael Killeen & Sarah Brophy

Pastoral Council Members

Rathdowney
Assumpta Casey; Helen Campion;
Tony Holohan; Fran Doyle; Maureen
Guilfoyle; Oliver Kennedy, Mary Nolan,
Mary O'Dea, Tadhg Keane;
Sr Anita O'Leary; Fr. Martin Delaney

Durrow

Martin Lawlor; Mary Lawlor;
James Walsh; Vicky Murphy;
Margaret Murphy; Liam Kavanagh;
Pádraig Kiely;
Anne-Marie Kiely
Sr. Anita O'Leary; Fr. Martin Delaney

Christmas Concert



Michael English, featuring Durrow and Cullohill Parish Choirs
Sunday 6th December 2026 in Holy Trinity Church, Durrow.

Doors open at 5 pm for 6 pm start.

A festive evening of Songs, Stories, Faith & Inspiration

Tickets €30 available from both of our Parish Offices (opening times below)

Or through www.michaelenglish.ie (where booking fee applies)

Parish Office Opening Hours

Rathdowney: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9.30 - 2pm & Friday 9.30am - 1pm

Durrow: Wednesday & Thursday 10am - 2pm & Friday 11am to 2pm

Remembrance Masses



Our Annual Masses of Remembrance for those who died
during the past year will take place in Rathdowney Church
on **Saturday 31st October at 6.00pm**
and in Durrow Church on **Friday 6th November at 7.00pm.**

If you wish to have a candle presented at this Mass in memory of
your deceased relative please contact the Parish Office
on 085 26 25 033 (Durrow) or 0505 46282 (Rathdowney)
or email durrow@ossory.ie or rathdowney@ossory.ie

Please let us know who will be there on the night to present the candle
Candles will be supplied by the Parish.



Best Wishes

To St Brigid's Camogie Club
Junior and Intermediate teams
and to The Harps GAA Club,
Senior Team
in the County Finals
this weekend.



MASSES THIS WEEKEND IN DURROW PARISH

SATURDAY 17TH OCTOBER 2026

Cullohill 7.30pm: Kathleen Kenny and all deceased members of the
Kenny family, Ballydavin

SUNDAY 18TH OCTOBER 2026

Durrow 11.00am: Ann Parkinson, Seandoire. 1st Anniversary

MASSES DURING THIS WEEK

Mon to Fri: Mass in Durrow at 8.50am.

Recent Death: Keith (Baz) Basnett, Seandoire, Cork Road

MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

SATURDAY 24TH OCTOBER 2026

Cullohill 7.30pm: Paddy & Vera Barnaville, Ballynevin
Paddy & Sheila Delaney, Cullohill
John & Rita McEvoy & deceased members of the
McEvoy Family.

SUNDAY 25TH OCTOBER 2026

Durrow 11.00am: Sr Éilis Bergin, Castlewood, Durrow
Michael Traynor, Erkindale Drive, Durrow
Michael & Mary Parkinson, Mary Street, Durrow
John Cooney, Mary Street , Durrow

Collections:

Weekend 10th / 11th October 2026

Loose Plate € 405 Envelopes € 1737

Adoration

Adoration in Cullohill Church every Thursday morning from 10am to 11am
and in Durrow directly after 8.50 am Mass (finishes at 11.30 am) on Mondays
and on Fridays from 7-8pm.

Major Restoration of the Church Tower



In recent times it has become apparent that there some
significant structural problems in the tower of Holy Trinity
Church Durrow. The wooden Louvres (Slanted beams) on
all four sides of the tower are rotting, and each is framed in
steel. These present a significant health and safety risk.
When the tower was examined earlier in the summer other
major difficulties with the pointing of stonework were also
identified. The upshot of all this is that some major
restoration work is necessary and as a matter of urgency. The work is
scheduled to begin on **Monday next, 19th of October** and will take
approximately **four to six weeks. The doors across the front of the
church will remain locked during the work and entrance to the
church will be through the side aisle doors only.** The front of the
church and the tower is a building site and therefore a health and safety risk.
I realise this presents an inconvenience, but I ask for your consideration and
cooperation. I am grateful to the Parish Finance Committee and the diocesan
authorities who have worked with me to address this problem. Together with
other necessary works to repair the Lightning conductors on the church
carried out earlier in the year, this major repair job **will cost in the region of
€90,000.** Your ongoing weekly financial support for the parish through the
blue envelope collection was never more needed and appreciated.

Fr. Martin

ST CANICE'S PARISH Sunday 18th October 2026

Recently Deceased

Seamus Ryan, Fr Murphy Square
Karen O'Leary Deegan, Kennyswell Rd
Sr. Nuala Reidy, Loreto Convent (Funeral Mass at 11.30am Sunday)

Anniversaries

Sun 10am John Rhatigan (1st Anniv) Andy Phelan, Tom Rafter

Mon. 9.30am Liturgy of the Word and Communion

We also remember: Julia Burke, Bernadette Dermody, Anne Nolan, Billy Maher, Mary Moynihan, Frank Murphy, James Murray, Jimmy Walsh

Next weekend

Sat 7pm Des Molloy, Pat Egan

Sun 10am Kathleen Walsh

Sun 11.30am James Harte (1st Anniv)

Sunday Collection

Sunday 11^h Oct. the collection amounted to €1315

Thank you for your generosity. We also have the Donate button on the website for those of you who wish to contribute online and we now have a Tap to Donate machine in the Church.

Welcome back to Sean O'Neill and the Parish Choir who will return after their break, to sing at the 7pm Mass on Saturday night

Eucharistic Adoration in St. Canice's

There will be Eucharistic Adoration in St. Canice's Church on Wed 21st Oct from 2pm – 4pm. Our Special Prayer Intention is for those suffering from anxiety, depression and mental health issues All welcome.

St. Luke's General Hospital Annual Remembrance Mass

will take place on Wednesday 21st October 2026 October at 7:30pm in St. Canice's Parish Church, Kilkenny for 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 via the following link: <https://www.stcanicesparish.ie/web-cam/> All are welcome

Novena in honour of Saint Martin de Porres in the Black Abbey, 28th Oct to Thurs 5th Nov. Mass each day 10.30am & 7.30pm.
Mass & Anointing of the Sick on Sunday 1st at 3.00pm.

October and November Envelopes

The envelopes for the October and November offerings are available for collection at the Parish Office, by the distributors, Thank you for your continued help with this.

St. Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund Draw

The next draw will be held on Wed 21st October. Tickets €10 available from the Parish Office

St Patrick's Brass and Reed Band

will play at the 11.30am Mass next Sunday 25th October

World Mission Sunday – Thank You from Missio Ireland

Missio Ireland extends a heartfelt thank you to everyone in our parish community for your generous and heartfelt support of the missions over the years. Your prayers and financial contributions make a tangible difference to vulnerable communities and missionaries working across the globe.

As we celebrate Mission Sunday, we kindly ask for your continued help. Special Mission Sunday contribution envelopes are available on the tables at the back of the church. Thank you for your kindness and generosity!

Join the Vocations society of St. Joseph!

*Are you looking for a meaningful way to support the Church and foster new vocations? Our parish branch of the **the Vocations Society of St. Joseph** is currently seeking new members to join our community.*

What Is the Work of the Society?

The primary mission of the St. Joseph's Young Priests Society is to foster vocations to the priesthood and religious life and to assist in the education of student priests both at home and in missionary lands.

As a member, your involvement includes:

- **Prayer Support:** Praying regularly for an increase in vocations and for the perseverance of seminarians and priests.
- **Financial Assistance:** Contributing to the society's fund, which directly aids student priests with the cost of their education and formation.
- **Building Community:** Gathering monthly for prayer, discussion, and mutual support in our shared mission

November remembrance Mass:

*This year's November Mass for those who have died during the year will take place on **Thursday November 12th at 7.30 pm**. Families of those who have died during the year are invited to participate in our remembrance Mass. Give your name/s in the Parish Office.*

"A Great Cloud of Witnesses": Feast of All Saints

*This November 1st on the Feast of All Saints, our parish is blessed to offer a unique encounter with the Church Universal. At our **11:30 AM Mass**, over **3,000 first-class relics** of martyrs and saints will be displayed for public veneration.*

Whether you have a devotion to a specific saint or simply wish to draw closer to the mysteries of heaven, we encourage you to join us for this prayerful occasion. Let us gather together to venerate these holy relics and draw strength from the lives of the saints.

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Secretary: Caroline Cummins – Sacristan: Ailish Brennan c/o Parish Centre

St Colmcille's Pastoral Area – Thomastown & Inistioge Parishes**THOMASTOWN PARISH****Thomastown Parish Mass Times**

Vigil: 6.00pm
 Sunday: 10.00am
 St Columba's: 11.00am
 Wednesday: 9.30am
 Friday: 9.30am
 webcam: thomastownparish.ie

Inistioge Parish Mass Times

Vigil: The Rower: 7.30pm
 Sunday: Clodiagh: 9.30am
 Inistioge: 11.00am
 Tuesday: The Rower: 9.30am
 Thursday: Inistioge: 9.30am
 webcam: inistiogeparish.ie

TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 18th OCTOBER 2026

Thank You! On behalf of Missio Ireland, we appreciate and thank you for your generosity towards this w/e's church door collection for the propagation of the faith. Missio Ireland is the Holy Father's official charity for overseas mission serving the Church in over 120 countries. Through your kindness and generosity, they strive to help the Church to share the joy of the Gospel in some of the most remote corners of the world.

Taizé Youth Programme 2027

A youth trip to Taizé in France organised by Ossory Youth will take place from Sunday 27th June to Sunday 4th July 2027. A week in the Taizé Community is an opportunity for reflection and contemplation and a little step back from daily life. However, bringing people together is also the essence of Taizé and it is a week of meeting young people from different countries and cultures where new friendships are made. Tens of thousands of young people from around the world, including 25 from Kilkenny, will make the trip to Taizé next year. The programme, which runs from November 2026 to July 2027 is open to Transition year and 5th year students. Closing date for applications is Friday 6th November. For additional information, including cost and application forms, contact Patrick Bookle, Ossory Youth at (056) 7761200, (087) 2129006 or pbookle@ossoryyouth.com.

Historical Society Lecture

Friday, October 30th - 100 Years of the Leaving Cert: Speaker: Eoin Walsh. Time: 8pm, Mullinavat Parish Hall, Adm: €5.

BEREAVEMENTS

Anniversaries: Pat Heffernan, Mayo; Elizabeth Walsh, Kilmurry; Margaret (Madge) Grace, Grennan; Dominique Bell, Legan Close; Mick Conlon, Legan; Mary Barron, Tom Barron & Maggie Barron, Ballyconway: (6.00pm). Kathleen Stapleton, Legan; Dixie Doyle, Carrickmournie; Geraldine Power, Carrickmournie; Kathleen Holohan, Oldtown: (10.00am).

Anniversaries Next w/e: Billy & Mary Hogan, Newtown Tee & Wales: (Wednesday 9.30am). Paul Dack, William St, Kilkenny: Month's Mind; Vincent Walsh, Powerswood; John Grace, Mallfield & deceased members of the Grace family, Grennan: (6.00pm). Molly Lalor, Maudlin St: (10.00am).

Everyone has heard of it, if not sat, the dreaded Leaving Certificate. It has recently passed a milestone of 100 years of existence.

No dues to God!

A prosperous farmer was miserly in what he gave to his Church. So, his priest went to visit him in the hope of getting him to increase his donation. He pointed out to the farmer that the Lord had given him a fertile piece of land and had blessed him with sunshine and rain so that his crops would grow. The priest added, "You know, this farm and everything you have is really on loan to you from God. You should be more grateful." The farmer replied, "I don't mean to complain, Father, but you should have seen what a mess this place was when God was running it by Himself!"

St. Vincent de Paul Collection takes place next weekend. Your support is greatly appreciated. Contact Number for the Society: 087-4830988.

Vocations Society of St. Joseph will hold one hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Monday from 6.30pm in the Mercy Chapel for Vocations to Priesthood and Religious life. All welcome.

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