All Saints Pastoral Area
Parishes - Aghaviller, Ballyhale & Mullinavat

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Ballyhale, Knocktopher & Knockmoylan Parish Newsletter

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St. Vincent de Paul, Ballyhale Parish Area

Confidential Contact No.: 087 4289516 between 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

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

Remembrance Service

Those who have died in the past year will be remembered in a special way at the weekend Masses of Saturday 21st and Sunday, 22nd November. All welcome.

Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

During the month of November, we pray for all the faithful departed including our parishioners, family members, neighbours, friends and all who have no one to remember them.

Eternal rest grant unto them,
O Lord, let perpetual light shine upon them.
May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

November Sacred Space

During the month of November, we remember our faithful departed. You are invited to write the names of your loved ones on the paper provided and place it in the basket in the Sacred Space provided in front of the Altar. Your loved ones will be remembered at Masses throughout the month. Come to Church, visit the Cemetery and spare a prayer for all who have gone before us. The best assurance that we will be remembered after our deaths, will be to maintain a tradition of prayer for the dead.

Celebrating Our Dead

We are not powerless in the face of the loss of those we love. Our prayers and our acts of remembrance assist our loved ones on their journey back to God. November each year reminds us to remember our dead. The kindness and friendship of those who loved us, and who is now with God, had a great influence on our lives. We share that love with others and our love may yet be passed on to generations yet unborn.

November Offerings

November Offerings for our Priest is due around this time. Thank you for your generosity.

Pope's Monthly Intention – November

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 the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

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

Thirty Second Sunday Ordinary Time

Anniversary Mass:	**7.30 p.m.**	Kitt & Jack Dwyer, Kevin Kennedy
	9 a.m.	Deceased Members of the Grant & Darmody Family
	11 a.m.	
Next Week's Anniversaries:		
	7.30 p.m.	Jimmy Costigan
	9 a.m.	
	11 a.m.	

Ministers of the Word & Eucharistic Ministers next weekend

Ballyhale Tom Knox, Alex Murphy & Mollie Lennon
Knocktopher Betty Costin, Marie Connolly, Grace O'Farrell, Fiona O'Farrell

St. Vincent DePaul

Collection will take place this weekend 7th & 8th November. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Mass for Deceased Bishops, Priests and Religious – Sunday, 8th November

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The Parish Of Ballyhale – Knocktopher

In 1936 was the foundation of the Carmelite Convent of Kocktopher by James, Earl of Ormond and grandson of Edmund le Botiller. The town of Knocktopher, which according to Lewis, "appears to have enjoyed the privileges of a free borough by a kind of prescriptive right", was granted a weekly market and several fairs in 1365 by the King, at the request of the same Earl. The Earl of Ormoond died in his castle of Knocktopher in 1382 and was buried in St. Canice's Cathedral, Kilkenny. In 1487, Sir James Butler, father of Pierce Ruadh, Earl of Ormond, also died in the castle of Knocktopher. He is buried in the old Augustinian Abbey, Callan. Pardons were granted to the provost and commonalty of Knocktopher for a fine of £4 on January 17th, 1571/72. *(to be continued…) Carrigan*

Advent Retreat - Friday, 27th November – Sunday, 29th November

Advent is a special time of reflecting on our transition from the past to the future that God holds for us. This Retreat is facilitated by Slí an Chroí Retreat Team. in the grounds of St. Patrick's Missionary Society. Please contact Michèle at slianchroi@spms.ie or phone 089 4690508 Price: €315.00

South Kilkenny Historical Society

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Shamrocks Ballyhale Healthy Club - Walk & Talk Tuesdays

Join us for Walk & Talk Tuesdays, 7 p.m. at Shamrocks GAA Ballyhale Club Grounds - a great way to get some fresh air, stretch the legs and enjoy a chat along the way. All welcome.

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: BOFIIE2D
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

8th November 2026

Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

Very Rev. Roderick Whearty P.P.
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Ferrybank/Slieverue Parish Office
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Closed on Holy Days & Bank Holidays
Ms. Marie Cashin/Ms. Angela O'Brien
email Slieverue@osory.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

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Ferrybank Annual Remembrance Mass 2026

This weekend we welcome all to our 7pm Vigil Mass of Remembrance in Ferrybank Church, especially those families who have been bereaved during the past year as we remember all our loved ones who have died. We pray that they may enjoy the just rewards which our Loving Father has promised his faithful in Heaven.

Slieverue Annual Mass of Remembrance will be celebrated in Slieverue Church next Saturday 14th November @ 6.00 pm.

In November we remember …

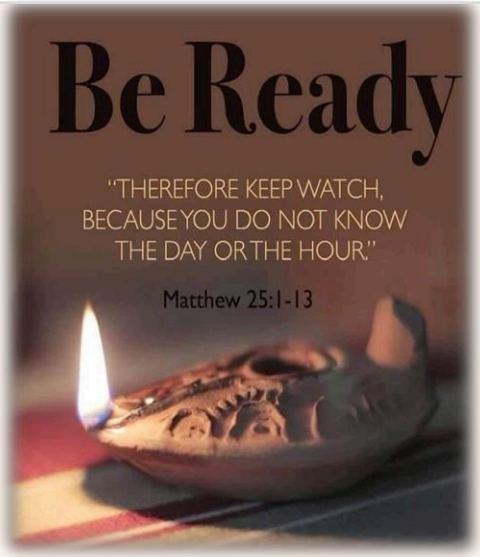
We remember all our loved ones who have died in a special way and pray for them in all our Masses and prayers during this month of November. Throughout the month of November, Masses for the dead will be celebrated between both Ferrybank & Slieverue Churches.
There are 'November List of the Dead' slips available at the back of both Ferrybank & Slieverue Churches for you to write the names of your loved ones to be remembered. All the names will be placed in a basket in front of the altar in both Churches for the month of November. (Please do not leave money in the basket).

Mass of the Sick and Anointing of the Sick

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick brings spiritual grace, peace, strength, comfort and healing. It can restore spiritual, emotional and physical health, if it is God's will. Any Catholic or Christian in serious illness, advancing age or preparing for surgery can avail of it. It can be repeated monthly or if an illness worsens. The priest lays his hands on the person and anoints their forehead and the palms of their hands with blessed oil offering a special prayer of healing and grace. In relation to this important Sacrament, starting in November, the last Thursday of the month in Ferrybank at 10.00am and the last Friday of the month at 10.00am in Slieverue, a special Mass of the Sick including anointing will be celebrated.

Fr. Patsy Kelly MSC Retreat – Mooncoin Parish - Retreat

The Nagle Chapel, beside Mooncoin Church, on13th, 14th & 15th November 2026. Commencing 7-8.30pm on Friday evening and 10:00am-4:30pm approx. on Saturday and Sunday. Come along to delve a little deeper into the "Good News". All are welcome!



Remembering all our loved ones who have died

Recently Deceased

Patricia (Patty) Kennedy (née O'Meara), St. John's Park, Waterford.

Patricia Prior (née Colfer), late of Phoenix, Arizona and formerly of Rockenham, Ferrybank

Month's Mind

Sat. 6.00pm	Nancy O'Sullivan, Kilmurry

Anniversary

Sat. 6.00pm	Jack Knox, Nicholastown
Sun. 9.30am	Margaret Brown (née Flynn)
Sun. 10.30am	Frank Malone, Ballinlaw
	Thomas Walsh, Jamestown
Sun. 11.30am	Mary Whelan
Thurs. 10.00am	Adam Minogue
Fri. 10.00am	John Kehoe, Glenmore/Slieverue

Esther Cuddihy

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
Special Intention – G.K.

Slieverue
Special Intention – M.M.



Éigse Sliabh Rua 2026 See new website www.eigsesliabhrua .com

Sunday 8th November 11.30am

The New Murals on Dock Road – a guided walk led by Jack Burtchaell, an award winning tour guide and local historian. Meet at Waterford Railway Station @ 11.30am. €5.00.

Tuesday 10th November 8.00pm

My Amazing Search for the Streets and Placenames of Waterford.
Dermot Power, local historian and author of 6 books. The Parish Hall, Slieverue. €5.00.

Thursday 12th November 8.00pm

Slieverue a Century Ago: The 1926 census – Jack Burtchaell. The Parish Hall, Slieverue. €5.00.

Throughout Éigse week Katherine Grant will visit Slieverue & Ringville pupils to explore various topics of local history.

Sunday 15th November 10.30am

Éigse Mass with traditional music. Church of the Assumption, Slieverue. All welcome.

Ringville National School, Ballinlaw, Slieverue, Kilkenny X91 XN29 - Admissions 2027/2028

Admissions open now until 1st February 2027. High quality Teaching & Learning. Small Class sizes. Curricular and additional activities to enrich learning. Extensive Outdoor areas for learning and play. For admissions application form or further information please contact the school office. Email secretary@ringvillens.ie. Phone 051-832635 or visit www.ringvillens.ie

Visit of the Relics of St Thérèse of Lisieux to the Cathedral of the Most Holy Trinity, Barronstrand Street, Waterford City

Friday 13th November - Arriving 2pm Welcome Liturgy - Veneration until 6pm
Saturday 14th November - Mass at 12pm - Veneration until 4pm
Sunday 15th November - Mass at 8.30am, 12 Noon (Bishop Cullinan) Veneration till 5pm & Closing Liturgy at 5pm

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Light refreshments will be served in the parish hall (across the road from St. Beacon's Church), following Mass.

St. Mary's Cathedral Restoration Draw October Results 2026

1st Prize €2,000	0034	Aghaviller Parish	Aghaviller	7th Prize €200	0800	Tim Sinnott	Borris-In-Ossory
2nd Prize €1,000	0585	Royce Brennan Family	Clogh	8th Prize €100	0624	Susan Brannigan	St. Kieran's College
3rd Prize €500	1014	Breda Noonan	Lisdowney	9th Prize €100	0871	Fr. Larry Wallace	Muckalee
4th Prize €300	1182	Helen & Billy Dawson	Lisdowney	10th Prize €100	0873	Denis Ryan	Muckalee
5th Prize €300	1238	Carmel Walsh Kenny	Ballyragget				
6th Prize €200	0635	Kathleen Lawlor	St. Mary's				

Please consider supporting our Diocesan Cathedral. Tickets are available from the Parish Office. *Be in to Win!*

Ferrybank Ministers of the Eucharist 14th & 15th Nov. 2026

Saturday 7.00pm	Br. Joe Killoran & Jo Lane
Sunday 9.30am	Bessie Doherty & Ann Gleeson
Sunday 11.30am	Maria Ronan & Eileen Heffernan

Ferrybank Ministers of the Word 14th & 15th Nov. 2026

Saturday 7.00pm	Yvette Purdue
Sunday 9.30am	Gary O'Neill
Sunday 11.30am	Una Hayden

Slieverue Ministers of the Eucharist 14th & 15th Nov. 2026

Saturday 6.00pm	Patricia Ivory
Sunday 10.30am	Patricia Drennan & Mary Walsh

Slieverue Ministers of the Word 14th & 15th Nov. 2026

Saturday 6.00pm	Jerry Forrest
Sunday 10.30am	Breda Lynch

Church Collections for last weekend

Ferrybank	
Envelopes	€ 680.50
Offertory	€ 699.50
Total Standing Orders Oct. 2026	€ 432.00
Slieverue	
Envelopes	€ 473.50
0ffertory	€ 428.00
Dioceasan Charities	€ 227.00

The November Offering is being taken up at this time. Many thanks to all parishioners in both Ferrybank & Slieverue parishes who contribute weekly, monthly & yearly and to those who donate online and by Standing Order. Your support is very much appreciated!

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

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St Colmcille's Pastoral Area - Thomastown & Inistioge Parishes

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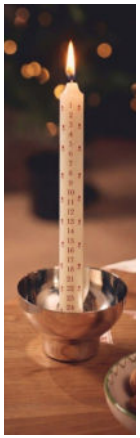
Inistioge Parish Mass Times		
Vigil:	The Rower	7.30 p.m.
Sundays:	Clodiagh	9.30 a.m.;
	Inistioge	11.00 a.m.
Weekdays:	The Rower	9.30 a.m. Tuesday
	Inistioge	9.30 a.m. Thursday

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)

Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - 8th November 2026

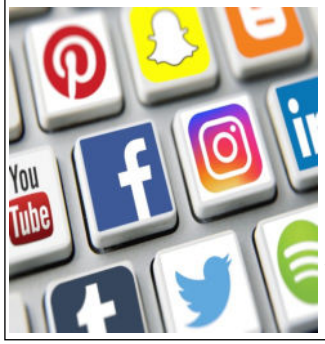
Advent Retreat – Nov. 27th – 29th



Facilitated by Slí an Chroí Retreat Team.
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 4690508 Price: €315.00.

Social Media

A Social Media Information Day on "How best can to engage with young people in our through the use of social media" facilitated by Chah Garde of the Catholic Communication



Office, will take place in St Patrick's Pastoral Centre, Loughboy, Kilkenny, on Saturday, 14th November, beginning with Tea/ Coffee at 10.30 a.m. and will conclude with light refreshments at 1.00 p.m.

Check it Fits

Next week, the RSA's Check it Fits service will be visiting County Kilkenny.

Did you know that as many as 54% of child car seats are incorrectly fitted which can lead to serious injury or even death in a collision.

The Check it Fits service is quick, it's easy, it's free.

We will be visiting Aldi Waterford Rd., Kilkenny, next Tuesday, 10th.

Bereavements.

Recently Deceased: Sadie Kelly, Mangan. Funeral Mass on Monday at 11.00am in The Rower, followed by interment in The Rower cemetery. John Sherlock, Brownsbarn, who died during the week.

Anniversaries: Paddy & Josie Whelan, Ballavarra; Tony & Agnes O'Mahony, Coolrainey; Marguerite Brereton, Ballynunnery and deceased members of the Brereton family; Joey Grace, Tinnaslatty; Fintan Murphy, The Rower Village (7.30pm); Mary O'Leary, Kilcross; Matt Drea, Kilmacshane; Eileen & Ger Hayes, Inistioge; Ellen Murphy, Ballyshane (11.00am).

Next w/e: Sonny Kavanagh, Ballinabarna; Maureen Butler, The Rower Village (7.30pm); Tom & Eily Fleming, Coolhill; Mary Barron, Palace East, Clonroche; Paddy & Bridget Croke, New Ross Gate; Margaret Kirwan, Mill Road (11.00am).

Eight Steps Toward a More Satisfying Life

A recent TIME magazine "Eight Steps Toward a More Satisfying Life." presented eight recommended steps:
1. Count your blessings.
2. Practice acts of kindness.
3. Savor life's joys.
4. Thank a helper.
5. Learn to forgive.
6. Invest time/energy in friends/family.
7. Take care of your body.
8. Develop strategies for coping with stress and hardship.

This w/e as we reflect on the parable of the Ten Bridesmaids, or Ten Virgins as in many translations, we add a 9th: Be prepared to and trust the Spirit. The Spirit appears in many guises, disguises, and surprises.

Last Week's Collection

Plate: € 1070

Thank You For Your Support

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Parish Priest: Fr Frank Purcell 086 601 0001

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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
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Kilmacow Parish

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Fr. Paschal Moore 087 2408078

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Parish Email: ***kilmacow@ossory.ie***
Parish Website: ***www.kilmacowparish.com***

Weekend Masses:
Kilmacow: ***Sunday*** ***11.15 a.m.***

8th November 2026

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Thirty Second Sunday Ordinary Time

Mass Times

Kilmacow- Monday to Friday In Rosedale

Monday	6.30 p.m.
Tuesday	9.30 a.m.
Thursday, Eucharistic Service	9.30 a.m.
Friday	9.30 a.m.
Sunday	11.15 a.m.

Mooncoin

Wednesday – Friday	9.30 a.m.

Recently Deceased

Tommy Kavanagh, Waterford & formerly Cloone

Anniversaries

11.15 a.m. Elizabeth Weymss
Tommy & Annie Walsh & Family
James & Rita Quinn
Bridie Carroll
Gerry Carroll
Ian Hunt
Joe Cleary
Jim Tynan
Mary Walsh, Newtown
Nancy Prendergast
Mary Walsh, Skeard
Elizabeth Smyth, Cloone

Safe Guarding Witness

Sun 15th Joan Butler

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Sun 15th Nicola O'Brien, Harry Knox, Samantha Murphy, Valerie O'Callaghan

Readers

Sun 15th Anne O'Keeffe, Peggy Holden

Feast Days This Week

Monday	Dedication Of The Lantern Basilica
Tuesday	St. Leo the Great, pope
Wednesday	St. Martin of Tours, bishop
Thursday	St. Josaphat, bishop and martyr
Saturday	St. Laurence O'Toole, bishop

Baptisms:

Baptisms will be celebrated in Kilmacow on the 4th Sunday of each month at 12 noon and bookings can be made through Kilmacow Parish Office.
If a Funeral is taking place on that Sunday, Baptisms will move to 1 p.m.

Funerals:

All arrangements for Funerals to be made with Fr. Tobin. In the event of a Funeral, there will be no 9.30 a.m. Mass. Further information is available on the Parish Website www.kilmacowparish.com

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Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
let perpetual light shine upon them.
May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen.

November The Month Of Holy Souls

"It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they may be loosed form their sins....."
(2 Maccabees 12: 46).
Each November, the Church engages in a great crusade of prayer for our dead. We pray for our dead because we believe there is a communion - an unbreakable link - between the living and the dead. That link ensures us that we can help them and they can help us. One saint said that the Holy Souls may win astounding favours for us and deliver us from evils, sickness and dangers of every kind. Our prayer, especially the holy sacrifice of the Mass, is the greatest expression of our gratitude and love for those who have died. In fact, the November Novena of Masses is the most powerful way to honour with great respect the memory of our dead. Our prayers will enrich their eternal happiness and their concern for us will enhance our pilgrim lives. You are encouraged to attend Mass, as often as you can, during the month of November for the Holy Souls.

Kilmacow Safeguarding Information

In the event of concerns about the safeguarding of children or vulnerable adults engaged in church activities contact the Designated Liaison Person,
Mr. Fintan Fanning 085 8021633
Ms. Rose Brophy 087 3314330
Mr. Cathal Cullen 056 7762448
email:dlp@ossory.ie TUSLA 059/9115570
www.ossory.ie/safeguarding
Parish Safeguarding Representatives:
Bernadette Moloney, Anthony Young

Indulgences at the Commemoration of All Souls

From November 1st to 8th all who go to Confession, receive Holy Communion and pray for the Pope's Intentions (one Our Father and Hail Mary, or any other prayer of one's choice), can gain one Plenary Indulgence per day or by visiting a Church and praying there an Our Father and the Apostle's Creed or by visiting a Cemetery and praying Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be To The Father.

November Offerings

Your November Offering is a gift for prayers and Masses to be offered for your loved ones who have died. Fr. Tobin and Fr. Kelly will offer 8 Masses for the Holy Souls, especially your family members during the month of November.

Altar List of the Dead

Please return your List Of The Dead (lists in Church porch) and all the names will be remembered and prayed for at each and every Mass during November.

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Holy Family Mission, Glencomeragh - Retreat

Retreat on 14th November, 10.30 a.m. for refreshments, followed by a talk by Fr. Patrick Cahill, Q & A, healing service, candle service, finishing with Holy Mass at 3 p.m. Cost €30 and includes 3 course meal. Contact Mary 085 2697779/Pat 085 2680396

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Date For The Diary 2026/2027

Remembrance Mass, Sunday, 15th Nov. 11.15 a.m.
Confirmation - Thursday, 15th April, 11 a.m.
First Holy Communion - Saturday, 22nd May, 11 a.m

Direct Debit Donations

These can be made using our Bank details:
Kilmacow Parochial Current Account
IBAN: IE40 AIBK 93427585444014
BIC: AIBK IE2D

Collection

Offertory €445 October Envelopes €2,095
Standing Orders for 3rd Quarter €785.97

Mass Bookings

Bookings for Anniversary Masses, Baptisms, Weddings etc. can be made with Aoife at the Parish Office or at kilmacow@ossory.ie

Kilmacow Rehabilitatyion Works – Footbridge

Works will commence on the footbridge at the Sports Complex this week. Access restrictions for the duration of the works.

Kilmacow Big Breakfast & Cake Sale

Kilmacow GAA & Camogie Club will host it's annual Big Breakfast & Cake Sale on Sunday, 15th November from 9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in Kilmacow Community Centre. Cash only event. A lovely Countrystyle Breakfast of delicious homemade cakes and a raffle on offer! Everyone welcome! Come hungry, leave happy!

Kilmacow Parish Choir Practice

Mondays in Kilmacow Church,7.30 p.m.-8.45 p.m.
New singers welcome. Contact Una 087 2706977

Diocesan Pilgrimage To Lourdes 2027

The Ossory Pilgrimage to Lourdes in 2027 travels on Friday, 14th May to Wednesday, 19th May inclusive. Details regarding costs will follow shortly.

Anam Cara

Monthly Support Evening for bereaved parents on Tuesday 10th November at 7.30pm in the Brandon House Hotel, New Ross.

Social Dance - Marian Hall, Strangsmills

Social Dance, Saturday, 28th November, 8.30 p.m.
Music on the night by Michelle Murphy. Entry €10

Marian Hall, Strangsmills - Weekly Activities

Monday
Taekwondo (6 p.m. – 8 p.m.) – Audrey 086 3739284
African Drumming (8.15 p.m.) – Cathy 087 968 4580
Tuesday
Line Dancing (7-8.30 p.m.) - Suzanne 087 6300336
Wednesday
Yoga (7-8 p.m.) - Laura 087 6802303
Thursday
Children's Dance Class (6.30 p.m.) – Faith 087 2040961
Hall Enquiries: 086 892 1356/ mhstrangsmills@gmail.com

Parish Office

Signed Sympathy Cards, Mass Bouquets are available from the Parish Office.
The Parish Office opens at the following times -

- Tuesday 9.30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Friday 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Mass bookings, items for inclusion in the Parish Newsletter etc. can be emailed to Aoife at kilmacow@ossory.ie, Parish phone 087 4796533 or dropped into the post box at the Parish Office before 12 noon on Friday.

https://mooncoinparish.ie

FOR OUR YOUNG PARISHIONERS

All the words listed below are in thise weekend's Gospel.
Can you find them in this word grid?

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- ☐ lamps
- ☐ oil
- ☐ waiting
- ☐ wise
- ☐ bridegroom
- ☐ light
- ☐ wedding
- ☐ Jesus
- ☐ prepared
- ☐ awake
- ☐ hearts

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

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THE GRAPEVINE

MOONCOIN PARISH NEWSLETTER

Vol. 36 No. 36 8th November 2026

THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

First Reading:	Wisdom 6:12-16
Responsorial Psalm:	Psalm 63
Second Reading:	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 or 4:13-14
Gospel:	Matthew 25:1-13
Key Theme:	Stay awake and ready
Focus:	Wisdom and preparation
Summary:	God calls us to seek wisdom and live with hope. We stay ready for Him by keeping our faith strong.
Challenge:	Pay attention to how you are living each day. Make choices that help you stay close to God and ready to follow Him.
Action Step:	Set aside a few quiet minutes to pray and ask God for wisdom.
Verse to Remember:	"Stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour." (Matthew 25:13)

Sunday's Message **Grief with Hope**

St. Paul reminds us this Sunday not to grieve like people who have no hope. Because Jesus died and rose again, we trust that our beloved dead have gone before us to the eternal banquet. As we gather for our annual Mass for those who died this past year, and as we remember the Holy Souls this November, the Gospel calls us to keep our lamps burning. May our prayers, our Masses offered, and our acts of love be the oil that lights our way in life and their way to eternal happiness. Let us take comfort: the separation is temporary, and we will see them again in the joy of the Resurrection.

Mooncoin Cancer Support Group
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ALL REQUESTS ARE STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL

MASSES THIS WEEKEND IN RATHDOWNEY PARISH

SATURDAY 7TH NOVEMBER 2026

Rathdowney 6pm: **First Holy Communion Enrolment Mass**
Mary Gray, Knockiel. Months Mind
Mick Delaney, Graigueavalla. Months Mind
Mai Clancy, Rapla
Sheila Rafter, Cuan Bhride & Clonmeen.

SUNDAY 8TH NOVEMBER 2026

Errill 9.30 am: John, Teresa & Michael O'Dea, Clonmeen.

MASSES DURING THE WEEK

Tues. & Wed: Mass at 10am

Thursday: Service of the Word & distribution of the Eucharist.

Friday 10am: Mass at 10am

MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

SATURDAY 14TH NOVEMBER 2026

Rathdowney 6pm: Patrick Kavanagh, Quigley Park
Michael Doheny, Daly Terrace
Betty Taplin, Dublin

SUNDAY 15TH NOVEMBER 2026

Errill 9.30 am: Teresa Kelly, Village View.

Recent Death: Stephen Sheeran Phelan, 2 Harp Rd & Abbeyleix.

Anniversaries: Paddy Loughman, Quigley Pk.,
Sean Hetherington, Quigley Pk.,
Ted & May Carroll, Glosha,
Patrick Keyes, Monamondra.
James & Annie Bowe, Rathdowney

Collections **Weekend 31st Oct / 2nd Nov 2026**

Loose Plate - € 590 Envelopes - € 1820

Adoration

Adoration in Rathdowney on Thursday after 10am Mass
and in Errill on Friday from 10.30am to 11.30am
Rosary available each evening - Monday to Friday at 5.30pm on the Webcam.

Castlefleming Community Alert

Will hold its AGM on Wednesday 11th November at 8pm in Dowling's Bar.
All Welcome.

Safefood Ireland - Food Environment Exhibition

Takes place in Rathdowney library from 11-18 November 2026.
Come and see people's vision for a healthier food environment

Rathdowney Errill GAA Club Annual Auction

Sunday 29th November in Rathdowney GAA Grounds at 2pm.
Auction of Timber, Turf & Farming products. Cake sale & chance to win load of Timber.
We are delighted to welcome Rathdowney River Erkina Choir
who will get us into Christmas spirit by performing on day.

Errill Drama Group

Errill Drama Group presents "The Cheque is in the Post", written by Alice Lynch, a hilarious comedy in St. Bernadette's Community Hall on Friday 20th, Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd November. This will be a great night's entertainment not to be missed. Curtain up at 8:00 pm. Admission €12 at the door. There will be a raffle also for some lovely prizes. Your support is very much welcomed.

Newsletter for the Parishes of Durrow and Rathdowney
7th/8th November 2026
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

SAFEGUARDING

Designated Liaison Person - Ailish Higgins
085 802 1633
safeguarding@ossory.ie
Gardaí 1800 555 222 / TUSLA – Laois/Offaly 044 935 3997
Towards Healing Helpline: 1800 313 416
www.towardshealing.ie
Towards Peace Helpline: 01-505 3028
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; Seamus Clancy; Liam Kavanagh; Pádraig Kiely; Anne-Marie Kiely
Sr. Anita O'Leary; Fr. Martin Delaney

Parish Office Opening Hours

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

Ireland's 3rd National First Saturdays Conference

This year's conference will take place in Knock on Saturday November 28th. The day begins at 10am and finishes at 5pm. It includes Holy Mass, adoration, talks, and a healing service. Speakers include: Fr Patrick Cahill, Geraldine O'Donnell, Fr Leon Pereira OP, Nikki Kingsley, Fr Marius O'Reilly, Fr. Jaimie Twohig, Christine O'Hara, Fr. Mark Quinn, and Fr Philip Kemmy, Fr. John Keane will lead a Eucharistic Healing Service. More information and the list of buses going are available on www.firstsaturdays.ie. At Fatima Our Lady promised that if we did what she asked there would be peace in the world and that many souls would be saved.

Advent Retreat

Friday November 27th (arrive between 4 & 5pm) to Sunday November 29th
Come away and rest awhile in the grounds of St. Patrick's Missionary Society set in the beautiful landscape of Kiltegan, Co. Wicklow
To pause to reflect and to celebrate your unique journey as we await the celebration of new life
Price €315 Contact slianchroi@spms.ie or phone 089 4690508

ABIDE Women's Conference 2026 | 20–22 November:

A beautiful weekend of faith, celebration, healing and joy!
Join hundreds of women at the Great Northern Hotel, Bundoran, Co. Donegal for our 3rd 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.
Register on Eventbrite: Abide in His Love.

MASSES THIS WEEKEND IN DURROW PARISH

SATURDAY 7TH NOVEMBER 2026

Cullohill 7.30 pm: **First Holy Communion Enrolment Mass**
Sean Muldowney, Parknahown
Edmund Kenny, Newtown, Durrow

SUNDAY 1ST NOVEMBER 2026 ALL SAINTS DAY

Durrow 11 am: Dr William & Lil Bannon, their Daughter Fionnula and son Liam, The Square, Durrow.
Margaret (Peg) Phelan, Knockanoran, Durrow

MASSES DURING THE WEEK

Monday to Friday: Mass in Durrow at 8.50am

MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

SATURDAY 14TH NOVEMBER 2026

Cullohill 7.30 pm: Andrew Henderson, Conoboro Rd., Months Mind
Jack Dunphy, Oldtown, Cullohill.

SUNDAY 15TH NOVEMBER 2026 – All Saints Day

Durrow 11 am: John & Margaret Brophy, Carrigan St.
Joseph Murphy, The Square, Durrow
Margaret Moore, Tubberboe
Ronan Lawlor, Mill Rd., Durrow.

Collections **Weekend 31st October/ 1st November 2026**

Loose Plate - €306 Envelopes - € 2101

Adoration

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

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

Notice of Electricity Supply Interruption:

ESB Networks have notified us of an interruption to the supply of electricity to Holy Trinity Church in Durrow on Sunday 15th Nov '26 between the hours of 9am -4pm. There will be Mass in the Church at 11am as usual

Laois Volunteer Centre Consultation

Voluntary groups, volunteers and organisations with a stake in volunteering across Laois are invited to meet up and have their say on how the Laois Volunteer Centre can advance volunteering across the county at a stakeholder engagement workshop on Wednesday, November 11, from 7 pm to 9 pm in The Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise. All are welcome, but booking is essential via https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/2003350301681

Rosbercon & Glenmore

Fr Liam Taylor P.P., Rosbercon and Glenmore. Contact: 086 818 0954. **Address:** Parish House, Robinstown, Glenmore. Y34 NP08

Date: 8th November 2026 Issue 1/15

Regular Mass Times.

Monday	See Opposite
Tuesday	See Opposite
Wednesday	No Mass
Thursday	See Opposite
Friday	See Opposite
Saturday	6pm Glenmore
Tullogher 1st Saturday of the month	7.30pm
All other Saturday's, Listerlin	7.30pm
Sunday	10am Rosbercon
	11.30am Glenmore

Confessions: After any Mass or by request

Baptisms: Contact the Parish office in Rosbercon, or Fr. Liam to book a baptism. Baptisms are on Saturday's at 2pm. Whichever church is booked first; the baptisms will be held there that weekend.

Weddings: At least 6 months' notice to Church and State. Make sure to check the availability of the church and priest.

Ossory Registered Charity No. 20015831

Rosbercon Parish Office: Monday to Thursday, 10.30am to 2.30pm.

SAFEGUARDING

Designated Liaison Person: Fintan Fanning
085 802 16 33 dlp@ossory.ie
Parish Safeguarding Reps: **Rosbercon:** Anne O' Sullivan & Bríd Vereker. **Glenmore:** Anne Marie Harney & Annette Comiskey.
Free & Confidential Counselling
www.towardhealing.ie or 1800 303 416

Parish Announcements
WhatsApp group

Rosbercon Parish

Email: rosbercon@ossory.ie
Web: www.rosberconparish.ie
Phone: 051 421515 or 086 818 0954

Pray For Our Deceased Loved Ones

Anniversaries: Luke Hennessy, Glensensaw (17th Ann). Shared with: Tom Murphy, Ballyfoyle, John McDonald, Kilvinogue, Thomastown (7th Ann), Thomas & Mary Maher, Derrylackey, Statia Lawlor, Glenpipe (13th Ann) **(Sat 7.30pm).** Betty Walsh, Assumption Terrace, Shared with: Carol Walsh, Garrenbehy, Tom Bradley, New Ross, Dolly Hennessy, Hoodsgrove, Matt & Maggie O'Connor, Tinnakilly (28th & 4th Ann) **(Sun 10am)**

Anniversary Masses Next Weekend: Tom Doherty, Listerlin **(Sat 7.30pm)** John Walsh, Waterford Road, Shared with: Kathleen Murphy, Brownsford, Matt, Nora, Luke & John Cody, Ballyrue. **(Sun 10am)**

Rosbercon Parish Collection Last Week:
Rosbercon €764 Listerlin €159
Thank you very much for your support. Please use your weekly envelopes where possible.

Booking Anniversaries, Baptisms Etc. ALL parish queries should be made only to **rosbercon@ossory.ie** or to the numbers above.

Mass for Deceased Bishops and Priests of Ossory, This Sunday, November 8th, at 5.30pm in St. Mary's Cathedral.

Extra Masses Next Week (in addition to normal)
Monday, 7pm in Listerlin
Thursday, 7pm in Tullogher

Bingo Night. Hostel by Horswood Parent's Assoc. €2,200 in prizes. Sunday 15th November in Campile Hall at 6.30pm

Chair Exercise. Now on Monday's at 10:45am in Glenmore Hall. Join us and bring a friend.

Glenmore Parish

Email: glenmore@ossory.ie
Web: www.glenmoreparish.ie
Phone: 086 818 0954

Pray For Our Deceased Loved Ones

Recently Deceased: Thomas Walsh, Jamestown. Fr Tom Cody, Carrigcloney & Jacksonville, US. Funeral Mass, Tuesday, 3pm in Jacksonville. Link on RIP.ie

Anniversaries: Josie Connolly, Weatherstown (10th Ann) **(Sat 6pm).** Sr. Agnes (Maureen) Phelan, Coolnaleen (1st Ann), Shared with: Fr. John Duggan, Flemingstown & Rhode Island **(Sun 11.30am).**

Anniversary Masses Next Weekend: Richard Duggan, Flemingstown. Also, Fr. Nicky & Fr. John Duggan, Flemingstown. Shared with: Sean & Josephine Mernagh, Jamestown & Pat Mernagh, Ballycroney **(Sat 6pm).** Paddy & Tommy Griffin, Robinstown **(Sun 11.30).**

Glenmore Parish Collection Last Week: Offertory €354 Parish Envelopes €455
Thank you very much for your support. Please use your weekly envelopes where possible.

Noeleen's Tractor Run: Noeleen's Tractor Run **this** Sunday 8th November starting at GAA Complex. Registration starts at 11.30am and the run starts at 1pm sharp.
Followed by refreshments and raffle in the Glen Bar. €20 per vehicle. All tractors, cars, bikes and lorries welcome. Local charities benefit from this event.

Rosary in the Cemetery: For the Sundays of November, we will gather in our cemeteries at 3pm to offer the rosary and prayers for the dead.
Dates are:
Glenmore, 8th Nov; Rosbercon, 15th Nov; Listerlin 22nd, Glenmore 29th

Extra Masses Next Week (in addition to normal): Tuesday, 7pm Glenmore; Friday 7pm, Glenmore

Golden Club. Meets this Tuesday in Glenmore Hall. Chat, games and a light lunch. €5.

Memory Wall: Each church now has a Remembrance Wall and we ask families to loan us a small picture or remembrance card of your family members who have died.
Feel free to place your remembrance card/picture on the board in any church. It is located at the altar.

Naming Our Dead: Remembrance Sheets are available at the back of each church in Glenmore & Rosbercon Parishes. Write the names of your deceased and place the list in the basket at the memory board.

Remembrance Service, Glenmore & Rosbercon

Remembering all our loved ones, but especially those who have died in the past year. Dates of the service are as follows:

Glenmore: Thursday 19th November, 7pm

Rosbercon: Thursday 26th November, 7pm

Families bereaved in the past year are especially invited to attend. A candle will be lit for each person who has died in the past year and this will be presented to the family afterwards. All welcome.

Glenmore St Vincent de Paul assist with fuel bills, school & college expenses etc. Call in confidence, 086 062 0675

November Offering for Priest

My sincere and grateful thanks to all who have, and will support the November Offering for the priest.

In Glenmore, this is the next green envelope in your contribution box.

In Rosbercon, this is the second of the three contribution envelopes sent around last month.

I obtain half my salary from each parish (but get paid the same), and I am grateful for the support both in Rosbercon & Glenmore.

The recent **Hospice Coffee Morning** in Glenmore Hall raised €1,360. Thank you

ST CANICE'S PARISH
Sunday 8th November 2026

Recently Deceased
Paddy Kelly, Assumption Place and Lord Edward St
Lee Heffernan, Old Callan Rd and Newpark Close
Maurice Sarji, Damascus, (Father of Nabil Sarji, Cluain Glasán)

Anniversaries

Sat 7pm	Josie McPhillips (1st Aniv) PJ Taylor,
Sun 10am	Paddy, John, Jim and Babs Mullins
Sun 11.30am	First Communion Preparation Mass
Tues 9.30am	Tom Murphy
Wed 9.30am	K.E. Varkey
Thurs 7.30pm	**Annual Remembrance Mass (No Mass at 9.30am on Thurs)**

We also remember Sean Barry, Peter Blanchfield, Mary Cummins, Margaret, Patrick and Nora Doran, Catherine, Paddy and Michael Delaney, Johanna Harold, Greg Moynihan, Mary Mulrooney, Eddie Nolan, Denis Philpott, Tess Turner

Next weekend

Sat 7pm	Billy, Geoffrey and MaryAnn Brennan, Teresa Clifford
Sun 10am	Michael and Robert Dwyer, Nora O'Connor
Sun 11.30am	Margaret Dowling (1st Anniv), Claire Treacy

Sunday Collection
Sunday 1st November the collection amounted to €1810
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.

Eucharistic Adoration in St. Canice's
There will be Eucharistic Adoration in St. Canice's Church on Wed 11th November from 2pm – 4pm. Our Special Prayer Intention is for the Souls in Purgatory. All welcome.

St Vincent de Paul Collection
Thank you for your continued support. At the last collection in September, you donated €1755. This is much appreciated. The collection for the month of November will be taken up after all Masses next weekend 14th and 15th November.
All funds collected go directly to people in need in our parish

Medjugorje Evening of Prayer
The Monthly Medjugorje Mass, with Rosary, Adoration and prayer for healing, will take place next Mon. the 9th Nov. at 7.30pm in the Oratory of St. Patrick's Parish Centre. All are welcome

Best of Luck
Best of Luck to Dicksboro who are playing in the County Final on Sunday against John Lockes, in UPMC Nowlan Park

Visit of The Relics of St Therese of Lisieux to Waterford
to Cathedral of the Most Holy Trinity, **Friday 13th November** - Arriving 2pm Welcome Liturgy - Veneration until 6pm **Saturday 14th November** - Mass at 12pm - Veneration until 4pm **Sunday 15th November** - Mass at 8.30am, 12 Noon (Bishop Cullinan) - Veneration after 8.30am Mass till 5pm Closing Liturgy at 5pm

Mass Times
Mon-Fri 9.30am, Sat: Vigil Mass 7pm, Sun: 10am and 11.30am
All Masses are livestreamed on the Parish Webcam www.stcanicesparish.ie and broadcast on the Parish radio (108FM.). The 10am Mass on Sundays will also be broadcast live from St. Canice's on Community Radio Kilkenny City (88.7FM)

November Remembrance Mass:
This year's November Mass for those who have died during the year will take place next **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.

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, November 8th at the courtyard of Kilkenny Castle at 2 pm walking to the missing persons monument. This is an opportunity for all of us to gather 31 years on to ensure that JoJo is not forgotten and the search for her will continue.

November Reflection - Fr. Willie.
As the days shorten and the earth rests, November calls us into a quiet space of memory and hope. The crisp air and lengthening shadows invite us to pause from the restless pace of daily life and enter into the gentle rhythm of reflection. Nature itself seems to bow its head in surrender, teaching us the quiet beauty of letting go and trusting in the promise of renewal.
In the stillness of these November days, we carry those who have gone before us not as distant figures of the past, but as living presences held forever in the tender mercy of God. In that sacred hush, the veil between heaven and earth feels thin. We remember their smiles, their voices, their quiet sacrifices, and the love they so generously poured into our lives. Death has not severed our bond; rather, it has transformed it, anchoring our grief in the steadfast hope of eternal life.
As we look back with gratitude, we also look forward with faith, knowing that the God who holds our loved ones in His eternal embrace holds us in our present pilgrimage. In this season of remembrance, may our hearts find comfort in the quiet assurance that love never ends, and that we walk toward a shared light that no darkness can ever extinguish.

Fr. Willie Purcell - 087 6286858. Parish Centre 056 7721533
Email - stcanices@ossory.ie Website - www.stcanicesparish.ie

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

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
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.

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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.



WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS AT THIS TIME

people of the parish, those who have passed away in our community, our beloved family members & friends and all those who need our prayers at this time.

MONTH'S MIND

Margaret Lower, Templeorum

ANNIVERSARIES

Rían Anthony
Michael & Anastasia Cuddihy, Waterford and Ballygown
Mae Cummins, Turkstown
Joan Flemming, Tybroughney
Seamus & Nora Fox, Fanningstown
Michael O'Brien, Hillcrest
Michael O'Donnell
Seamus Purcell
Katie Walsh, Eddie Walsh and all the Walsh Family

OWNING & TEMPLEORUM SUNDAY 10AM MASS ROSTER

8th Nov. – **PILTOWN** Church
15th Nov. – Templeorum Church
22nd Nov. – Owning Church
29th Nov. – Templeorum Church

WEEKLY EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Owning: Tuesdays from 2-3pm
Piltown: Thursdays at 10:30am

TIME WITH JESUS

Our 'Time with Jesus' takes place each Wednesday night at 7:30pm in Piltown Community Centre.
All are welcome.

SAVE THE DATE

Confirmation 2027 for all three schools will take place on Friday, 16th April 2027 in the Church of the Assumption, Piltown at 11am.

NOVEMBER STATIONS

November Stations are no due.
We appreciate your continued support of our Parish. Thank You!

IN NOVEMBER, WE REMEMBER

For the month of November, we will have our Remembrance Tree at the back of the Church. Please place the names of your loved ones on the card provided. These cards will be collected and placed at the Altar for our Service of Light Mass towards the end of November.

CONFESSION

Confessions will take place from 6:30pm to 7:30pm after the Saturday evening Vigil Mass for those who would like to avail of the opportunity to attend.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament will take place for the next three Saturdays following 6pm Mass in Piltown Church.

RELICS OF ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX

The visit of the Relics of St. Therese of Lisieux and her Parents, St. Louis and St. Zelie Martin to the Cathedral of the Most Holy Trinity, Waterford on November 13th; 14th and 15th, 2026. For further information: 085 8887549. Email: sttherese relicssweeneyfamily@gmail.com

TEMPLEORUM TRACTOR RUN

In association with Mooncoin Vintage Club. In memory of Mikey Duggan.
Charity Fundraiser for Templeorum National School. **Sunday, 29th November, 2026 at 12 noon.** Starting at Templeorum National School.
Light refreshments available.
Raffle tickets on the day.
Everyone welcome! €20 entry.
Vintage Tractors; Modern Tractors; Vintage Vehicles; Families and Friends.

KILMACOW, MOONCOIN, TEMPLEORUM PASTORAL AREA COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting of the Council will take place on Tuesday, November 10th at 7:30pm in the Nagle Chapel, Mooncoin.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The clothes banks at the Community Centre in Piltown and at Owning Hall car park have been removed. New clothes banks will be in place shortly.
Please DO NOT dump clothes where the previous clothes banks were.

OWNING ICA

A Cake Sale and Raffle will take place in the Marian Hall, Owning on Sunday, 22nd November, 2026 after 10am Mass. Proceeds will be used towards the Annual ICA Senior Citizens Dinner.
Your support would be appreciated!

CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA!

Carrick-on-Suir Lion's Club, Christmas Extravaganza! Takes place on Sunday, 8th November, 2026 from 2pm to 4pm in the Dove Hill Design Centre. Complimentary Mulled Wine and Mince Pies. The Suir Valley Choir will be there. All donations to benefit the Carrick-on-Suir Lion's Club and St. Nicholas/St. Mollerans St Vincent de Paul.

HELP THE WORLD TO SEE!

Carrick-on-Suir Lions Club.
Donate your old Spectacles.
If you have a spare pair of glasses, prescription or reading glasses, or sunglasses, that you no longer need, please don't throw them away. Carrick-on-Suir Lions club is collecting them to help give clear vision to adults and children in developing Countries who cannot afford eye care. You can leave your old glasses in the collection box at St. Nicholas church or at the lobby in the Nano Nagle resource centre. Don't let your spare spectacles go to waste-donate today and help us to bring hope and clarity to someone in need. The collection boxes will be open for the month of November.

OSSORY PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2027

The Ossory Annual Pilgrimage will take place from Friday, 14th May to Wednesday 19th May, 2027 inclusive. Book directly with Joe Walsh Tours (01) 2410800. Costs will be available shortly.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

The Annual Christmas Carol service will take place in Piltown Church on Thursday, December 10th.
Anyone interested in joining the entertainers on the night, please contact Noel on 085-7063811.

THINKING OF GETTING IN TO BEEKEEPING?

It's a great hobby and the honey is wonderful! Grants are available. Minimum investment is €2,000 ex VAT. Maximum investment is €3,400 ex VAT. Deadline for applications is 5pm on Friday, 4th December, 2026. **For further details e-mail: horticulturegrants@agriculture.gov.ie**

PILTOWN CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

The Annual Christmas Craft Fair will take place on Sunday, November 22nd in Piltown Community Centre from 11am to 5pm.

CARRICK-ON-SUIR DAY CARE CENTRE

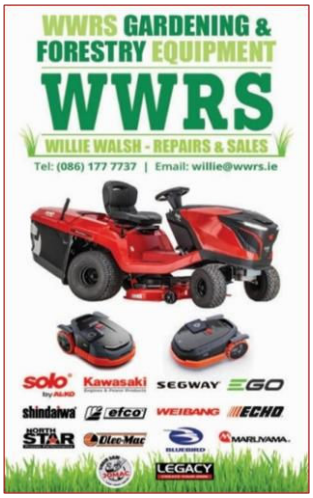
Vacancies are available for Daycare. Contact 051-645143 on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday from 9am to 3pm or call in and have a chat and see our centre. We would love to welcome new service users.

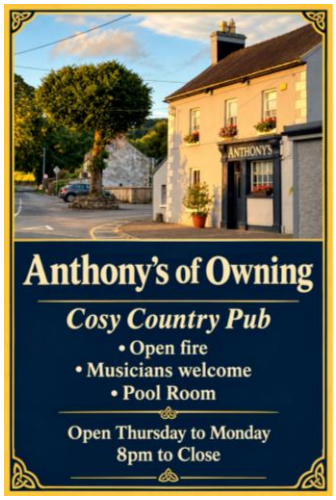
TABLE TENNIS IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Table Tennis is a great sport that can be enjoyed by all age groups. Beginners especially welcome to come along. Thursday nights from 7:30pm to 9pm. Great pastime now for the long nights! All are welcome!

PILTOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE–ACTIVITIES TIMETABLE

Monday- Knitting at 10am, Bowls at 10:30, Chloe 30m, Karate 6-6:45 for beginners and 6-7 for all grades.
Tuesday - Irish Dancing @5pm, Inga's keep fit class @7:00pm.
Wednesday - Chairobics at 11am, Inga at 7:00pm and Fr Moore's prayer group at 7:30pm in Room 1.
Thursday - Bowls in main hall at 10:30am.
Friday- Bowls at 10:30 in main hall.
Library opens daily at 10am. Snooker Hall 6pm-10pm daily.





CEACHTANNA GAEILGE GAELSCOIL, CHARRAIG NA SUIRE

Irish classes every Monday for 10 weeks. Beginning on November 9th, 2026. Time: 6pm to 7pm. €80 for 10 weeks.
To book a place, phone 051 640366.

TRACTORS & TUDORS CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL 2026

Saturday, 12th December in Carrick-on-Suir from 1pm to 8pm. Join us for a celebration bringing together our farming roots, local heritage and festive spirit!

MOUNT MELLERAY ABBEY CHURCH HOURS

The Church is open daily for all visitors and pilgrims who desire to pray. You are very much welcome also to join us at daily Mass. **Mass times:** Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 12:10pm. Thursday at 6:30am. Friday at 12:10pm and Sunday at 10am. Church is open weekdays from 11am to 2pm and Sundays from 9am to 12pm.

CAO 2027 ENTRY FORMS

The CAO 2027 ENTRY FORM IS NOW OPEN!
Apply at: CAO.IE Important dates for Students:
1. 20/11/2026-Early bird deadline,5pm €35
2. 01/02/2027-Normal deadline,5pm €50
3. 05/05/2027-Change of mind opens.
01/07/2027-Change of mind closes at 12 noon.
After Results: Round 1 offers (date TBD)

ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN PARISH NEWSLETTER

Items for inclusion in the Parish Newsletter each weekend must be submitted by email to piltownparishnews@gmail.com by 7pm each Wednesday evening in order to be included in that week's issue. Please note that items for the newsletter must be in **typed format** – **no screenshot picture messages** will be accepted for printing.









St Colmcille's Pastoral Area – Thomastown & Inistioge Parishes

THOMASTOWN PARISH

Thomastown Parish Mass Times		Inistioge Parish Mass Times		
Vigil:	6.00pm	Vigil:	The Rower:	7.30pm
Sunday:	10.00am	Sunday:	Clodiagh:	9.30am
St Columba's:	11.00am		Inistioge:	11.00am
Wednesday:	9.30am	Tuesday:	The Rower:	9.30am
Friday:	9.30am	Thursday:	Inistioge:	9.30am
webcam: thomastownparish.ie		webcam: inistiogeparish.ie		

THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 08th NOVEMBER 2026

Advent Retreat – Nov. 27th – 29th

Facilitated by Slí an Chroí Retreat Team. 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 4690508 Price: €315.00.

Social Media

A Social Media Information Day on "How best to engage with young people in our Parish through the use of social media" facilitated by Chah Garde of the Catholic Communication Office, will take place in St Patrick's Pastoral Centre, Loughboy, Kilkenny, on Saturday, 14th November, beginning with Tea/Coffee at 10.30 a.m. and will conclude with light refreshments at 1.00 p.m.

Check it Fits: Next week, the RSA's Check it Fits service will be visiting County Kilkenny. Did you know that as many as 54% of child car seats are incorrectly fitted which can lead to serious injury or even death in a collision. The Check it Fits service is quick, it's easy, it's free. We will be visiting Aldi Waterford Rd., Kilkenny, next Tuesday, 10th.

BEREAVEMENTS

Recently deceased: John Sherlock, Brownsbarn.

Anniversaries: Josie Lannon, Dangan Tce; Peter Lannon; Pakie Lannon & deceased members of the Lannon Family, Newtown; Jim Byrne, Newtown; Anna Hoban, Clossgregg: (6.00pm). Noelle Walsh, Station Road: Month's Mind; Billy O'Brien, Friarshill: (10.00am).

Anniversaries Next w/e: Alice O'Keeffe, Smithstown; Tom Dack, Cloughabrody; Mary O'Neill, Station Road; Jim Grace, Castle Ave: (6.00pm). Bessie Delaney, Pipe St: (10.00am).

Eight Steps Toward a More Satisfying Life.

A recent TIME magazine 'Eight Steps Toward a More Satisfying Life' presented eight recommended steps: 1. Count your blessings. 2. Practice acts of kindness. 3. Savor life's joys. 4. Thank a helper. 5. Learn to forgive. 6. Invest time and energy in friends and family. 7. Take care of your body. 8. Develop strategies for coping with stress and hardship. This weekend as we reflect on the parable of the Ten Bridesmaids, or Ten Virgins as in many translations, we add one more step, a 9th step to the strategy: 'Be prepared'. Be prepared to step off life's planned paths and trust the Spirit. After all, the Spirit can appear in life in many guises, disguises, and surprises.

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