3rd Sun Advet

The Ascension of the Lord

Anniversaries: 7.30pm: Philip & Elizabeth Long
9am: Eily Whelan
11am: Margaret & Tom Cody. Ned Cody

Anniversaries:

Recently Deceased:

Next week's Anniversaries 7:30pm: Jim Brigid & Seamie Fowler
9am:
11am: May (Dan) Carroll

Ministers of the Word and Eucharistic Ministers next weekend
Ballyhale: Ger & Holy Long Irene Lennon
Knocktopher: John O' Keeffe, Kathleen Hession & Ann Walsh

"**The Ascension of Jesus into heaven** acquaints us with this deeply consoling reality on our journey: in Christ, true God and true human, our humanity was taken to God. Christ opened the path to us. He is like a roped guide climbing a mountain who, on reaching the summit, pulls us up to him and leads us to God". Pope Francis

Padre Pio National Pilgrimage: Pilgrimage to Holy Cross Abbey, Thurles on Sunday next 28th. May. Ceremonies will begin at 1.30p.m. If interested in travelling please contact: ***Kay Power*** 086 168 7073 or ***Lily Burke*** 056 776 8008

"The Letter" – A Screening: "The Letter" tells the story of a journey to Rome of Frontline Leaders to discuss the Encyclical Letter 'Laudato Si' with Pope Francis. The exclusive dialogue with the Pope, included in the film, offers a revealing insight into the personal history of Pope Francis and stories never seen since he became the Bishop of Rome. A Screening will take place on Tuesday, 23rd. May at 7.00p.m. in St Kieran's College; College Chapel. All are welcome.

The 21st anniversary of the unveiling of the National Monument for missing persons in Kilkenny Castle Park will take place on Sunday May 28th gathering at 12 noon in the Castle courtyard, walking to the monument for a service of reflection and remembrance. The Minister for Justice will be the guest speaker. Music by the Kilkenny Gospel Choir. All are welcome to this special time of remembrance.

Exam Time : Over the next few weeks our younger parishioners will be busy taking exams. Remember to keep the young people of our parish in your prayers. We petition for clear thinking, inspiration, guidance and calm.

Website: www.ballyhaleparish.ie

FERRYBANK & SLIEVERUE PARISHES

22nd November 2026

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE





The Church of the Sacred Heart Ferrybank



The Church of the Assumption Slieverue

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Very Rev. Roderick Whearty P.P.
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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

Retired Priests Collection - Feast of Christ the King, 22 November 2026
The Annual Collection for this good cause takes place this weekend after Holy Communion in Ferrybank Church. Slieverue parishioners can use the yellow envelope which is included in yearly box of envelopes. Your contribution is an opportunity to show appreciation for the many years of service our sick and retired priests have given to God and to His people throughout the Diocese of Ossory. Your support is very much appreciated.

Mass of the Sick and Anointing of the Sick
Fr. Roderick will celebrate a special Mass of the Sick including anointing of the sick on Thursday 26th November at 10am in Ferrybank Church and on Friday 27th November at 10.00am in Slieverue Church. Bringing spiritual grace, peace, strength, comfort and healing, it can restore spiritual, emotional and physical health, if it is God's will.

Ferrybank & Slieverue Parish Christmas Shared Mass Cards
Share the joy of Christ's birth with our Parish Christmas cards. You and your recipients will be remembered in our Masses over the Christmas period in both Ferrybank & Slieverue Churches beginning on Christmas Eve. The cards are now available from the Parish Office and after weekend Masses in Slieverue Church at a cost of €3.00 per card.

Ossory Adult Faith Development Advent 2026
Advent Reflections St. Kieran's College, Kilkenny 7.30pm each evening
Monday 7th Dec.
"Social Media and our Children – a truly moral question" - Rev. Dr. Michael Shortall
Wednesday 9th Dec.
"Teaching the Sacraments" The work that makes the celebration - Rev. Dr. Dermot Ryan
Monday 14th Dec.
Spirit – Shocking wonder – Christmas in the poetry of Patrick Kavanagh - Dr. James Heaney
Wednesday 16th Dec.
Exploring the Synodal recommendations – A Conversation with Ossory & Ferns Delegates Ms. Gemma Mulligan, Mr. Sean O'Leary and Rev. Dr. Dermot Ryan
Please see full details for Season of Advent Posters at the back of our Church
Tel. 056-7753624 email:afd@ossory.ie web:www.ossory.ie
Other Advent Resources
Advent Taizé Prayer "Wait for the Lord" St. Mary's Cathedral, Friday 4th Dec. @ 7.30pm
Diocesan Christmas Carol Service St. Mary's Cathedral Sunday 20th Dec. @ 7.30pm
Prayer in Parishes "Supporting Prayer in Parishes" Prayer resources delivered to every Parish
Daily Advent Tweet "Thoughts, reflections, prayer" follow on Twitter @ossorydiocese
Simple Resources to download for use in parishes from www.ossory.ie

Celebrate the Feast of Christ the King - Sunday, Nov.22nd
Tower Hotel, Waterford - 2pm to 5pm.
An opportunity to enter more intentionally into the season of Advent with prayer, praise, Scripture, talks, sharing and prayer ministry.
All welcome. Info Sile 086 8590394/ Tom 087 2701311.

Local Link Bus Service Covering Glenmore, Slieverue & Ferrybank and travel to Waterford Wednesday and Friday pick up from the house just phone to book on it 056-7715912. Can use a travel pass and also pay for the service.

Remembering all our loved ones who have died …

Recently Deceased
Frank Heylin, Abbey Park, Ferrybank

Patrick Vincent Thornton, Drumdowney, Slieverue

John Francis (Sean) Hayes
Grange Park Crescent, Waterford.

Christy O'Brien, Dublin/Slieverue

Anniversary

Sat. 6.00pm	Patricia (Patty) & Henry Moore (1st Anniv. for both)
	John Irish, Ballinlaw
Sat. 7.00pm	Margaret (Margie) Noblett (1st Anniv.)
	William Aspel
	Jack Fleming
	Johanna Forristal
	James & Elizabeth Sinnott
Sun. 9.30am	Terry Cremin
	Joe & Kitty Fitzpatrick, Ard Mhuire
	Jim & Mary Frawley, Ardagh & Edward Corbett
Sun. 10.30am	William & Johanna Hartley and Patrick & Maura Doherty, Ballyvaring
Sun. 11.30am	Francis Paul Malone
	Peter, Margaret & Bernard Ahearne
	Pakie Wash
Paddy Quealy Eileen Wallace	
Mon. 10.00am	Patrick & Gerard Nolan

Birthday Remembrance

Sun. 11.30am	Michael & Eileen Fleming

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

Coffee Morning in support of local Vincent de Paul



There will be a Coffee Morning on Tuesday next the 24th November 2026 at 10.30am in Hillsfield Community Centre, Belmont Road, Ferrybank. All proceeds is support of our local Vincent de Paul. Tea/Coffee, scones, small sales table and Raffle. Come along and bring a friend.

Slieverue & District Active Retirement Association

Wednesday 25th November Chairyoga 11.40pm in St Mary's Parish Hall followed at 1.05pm by Bingo.
A reminder of our Christmas lunch on Thursday 17th at 1.45pm in Helens Restaurant - names and payment in advance.

Cake Sale - Ringville National School

There will be a cake sale in the Slieverue Parish Hall on Sunday November 29th after Mass to raise funds for Ringville NS Parents Association. Please come along and enjoy some delicious homemade treats and to support Ringville NS. All support would be greatly appreciated

GAA House Draw

Waterford GAA has launched its third Winner House Draw to support the next phase of the major €16.2 million redevelopment of Azzurri Walsh Park. Phase two is expected to move to contract shortly, with a Waterford-based contractor selected and work due to begin in the coming weeks. More than €10.4 million in Government and Immigrant Investor Programme funding has already been secured, with Waterford GAA aiming to raise approximately five per cent of the overall redevelopment cost through the house draw.
Ferrybank GAA are selling tickets for the draw and, importantly, the club will receive a rebate for every ticket purchased through them. Supporters are therefore encouraged to buy their tickets directly from Ferrybank GAA, helping both the Walsh Park redevelopment and the local club. Tickets are priced at €50 for one, €80 for two or €100 for three, with a house as the main prize, along with a few smaller prizes throughout the year.

Ferrybank GAA will hold the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, November 25th at 7.30 pm in the New Clubhouse. All members are strongly encouraged to attend and take an active interest in the running and future development of the club. The continued success of Ferrybank GAA depends on the involvement and support of members, and the AGM provides an important opportunity for everyone to contribute. Please make every effort to attend. A good turnout is important for the future of the club. Newcomers are also very welcome.

100 Years of Broadcasting in Ireland - Speaker: Padraig Laffan

8pm, Friday November 27th Venue: Mullinavat Parish Hall (opposite St. Beacon's Church).
Friday, December 4th – Night of Reminiscing with Fr. Tomás O'Connor, at the Rhu Glenn Hotel, starting at 7pm. Cost, including food is €30. This year's guest speaker is Fr. Tomás O'Connor, the Director of Promotions at St. Patrick's Missionary Society (also known as the Kiltegan Fathers). Fr. Tomás is a native of County Limerick and was ordained a priest in June 1979. Previous to his current role, he served in Nigeria and Brazil. Contact Brigid Barron, 087 9507295, Katherine Grant, 086 1954616 or Mary Ryan 086 3790655.

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

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

Ferrybank Ministers of the Eucharist 28th & 29th Nov. 2026

Saturday 7.00pm	Eileen Long & Ray Ryan
Sunday 9.30am	Bride Doyle & Paddy Grant
Sunday 11.30am	Paul Lyons & Michelle Byrne

Ferrybank Ministers of the Word 28th & 29th Nov. 2026

Saturday 7.00pm	Barbara Wells
Sunday 9.30am	Catherine Howard
Sunday 11.30am	Mary Keane

Slieverue Ministers of the Eucharist 28th & 29th Nov. 2026

Saturday 6.00pm	Alice Irish
Sunday 10.30am	Adam Roche

Slieverue Ministers of the Word 28th & 29th Nov. 2026

Saturday 6.00pm	Johnny Quilty
Sunday 10.30am	Susan O'Neill

Church Collections for last weekend

Ferrybank		
Envelopes		€ 598.50
Offertory		€ 664.50
Slieverue		
Envelopes		€ 590.00
0ffertory		€ 756.60
Ossory Priests	(Total to date €511.00)	€ 50.00
Missions	(Total to date €386.00)	

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

Counselling Services

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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)

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of The Universe - 22nd November 2026

The Feast of Christ The King



This Sunday, the final Sunday of the Church's year, we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. But Christ is a King unlike any other. His throne was a cross, His crown was made of thorns, and His power was expressed through love, mercy and forgiveness.
In a world often divided by conflict, selfishness and the pursuit of power, Christ reminds us that true greatness is found in serving others. As we approach Advent, may we allow Christ to reign in our hearts, our homes and our communities, bringing His peace and compassion into everyday life.

Honouring Two Parish GAA Legends

Eddie Keher & Fr Tom Murphy

Next Sunday, November 29th, two outstanding GAA sportsmen from The Rower and Inistioge villages will be honoured in two separate, but conjoined ceremonies, to which you are all invited and welcome to attend.

At 11.00am in The Rower, Jarlath Burns, Uachtarán Chumann Lúthchleas Gael, will conduct the official naming and dedication of Fr Tom Murphy Park, honouring The Rower's local hero, Fr Tom, who passed away in Nov. 2022, having grown up in O'Murchadha's, just a stone's throw from the GAA pitch.

At 1.00pm in Inistioge, an tUachtarán Chumann Lúthchleas Gael will unveil the Eddie Keher bronze statue, immortalising our Parish's and Kilkenny's legend. Eddie, who won six All-Ireland SHC medals, is considered by many to be one of the greatest hurlers of all-time.

So, take a break from the shopping and join in these wonderful celebrations honouring these two great friends and sporting icons of our parish.

Bereavements.

Recently Deceased: Jimmy Griffin, Luton, England, formerly Mill Road, Inistioge, who died on Friday in Luton.

Anniversaries: Paddy & Annie O'Brien, Cullintra; Bridget Walsh, Tinnislatty (7.30pm); Tommy Ryan Ballygub & New York; Paddy & Peggy Ryan, Ballygub; Pierce & Pat Ryan Ballygub & deceased members of the Ryan family; Pat Byrne, Cappagh; Lourda O'Brien, Hatchery Lane (11.00am).

Next w/e: Pat Lyng, Tintine; Tomdy Lyng, Tintine & Tom Lyng, Wicklow; Michael Flood, Coolhill & deceased members of the Flood & Delahunty families; Jim Galavan, Ballyboden, formerly Kilconly (7.30pm); The deceased members of the Murphy family, Fiddawn; Jackie Johns, Ballyknock (11.00am).

Thank You

Your contribution to the collection in aid of Retired Priests this weekend.

Eucharistic Adoration

... in Inistioge Church this Sunday, the feast of Christ the King, from 2 to 4 pm. You are all are invited to attend.

Saint Columba's Hospital

Last week was a very historic one in the life of St Columba's. The state of the art **'new build'** was occupied for the first time, with excited residents transferring from the old hospital.

Also, adding to this moment in history, the Director of Nursing, Noreen Hynes formally retired at a reception in her honour on Thursday, attended by staff, family and friends.
We all wish her ***'ad multos annos'*** of health and happiness in her well-deserved retirement from her career and for a job exceedingly well done.

Last Week's Collection

Plate: € 841

Thank You For Your Support

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: Mr Fintan Fanning, 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
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Kilmacow Parish

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Parish Office: ***087 4796533***
Parish Email: ***kilmacow@ossory.ie***
Parish Website: ***www.kilmacowparish.com***

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

22nd November 2026

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Feast Of Christ The King

Mass Times

Kilmacow

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.

Anniversaries

11.15 a.m. Geraldine Powders, Paddy Lawlor & Elizabeth 'Betty' Lawlor
Donal Roche
Eileen Smyth
Pattie Doody
Mary Bridget Mullally
Mary Phelan
Mossie & Kitty Flavin
Dick Dunphy
Andy, Larry, Laurence & Kate Long
William & Mary Walsh and their Daughter, Breda Power and Granddaughter, Breda Power
Stella Forristal
Peter Stone
Michael Foskin

Monday Martin Foran
Deceased Members of Foran Family

Safe Guarding Witness

Sun 29th Anne O'Keeffe

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Sun 29th Anne O'Keeffe, Ann Kearns, Darina Larrissey, Betty Walsh

Readers

Sun 29th Rory Williams, Alice Power

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

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.

The Dog

When God had made the earth and sky
The flowers and the trees
He then made all the animals
The fish, the birds and bees
And then at last He had finished
Not one was quite the same
He said 'I'll walk this world of mine
And give each one a name'.
And so He travelled far and wide
And everywhere He went
A little creature followed him
Until it's strength was spent
When all were named upon the earth
And in the sky and sea
The little creature said 'Dear Lord, there's not one left for me'.
Kindly the Father said to him
'I've left you to the end.'
'I've turned my own name back to front and called you DOG my friend.'

In Memory of Baba, Fr. Martin's beautiful friend

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

Collection for the Ossory Priests Society – Feast of Christ the King – Sunday, 22nd November

The Ossory Priests Society is responsible for the financial provision for the care of priests in the Diocese of Ossory in infirmity, sickness and old age. The Annual Collection for this good cause takes place this weekend of the Feast of Christ the King. A contribution to the Ossory Priests Society collection is an opportunity to show appreciation for the many years of service our sick and retired priests have given to God and to His people throughout the Diocese of Ossory. Your support is very much appreciated.

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.

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.

Feast Of Christ The King

An afternoon with the opportunity to rest awhile with the Lord Jesus is on Sunday, 22nd November in the Tower Hotel, Waterford at 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. The afternoon includes prayer, praise, scripture, talks, sharing and prayer ministry. Contact Sile 086 8590394

Parish Schools Enrolment

Applications are now welcome for the school year 2027/2028.

St. Senan's NS, Kilmacow - Enrolments open on 23rd November until 15th January 2027. Contact the school 051885361/info@stsenansns.ie or https://www.stsenansns.ie/

St. Patrick's NS, Strangsmills - Enrolments open on 23rd November until 15th January 2027. Contact the school 051874474/schooloffice@strangsmillsns.ie or http://www.strangsmillsns.ie/pages/enrolment.php

Kilmacow Parish Finance Committee

A Parish Finance Committee meeting was held during the week.

Direct Debit Donations

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

Offertory €455 October Envelopes €2,095

Mass Bookings

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

Youth 2000 Christmas Retreat, 11th-13th December

Calling all young people aged 16–35! Join us at the Youth 2000 Christmas Retreat in Newbridge College, Co. Kildare. Visit youth2000.ie for more info.

Kilmacow Parish Choir Practice

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

South Kilkenny Historical Society

Lecture '100 Years of Broadcasting in Ireland', with Speaker, Padraig Laffan, on Friday November 27th at 8 p.m. in Mullinavat Parish Hall.

Social Dance - Marian Hall, Strangsmills

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

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.

Bake Sale & Rosedale Residents Christmas Party

Bake Sale will be on Saturday, 12th December, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and your support would be most welcome. This is then followed up by the Rosedale Residents Christmas Party at 3 p.m. with a fundraising raffle on the day with great prizes!

Remember Me

Don't remember me with sadness, don't remember me with tears, remember all the laughter, we've shared throughout the years. Now I am contented that my life it was worthwhile, knowing as I passed along the way I made somebody smile. When you are walking down the street and you've got me on your mind, I'm walking in your footsteps only half a step behind. So please don't be unhappy just because I'm out of sight, remember that I'm with you each morning, noon and night.

Date For The Diary 2026/2027

St. Senan's Carol Service, 10th December 7 p.m.
Confirmation - 15th April, 11 a.m.
First Holy Communion - 22nd May, 11 a.m
Ossory Pilgrimage to Lourdes 14th – 19th May

https://mooncoinparish.ie

Notes re Accounts

- Basket/Offertory collections rose in 2024 compared to 2023 thanks to the continued generosity of the community. Thank you also to those who collect at Mass and those who count and lodge the weekly collections.

- Contributions from White Envelope donations also increased in 2024 compared to 2023. Again, thank you to all those who contribute so generously towards the ongoing running costs of the Parish and to those who distribute the envelopes.

- The Charity Tax Refund Scheme, whereby the Parish can claim back tax relief on donations made by those who are self-employed or PAYE liable, generated a tax refund receipt of €10963.67 for the Parish and continues to be a very important source of income.

- As with any of us who are trying to keep a house or a business running the costs relating to electricity, heating, insurance and other utilities continue to rise and need to be continually monitored.

- The only major repair works/capital expenditure undertaken in the Parish in 2024 was the repair works carried out on Mooncoin Church and the upgrade of the Security Systems in Mooncoin, Kilnaspic, Carrigeen and the Parochial House/Office .

- It had been hoped to commence the painting of the interior of the Church in Mooncoin in 2024 but this was put on hold until further funding has been raised as this will be a major financial undertaking. In addition, the problems with damp and the lime mortar plastering needed to be sorted out before painting commences. Subject to sufficient funding being available it is envisaged that this work will be carried out this year. The Painting Committee are in the process of preparing the job specifications and will then proceed to obtaining quotes for the works.

- Once the painting of Mooncoin Church has been completed it is hoped to commence work on the painting of Carrigeen Church. Repair works on the stairs in Carrigeen Church was carried out in January 2025.

- The heating system in Mooncoin Church has been causing problems and it is expected that a new boiler will need to be installed as the old boiler has reached the end of its life span and continuing with repairing it will cost more in the long run.

Mooncoin

MASSES THIS WEEKEND IN RATHDOWNEY PARISH

SATURDAY 21ST NOVEMBER 2026

Rathdowney 6pm: Patrick Creagh & deceased members of his family.
Tom Bowe, Grogan & deceased members of the Bowe & Egan Families.
Richard, Dickie & Mollie Cahill, Moore St.

SUNDAY 22ND NOVEMBER 2026

Errill 9.30 am: Kathleen O'Connell, Glosha Road.

MASSES DURING THE WEEK

Tues. to Friday: Mass at 10am

MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

SATURDAY 28TH NOVEMBER 2026

Rathdowney 6pm: Johnny Keegan, Barney Lane, Months Mind
Noreen Conroy (nee Finane) Portlaoise & Mooreville
Rita Ryan (nee Finane) Dublin & Mooreville.
Sean & Mary Campion, Johnstown Glebe

SUNDAY 29TH NOVEMBER 2026

Errill 9.30 am: Mick Bergin, Coolowley

Recent Death: Theresa Murnane (nee Phelan) Limerick & late of Rathdowney.

Anniversaries: Peggy & Andy Ryan, Kilcommon
Mary Gray, Daly Terrace
Mary Cahill, Daly Terrace & her son Seamus
Eddie & Maisie O'Brien, Quigley Pk & their deceased family members.

Collections **Weekend 14th / 15th Nov 2026**

Loose Plate - €239 Envelopes - €1161

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.

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.

Errill Walks Group

Errill Walks Group will lead a pre-Christmas walk to the Derries on Sunday, 22nd of November.
All are invited to join. Group will meet in the church car park directly after Mass.

Errill NS Parents' Association

Used clothing collection
THURS 26th, Nov, St. Bernadette's Hall (R32 A3KN), 1.30-3.30pm and 6.30-8pm
SUN 29th Nov, drop off point at a trailer in the village, 9.30-11am
MON 30th Nov, St. Bernadette's Hall, 8.30-9.30am
We will be holding a **Bake Sale** in Dowling's Pub on Sun 6th December from 10.30am to 12pm. Any donations of baked goods, children's books, sports jerseys and Christmas jumpers greatly appreciated.

Newsletter for the Parishes of Durrow and Rathdowney
21st / 22nd November
Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King

SAFEGUARDING

Designated Liaison Person - Ailish Higgins
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Towards Peace Helpline: 01-505 3028
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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

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

Rathdowney Social Services Christmas Party

Will take place on Saturday 28th November at 1 pm in Cuan Bhride
Contact Agnes: 087 7672056.

Gala Concert

Thurles Cathedral Choir accompanied by the Clonmel Concert Band with Special Guests, in Thurles Cathedral, Sunday November 29th, 7.30 p.m.
Donations towards Cathedral Reroofing Project.

Community Employment Vacancies

The Community Employment Projects in Durrow and Rathdowney have a number of vacancies. Contact Durrow CE pauline@durrowcs.com or Rathdowney CE admin@rceg.ie for details.
All positions require a basic level of spoken English and training for the specific role will be provided where necessary. All roles are for 19.5 hours per week or 39 hours per fortnight. To find out more see www.jobsireland.ie and search for Community Employment Jobs in Laois. If you work on Community Employment (after 1/1/2027) you will receive a payment equivalent to your Social Welfare with a 'top up' of €35 each week and subject to a minimum payment of €299. You will also retain secondary entitlements such as medical card, rent allowance, fuel allowance and back to school clothing and footwear allowance. A training programme will be devised for you to upskill for the open job market, doing training provided for free through the Community Employment training fund while you are in our employment.

MASSES THIS WEEKEND IN DURROW PARISH

SATURDAY 21ST NOVEMBER 2026

Cullohill 7.30 pm: Mary Bergin, Gurteen, Cullohill
Kay Mahony, Dereen, Durrow

SUNDAY 22ND NOVEMBER 2026

Durrow 11 am: Elizabeth Tynan, Rath, Dunmore. Months Mind.
Edmund (Eamonn) Rafter, Knockanoran. 1st Anniv.
Vera & Jimmy Fogarty, Dereen.
Kathleen Walsh, Carrigan St.

MASSES DURING THE WEEK

Monday to Friday: Due to Canon O'Doherty's illness there will be no daily Mass this week.

MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

SATURDAY 28TH NOVEMBER 2026

Cullohill 7.30 pm: Margaret (Peg) Fitzpatrick, Gurteen 1st Anniversary
Caroline Dunne nee Dollard, Clane, Cullohill.

SUNDAY 29TH NOVEMBER 2026

Durrow 11 am: Paddy & Patrick Soames, St Fintan's Terrace
James Holohan, Tinweir, Durrow
Sean Rafter, Knockanoran, Durrow
Betty Dunphy, St Fintan's Terrace.

Recent Death: Baby Rían Kelly, Barnhill, Durrow.

Anniversaries: Mary Clancy, Carrigan St., Durrow

Collections **Weekend 14th / 15th November 2026**

Loose Plate - €557 Envelopes - €1954

Adoration

Adoration in Cullohill Church every Thursday morning from 10am - 11am, in Durrow from 9.15am to 11.30am 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

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.

ST CANICE'S PARISH
Sunday 22nd November 2026

Recently Deceased
Tom Dunne, The Sycamores
Kathleen Cody, Meadow Way
Grace Flynn, Bishop Birch Place
May McEnroe, John's Quay
Dick Keoghan, Ashfield East and Threecastles
Ned Delaney, Friary Street and Upper Patrick Street.

Anniversaries
Sat 7pm Catherine Dunne (**Months Mind**), Rita McMahon, Nancy Quigley, Moll Carroll
Sun 10.30am Ann Casey, Joe and Mary Keane
Sun 11.30am Memorial Mass for Kathleen Kavanagh, Broguemakers Hill
Mon 9.30am Liturgy of the Word with Communion
Tues 9.30am Catherine Fitzpatrick
Wed 9.30am Ivor McGoff
Thurs 9.30am Special Intention
Thurs 7.30pm Tirlan Annual Remembrance Mass
We also remember Annie and Dick Burke. Patrick J Crotty, Jack McDonald, Margaret Guilfoyle, Margaret Thornton

Next Weekend
Sat 7pm Kathleen Wall, Mary Dwyer,
Sun 10am Mary Manogue
Sun 11.30am Edward Delehanty, Michael Shiels, Con Downey

Sunday Collection
Sunday 15th November the collection amounted to €755
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 25th November from 2pm – 4pm. Our Special Prayer Intention is for Peace. All welcome.

DEPOSIT RE-TURN SCHEME HELPING ST CANICE'S PARISH HOMES
Troys Court is a community-based centre providing 20 independent living units, a day care centre and a home meal delivery service (Meals on Wheels). You can support this invaluable facility by donating your unwanted empty cans and bottles. A collection bin is conveniently located at Talbot's Inch Filling Station (DeLoughry's), where donations can be dropped off at anytime. Your generosity and support for this initiative will make a real difference to the lives of our elderly neighbours availing of these services.
Every donation, no matter how small, will be greatly appreciated.

Community Social Evening
There is a Community Social Evening, to discuss "Healthy Relationships, Safer Communities, Recognising Abuse, Finding Support, Standing Together Against Domestic Violence" in St Canice's Neighbourhood Hall R95VK7X on Wednesday 25th November 7pm

St. Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund Draw
The next draw will be held on Wed 25th Nov. Tickets €10 available from the Parish Office

Retired Priest's Collection
The annual collection for Retired Priests takes place this Sunday, 22nd November, The Feast of Christ the King. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Praying with the Gospels – Advent
Prayer and Reflection on the Sunday Readings for Advent. Beginning next Monday Nov 23rd at 7pm in the Parish Centre and continuing on Mondays throughout Advent.
All are welcome.

SVP Auction
St. Vincent De Paul will hold an Auction with George Candler on Nov 28th at 7pm at S. Canice's Neighbourhood Hall
150 lots including Art, Furniture, Books, Clothes, Jewelry. Raffle on the night.

Youth 2000 Christmas Retreat | 11th-13th December 2026
Calling all young people aged 16–35! Join us at the Youth 2000 Christmas Retreat in Newbridge College, Co. Kildare. This is a donation-only event, with free buses available across the country and all meals included. Expect inspiring talks and workshops, Mass, music, prayer, and plenty of opportunities to chill out and meet other young Catholics. Whether you are new to the faith or looking to be refreshed, all are welcome.
To register or find out more, visit youth2000.ie or follow @Youth2000Ireland.

Kilkenny Stroke Support Group meet next Friday November 27th, 2.30-4pm, at Tuiscint meeting rooms, at St Canice's Hospital complex, Kilkenny. Meetings social & informative, open to Stroke survivors and carers. Info 087-7814697

DIVINE WILL Day Retreat, Wednesday 2nd Dec. 26
Speaker: Tony Hickey. The Gift of living in the Divine Will as presented in the writings of the Servant of God Luisa Piccarreta. Woodford Dolmen Hotel Kilkenny. R93N207 10 45am to 5 30pm Registration fee: 25 To Book: contact Maria, 086102074

Ossory Youth Ministry Team – Advent Youth Mass
The Ossory Youth Ministry Team invites young people, families, and the wider community to join us for a special **Advent Youth Mass** on **Sunday, 29 November 2026**, the First Sunday of Advent. The Mass will take place in **St. Canice's Catholic Church, Dean Street, Kilkenny at 11.30am** and will be a wonderful opportunity for young people to come together in faith, prayer, and celebration as we begin the Advent season and prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ. Music for the celebration will be provided by students from local secondary schools, bringing their gifts and talents to enhance the liturgy and create a joyful and prayerful atmosphere. All are warmly welcome to join us as we begin our journey through Advent together.

Fr. Willie Purcell - 087 6286858. Parish Centre 056 7721533
Email - stcanices@ossory.ie Website - www.stcanicesparish.ie
Secretary: Caroline Cummins – Sacristan: Ailish Brennan c/o Parish Centre



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.

ANNIVERSARIES

John Cuddihy, Turkstown
Bishop Martin Drennan
Dan Foley and his mother Mary Foley
Margaret Reid, Dublin

OWNING & TEMPLEORUM SUNDAY 10AM MASS ROSTER

22nd Nov. – Owning Church
29th Nov. – Templeorum Church
6th December – Owning Church
13th Dec. – Templeorum Church
20th December – Owning Church
27th Dec. – Templeorum Church

WEEKLY EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Owning: Tuesdays from 2-3pm
For the winter months, Adoration will take place in Owning House Chapel on Tuesday afternoons from 2 to 3pm. The Rosary and Liturgy of the word takes place there every morning at 9:50am.

Piltown: Thursdays at 10:30am
Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament will take place next Saturday following 6pm Mass in Piltown.

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!

SERVICE OF LIGHT

Thanks to all who turned out for the Service of Light on Friday night last to remember all those who died in our parish, but especially those who died in the last twelve months. It was a very special night in our parish.

KILMACOW CHRISTMAS MARKET

Date: 13th December, 2026.
Time: 11am to 4pm.
Venue: The Marian Hall, Strangsmills, Kilmacow (next door to Strangsmills School).
Come join us for a day of Community fun! Free Arts and Crafts; Free Tea & Coffee; Free Parking; Jumbo raffle and cake sale. Live showcase by the Niamh Manning School of Irish Dancing from 12-1pm. Sing Along Carol Hour led by members of the Parish Choir from 1pm-2pm. Autism Friendly Quiet half-hour from 3:30pm to 4pm.
Loads of wonderful vendors with beautiful crafts for sale.
Support local this Christmas!

BINGO IS BACK AT OWNING HOUSE

Bingo will re-commence at Owning House Retirement Village on Friday, November 27th. Eyes down at 7:30pm. Over 18's only. All are Welcome.

CHRISTMAS WREATH WORKSHOP

Take some time out from your caring role to relax, get creative and enjoy the company of others. Together we will make beautiful Christmas wreaths and enjoy some festive fun!
Friday, December 4th 11am to 1pm. Nano Nagle Centre, Carrick on Suir.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

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

FIDDOWN UNION OF PARISHES

On Saturday, 5th December, 2026 there will be a **Coffee Morning** in the rectory from 10:30 am-1pm. Stalls, jams, cakes & raffle on the day. All are welcome.

OWNING ICA

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

PILTOWN KARATE CLUB

Piltown Karate Club would like to congratulate Breandán Twohig on his success in the recent World Championships in Turkey. Breandan came 4th in his Kata Category just pipped for a Bronze Medal and he got through 3 rounds of his Kumite (Sparring) category, which was a great achievement at such a high level of competition. Well done Breandán.

CARERS IRELAND INFORMATION CLINIC

Supporting Carers in Carrick-on-Suir and Piltown. Every Friday morning from 11am to 12.30pm in the Nano Nagle Community Resource Centre, Carrick-on-Suir. What to expect:
1. Getting to know each other.
2. Learn about the range of services and supports available from Family Carers Ireland.
3. A safe and welcoming space to share and be heard.
More information: (052) 7447101

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.

PILTOWN ALL STAR-15 RESULTS

Draw No. 9: 1st €1,000 Emer O Brien; 2nd €500 Karen O Brien; 3rd €250 Marie Fitzgerald. 4th €100 Maura Birchill:
5th €100 Josie O Gorman.

RTE Christmas Home Cook Competition

Huge congratulations to Parishioner, Charlene Duggan on reaching the semi-finals of the RTE Christmas Home Cook Competition recently! Charlene will be cooking live next Tuesday, November 24th on the Today show. Charlene will be one of four semi-finalists hoping to reach the final. Tune in and cheer her on!

PILTOWN COMMUNITY ENTERPRISE

Members of the public are invited to come and view the newly renovated Garda Station building which will now become a Working Hub for the future. Viewing times will be: Friday evening, November 27th from 5pm to 8pm. Saturday morning, November 28th from 10am to 1pm. **Looking forward to meeting you there!**

CAROL SINGING FOR UNICEF

Our annual Carol singing event for UNICEF(Gaza) will take place in the newly refurbished and reopened Tholsel in Kilkenny on Saturday 12th December from 12-1 and 2-3. This is a lovely event every year and all are welcome to join us for some festive cheer for a very worthy cause. Refreshments will be provided, and practice to be decided. For further information contact Roisin at 085-1813814 or Marie at 086- 4059662.

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.

ANIMAL FOOD & SUPPLIES DRIVE

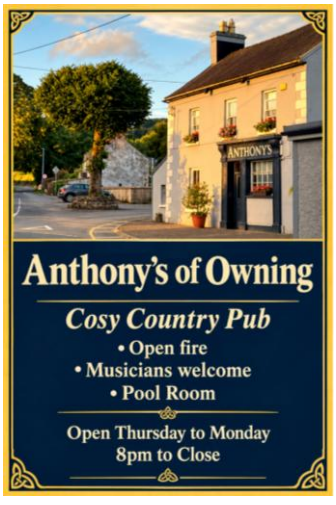
An Animal Food and Supplies Drive for Waterford Animal Welfare takes place during November and December. Little Stars Preschool is collecting food and animal supplies in aid of Waterford Animal Welfare. Items needed include: dry and wet pet food; treats; toys; blankets and beds; towels; puppy pads; cat litter; any other useful animal items. All items must be NEW and CLOSED. Drop off to Little Stars Preschool at the Iverk showgrounds, E32 PD81. Monday to Friday 10am to 12pm or contact (085) 1800796 to arrange a collection.

KILDALTON HORTICULTURAL COLLEGE

Level 6 Component Awards Starting in January 2027.

1. Entrepreneurship; 2. Ecology and the Environment.; 3. Tree and Shrub management.; 4. Leadership development.; 5. Nursery stock production.; 6. Garden centre operations.; 7. Sustainable Food production.; 8. Garden and Parks supervision.; 9. Horticultural Production Mechanisation.; 10. Landscape Design and Construction. **Apply online: kildalton.college@teagasc,ie 051-644400**





CONTACT DETAILS FOR PRIESTS IN THE PASTORAL AREA OF MOONCOIN & KILMACOW, TEMPLEORUM

Fr. Martin Tobin (Mooncoin + Kilmacow) (086) 240 1278 or email: martintobin@ossory.ie
Fr. Paschal Moore (Templeorum) (087) 240 8078
Fr. Michael Kelly SJ, CC Kilmacow and associate in the Pastoral Area (087) 3792406

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.

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.

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. 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		

St. Patrick's Day - 17th MARCH 2026

BEANNACHTAÍ NA FÉILE PÁDRAIG ORAIBH! Greetings and Prayerful Good Wishes to All for a Very Happy and safe St Patrick's Day Holiday Celebrations.

Hail, glorious St. Patrick, dear Saint of our Isle,
On us your poor children bestow a sweet smile;
And now that you're high in your mansions above,
On Erin's green valleys look down with your love.

On Erin's green valleys, on Erin's green valleys,
On Erin's green valleys look down with your love.

Your people, now exiles on many a shore,
Shall love and revere you till time is no more;
And the fire thou have kindled shall ever burn bright,
Its warmth undiminished, undying its light.

On Erin's green valleys, on Erin's green valleys,
On Erin's green valleys look down with your love.

God bless and defend the sweet land of our birth,
Where the shamrock still blooms and when you were on earth,
And our hearts shall yet burn, wherever we roam,
For God and St. Patrick, and our native home.

MINISTRY OF DISCERNMENT FOR CATECHISTS

BEGINS: The launch of the Ministry of Catechist was very encouraging, with more than thirty people taking part. The first gathering took place in December and last month participants began their period of discernment. The programme will continue until summer followed by the next stage. We are all encouraged to keep them in our prayers

St. Mary's National School: Used clothes Collection takes place on Thursday April 16th: the first Thursday back after Easter. Bags of clothes , in reasonable condition can be left under the canopy at the front door from this week.

Senior Citizens Holiday to Castlerosse Hotel, Kerry takes place from May 24th to 29th including day trips and meals. Cost €700pp sharing or €800 solo. To book your place please call in to the Community Centre on Thursday or Friday mornings: €50 deposit secure

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Parish Priest: Fr Frank Purcell – 086 601 0001

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