

ST CANICE'S PARISH
Sunday 22nd March 2026

Praying for those who have died

John O'Carroll (Hundy Dowling) Lord Edward St
Carole Taylor nee Lawlor Troyscourt and Bennettsbridge

Anniversaries

Sat 7pm Biddy Walsh, Dick and Polly Walsh
Sun 10am Kathleen Walsh, Bridget O'Connell (Clarnwood) Memorial Mass
Sun 11.30am David De Loughry (Months Mind) Helen O'Mahony, Alice Moylan
Mon 9.30am Liturgy of the Word with Communion

On Wednesdays during Lent the Mass will be at 7.30pm and not at 9.30am

We also remember Anne Butler, Fintan and **Geraldine** Cummins, Mae Davitt, Jimmy Turner

Next Weekend

Sat 7pm Jimmy Dunphy
Sun 10am John Phelan (1st Anniv)
Sun 11.30am Margaret Phelan, Anne and David Haslam

Sunday Collections

Sunday 15th March the collection amounted to €1553
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. 25^h March. from 2pm – 4pm Our Special Prayer Intention will be for Vocations to Priesthood and Religious Life
All welcome.

Diocesan Ministry Discernment Programme Begins

Last October, Bishop Niall Coll launched the Ministry of Catechist in the Diocese of Ossory. The initiative has received a very encouraging response, with more than thirty people from across the diocese applying to take part in a programme of discernment. Each of these applicants is exploring the possibility that God may be calling them to a particular form of Pastoral Ministry within the Church, building upon the Baptismal vocation they are already living out in their families, parishes, and local communities.

The first gathering of applicants took place on 4 December 2025, and on Saturday 28 February participants formally began their journey of discernment at St Patrick's Pastoral Centre, Loughboy.

The day was facilitated by Ms Gemma Mulligan, Diocesan Pastoral Coordinator and Fr Kieran O' Shea. Bishop Ger Nash, Apostolic Administrator of the diocese, was the main speaker and all present were delighted to witness Bishop Ger's enthusiasm for the programme, his encouragement, and assurance of continued support.

The discernment programme will continue until the summer with monthly gatherings, individual accompaniment, input from guest speakers on topics such as Prayer, Spirituality, Scripture, Teamwork and the Theology of Ministry, as well as a Retreat.

At the end of the discernment period, participants will consider whether to apply for the programme of formation offered in collaboration with St Patrick's College Maynooth. All are encouraged to keep the participants in their prayers as they discern their call to pastoral ministry and seek to serve the Church in the Diocese of Ossory. We hope that their response and commitment will encourage many others to follow the same path in the future.

St. Canice's Parish Lenten Programme 2026

A Journey of Healing, Mercy, and Renewal

Lent is a sacred season — a time to return, to reflect, and to rediscover the depth of God's love and mercy. We warmly invite you to join us each Monday during Lent at 7.30 pm in St. Canice's Parish Centre for our reflection on the Gospels of Lent, along with our special Lenten Masses of Healing and Reconciliation each Wednesday at 7:30 pm.

Come and experience grace, renewal, and the healing presence of Christ.

Lenten Mass of Healing and Reconciliation
Wednesdays at 7:30 pm, St. Canice's Catholic Church.

Wednesday, March 25, Relic of the Children of Fatima.

“Coming Home” Healing the Family

Luke 15 – The Lost Sheep, the Lost Coin, and the Lost Son

Theme Message: *The Father runs to meet us.*

A Season of Grace

Each evening will include:

Celebration of the Eucharist. A reflection on the Scripture theme
Prayer for healing and reconciliation. A quiet space to encounter God's mercy
May this Lent be a time of deep spiritual renewal for you and your family.
All are welcome.

“Praying with the Gospel”

Every Monday during Lent, Eoin Madigan will lead a guided Prayer and Meditation on the Gospels for the Sundays of Lent at St. Canice's Parish Centre at 7.30pm. It is expected that each gathering will last for approximately 40 mins.

All are welcome to come along and join in a cuppa and chat afterwards

Ossory Adult Faith Development Lenten Programme

Lent Tweets Follow @OssoryDiocese for a simple thought each day during this Lenten journey. Online Resources for Lent are available on the Ossory Website www.ossory.ie

South Kilkenny Historical Society lecture

Caring in the Crossfire: Northern Ireland's Health Services during the Troubles
Speaker: Dr Ruth Duffy, Queen's University Belfast on Friday, 27th March 2026 at 8pm
Venue: Mullinavat Parish Hall (opposite St. Beacon's church)

Eucharistic Minsters

We are currently looking for people to serve as Eucharistic Ministers. Some people already volunteered at our Welcome Mass. If you are one of those, or are interested in volunteering for this Sacred Ministry, please contact the Parish Office, as we are beginning training

Are You a Pioneer?

If you are a pioneer and are celebrating your Silver or Golden anniversary, we can get you a Gold/ Silver pin. Please contact the Parish Office

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