

Kilkenny Alzheimer's Day Care Centre

Carer's Support Group meeting will take place on Tuesday 3rd July from 3.00-4.30pm at The Village Day Centre (behind the Village Inn Pub). Information and support for past/present carers of people with Alzheimer's/Dementia. Everyone welcome. Drop in to group or for more information call 056-7771230.

St Kieran's College Reunion

Last year over 300 past pupils attended our reunion so why not join us again this year?

On Friday 29th June come to our gala banquet to meet up with many familiar faces from your days on the Glasshall. On Saturday 30th June take part in our Golf Challenge at Kilkenny Golf Club.

Bookings available at www.stkieranscollege.ie or 056 7721086.

All year's welcome.

Annual Parish Outing

This year's Parish outing will take place **Next Wednesday** June 27th. Kilkenny to Dungarvan Co Waterford taking in the Waterford Greenway at Kilmacthomas. Depart O'Loughlin Gaels GAA Grounds 9.30am. Back in Kilkenny for 6pm approx. Cost per person is €30. **The Deadline for bookings is Monday Morning at 10.00am.** Contacts: Kay Gray 0860762336. Eamon Cleere 0879582127. Martin O'Neill 0863944224. and Aine Butler at the Presbytery.

N.B. Addendum to Phoenix Park Notes (over):

It is important to note the following:

Under 18s must be accompanied by an adult.

All tickets will be for standing sections. Portable seating will be allowed.

For your awareness, you will be required to walk from 4km up to 7km to and from the Mass in Phoenix Park, depending where you are coming from. Walking is unavoidable due to the size, scale and location of the event.

However, if you travel by parish bus, you will be dropped off near a Shuttle Bus which will take you to your designated area for the Mass.

To help you with your journey there will be a number of supports and volunteers in place. Designated rest zones will be positioned at regular intervals at the transport hubs, along these walking routes and at the gates. Multiple food and drinks stations will also be available, as will medical facilities and toilets.

Add: St John's Presbytery, Dublin Road, Kilkenny. **Email:** stjohns@ossory.ie **Web:** stjohnskilkenny.com

Parish Office: 056 772 1072; **Secretary:** Áine Butler; **Office Hours:** Mon-Fri 9.30 a.m. - 2.00 p.m.

Newsletter Deadline: Thursdays 12.00 noon **SVP Help Line:** 086 895 1239

Fr Frank Purcell: 086 601 0001; Fr Brian Griffin: 087 064 4158; Fr Lorcan Moran: 086 855 0521

PASTORAL COUNCIL

Mary Brennan; Alan Burke; Margaret Cleere; Paul Colgan; Fr Brian Griffin;
Siobhán McKiernan; Fr Lorcan Moran; Aidan Phelan; Fr Frank Purcell; Pat Ryan.

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MASS TIMES

St John's – Sundays & Holy Days: Vigil: 6.30 p.m.; Sunday: 8.00 a.m., 10.30 a.m., 12 noon & 7.30 p.m.
Polish Mass: 2nd Sun. monthly, 2.00 p.m.; **Weekdays:** 8.00 a.m. & 10.30 a.m. (Saturday 10.30 a.m. only)

The Nativity of St John the Baptist - 24th June 2018

World Meeting of Families Collection

The Fourth National Church Door Collection for World Meeting of Families will take place this weekend as a Church Door collection at all masses. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Please see details of ticket availability, venues and transport provision by our parish under the 'PAPAL MASS IN THE PHOENIX PARK' section of this newsletter.

Cemetery Masses

- ◆ Annual Cemetery Mass in **St Kieran's Cemetery next Friday, 7.30pm.**
- ◆ Cemetery Masses in **Dunmore and Johnswell Friday week at 7.30pm.**

Festival Of Families

One of the most significant and beautiful events within every World Meeting of Families is the Festival of Families.

This concert-type event which will be attended by Pope Francis will take place in Croke Park Stadium in Dublin on the evening of the 25th August 2018. It is a celebration of family life around the world that will feature musical and dance performances, as well as five selected families from around the world giving witness to their family's faith.

Tickets for the Festival of Families in Croke Park can only be accessed through Congress Registration on www.worldmeeting2018.ie.

Due to a high demand of tickets, there will not be a general release of free tickets for this event.

We are still awaiting information on the process of nominating a Family from each parish throughout the country to attend Croke Park.

BEREAVEMENTS

Recently Deceased:

Marian Egan, Cypress Grove, Loughboy.
Keith Fleming, Newpark Close.

Month's Minds: Noel Walsh (6.30pm).

Ann Marie Power (10.30am).
Kathleen Hayden.

Anniversaries: May Shortis (8.00am); Minnie Donnelly (10.00am); Richard & Mary Hennessy (11.00am); Kitty McCarthy (12.00 noon); Philip Drohan (7.30pm); Margaret Heffernan; Gretta & Simon Brennan; Tom O'Neill; Eileen Kearney; Patrick Foley;

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8.00am	Nora Webster
10.30am	Peggy Wall
12.00noon	Tony Dalton
7.30pm	Eileen Kinane
Johnswell 10.00am	Fiona Whitely
Dunmore 11.00am	Pierce Lennon & Liam Maddock

Eucharistic Ministers for Next Weekend – Panel 1

Side by Side Club

The Side by Side club is now closed for the summer holidays. It will reopen again on the first Thursday in September.

Thank you to all our members for your attendance and good company during the year. The Side by Side club is a weekly gathering of senior citizens who meet for bingo, socialising and various outings. New members are always welcome, contact Helen on 083 816 2024 and we look forward to seeing you all in September.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Wednesday:

Kathleen Hayden (10.30am).

Saturday: Tom O'Neill (10.30am).

Gretta & Bob Murphy (6.30pm).

Sunday: Mary Connick (10.30am).

Michael Burke (11.00am).
Kieran Fanning (12.00 noon).
Jim Bourke (7.30pm).

Marian Movement Of Priests

Meeting will take place this Monday at 7.30pm at Villa Maria in Talbots Inch. Mass, Rosary holy hour.

Young Priests' Society

A meeting of St Joseph's Young Priests' Society will take place in the Presbytery next Monday at 11.00am.

Saint Mary's Cathedral Draw

The 4th Monthly Draws for St. Mary's Cathedral Restoration is on **Wednesday next** in the Chapter Room.

PAPAL MASS IN THE PHOENIX PARK

It's near **'make your mind up'** time if you wish to join in the historic Papal Mass in the Phoenix Park for the World Meeting Of Families on SUNDAY, AUGUST 26th.

- ◆ We have transport available in conjunction with St Patrick's Parish for the Wednesday (Dublin Province/Ossory Day) to The R.D.S. You must, of course, have previously acquired tickets on-line for this event.
- ◆ We have a Bus available for The Phoenix Park Papal Mass on the Sunday. Tickets are free of charge and will be available to book from this Monday on www.worldmeeting2018.ie.

The Closing Mass of the World Meeting of Families 2018 will take place at the Papal Cross in the heart of the Phoenix Park in Dublin on the afternoon of Sunday 26th August. The Mass will begin at 3.00pm.

INDIVIDUAL FAMILIES (NOT PARISH GROUPS): Tickets for Phoenix Park will be issued by email as a 'print at home' ticket by 31 July. The tickets for Phoenix Park can only be offered in this format because it would be cost prohibitive to print and post this number of tickets due to the size and scale of the event.

PARISH GROUPS WITH PRIVATE BUSES: Parish groups are invited to register for tickets for the WMOF2018 Closing Mass and for a parking slot for their hired private coach/bus.

Parish group bookings need to be completed by a designated 'Parish Leader'. All parish bookings will be verified with the parish and with the private coach or bus operator. Those travelling on the coach do not need to book separately for other tickets.

PLEASE GIVE YOUR NAME, ADDRESS and PHONE NUMBER to Aine or one of the priests.

(Approximate return Bus Ticket is €20 if the the Bus is near full)