

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.

Family Carers Ireland

Family Carers Ireland is holding a patient, moving & handling course on Wednesday 4th July for Family Carers. There is no charge to this course, but places are limited. If you are interested, please contact 056 7721424.

Kilkenny Grow meetings

Are you struggling with anxiety or depression? finding life difficult? feeling isolated? in need of support?

GROW is here to help you. GROW is a *community*-based mental health organisation which holds weekly meetings in your local community. GROW meetings provide help and support to anyone experiencing mental health difficulties or struggling with any aspect of their mental wellbeing. Meetings are confidential, and no referral is necessary, simply come along. GROW promotes breaking social isolation and promoting social connectedness and is centred around the idea that '*I alone can do it, but I cannot do it alone*'.

For Kilkenny Groups:

Tuesday @ 10am, Grow Office, Ormonde Home, Barrack St Kilkenny
Wednesday @ 8pm, Grow Office, Ormonde Home, Barrack St Kilkenny
Friday @ 10.30am Ceart/Grow Group, Grow Office, Ormonde Home, Barrack St Kilkenny

Youth 2000 Summer Festival

The Youth 200 Summer Festival will take place this year in Cistercian college Roscrea, Co. Tipperary. The Festival is for young people aged 16-35 and will take place the weekend of Thursday 16th – Sunday 19th August. The weekend will include inspiring talks, workshops, drama's, concert, prayer, games, and times of sharing. This Festival will attract over 1000 young people from all around Ireland. It promises to be a great opportunity for young people from all around Ireland to explore what their Catholic faith is all about in a chilled-out setting. This is a donation-only retreat. Free buses are available throughout the country – just bring a sleeping bag and pillow! Please book online at www.youth2000.ie

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)

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 1st July 2018

BICENTENARIES Dunmore & Johnswell Churches

Preparations are now underway in the tow communities of Dunmore and Johnswell for the historic commemoration and celebration of their church's two hundredth birthday this year.

Two ad-hoc working committees have come together to create sub-groups to take charge of areas such as: Secretarial work; Liturgy; Music; Painting/Decoration; Fundraising; Grounds/traffic; Catering/Hospitality; Publicity and Printing.

The chosen celebration dates are:

Dunmore - October 7th; & Johnswell - October 21st.

Our hope is that these dates will avoid county senior hurling championship matches. Both Masses will be at 3.00 p.m. each afternoon and will replace the morning Mass in each instance.

CEMETERY MASSES

Cemetery Masses in **Dunmore and Johnswell next Friday at 7.30pm.**

PAPAL MASS IN THE PHOENIX PARK SUNDAY, AUGUST 26th, 3.00 p.m.

With one bus full, we have booked a second one. These J.J. Kavanagh buses which are equipped with air conditioning, reclining seats and a W.C. **Please Book Now.**

Those travelling on the coach do not need to book separately for other tickets.

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

(Approximate return Bus Ticket is €20 depending on numbers)

BEREAVEMENTS

Recently Deceased:

William O'Sullivan, Larchfield.

Murt Flanagan, Waterford Road.

Brigid (Beasie) Marrinan: Funeral Mass Sunday 4pm in St Fiacre's.

Kathleen Duffy, Pearse St. Funeral Mass Monday 11am in St Canice's.

Elizabeth Hennessy, 117 Newpark Close. Funeral Mass Monday in St John's.

Month's Minds:

Anniversaries: Gretta & Bob Murphy (6.30pm); Mary Connick (10.30am); Michael Burke (11.00am); Kieran Fanning (12.00 noon); Jim Bourke (7.30pm); Tom McDonald; Gertie Fitzgerald; Michael Wall; Enda Cantwell; Andrew Lane; Joseph Shortall; Nicholas & Bridget Kavanagh;

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8.00am	Margaret Leahy
10.30am	Mary Hanafin & Seamus Mahoney
12.00noon	Anne Maria Walsh
7.30pm	Anne Marie Grace
Johnswell 10.00am	Robert Butler
Dunmore 11.00am	Christy Murray & Caitriona McDermott

Eucharistic Ministers for Next Weekend – Panel 2

Weekly Envelope Collection

Last week's envelope collection: €1,695.

Thanks to all who contribute weekly, monthly and annually, as well as those who pay by Standing Order.

O'Loughlin Gaels GAA Race Night

The annual O'Loughlin Gaels GAA Race Night will take place this year on Friday July 13th at Kilkenny Dog Track. Always a special occasion but a vital one to keep the club in working order. It's a costly business providing all that enjoyment for our members but well worth it's while.

Your support is always greatly appreciated. Over the coming weeks sellers and players will be on the roads of St. John's Parish in search of your support. Support your local club and community Tickets €10 from mentors, members, bar.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday: Special Intention (8.00am).
Tom McDonald (10.30am).

Saturday: Gertie Fitzgerald (10.30am).
Peggy Lanigan & Tosh O'Connor (6.30pm).

Sunday: Mick Butler (10.00am).
P.J. Mealy (10.30am).
Ciara Lawlor (12.00 noon).
Margaret Heffernan (7.30pm).

Monthly Rosary

The rosary on the first Sunday of the month at the statue of Our Lady of Kilkenny, James Green will be held on Sunday 1st July at 3.00pm.

First Friday

Next Friday is the First Friday of July. The sick and housebound will be visited at the normal times. Please inform the Parish Office or one of the Priests if you have a relative or neighbour who would like this service.

THANKS

Amidst amazing sunshine and weather conditions, huge crowds of people flocked to St Kieran's Cemetery last Friday evening.

We wish to thank everyone who joined in celebrating this great Annual Memorial & Thanksgiving Mass for all our deceased relatives, friends and for those who have no one to remember or pray for them.

We thank especially the priests, sacristans, readers, choir, eucharistic ministers, helpers, county council workers, public address operatives, parking assistants, O'Loughlin GAA and collectors for making the occasion so meaningful, helpful and appropriate for all assembled who came from far and near to pray for the dead.

Healed by laughing:

"A cheerful heart is good medicine" (Proverbs 17:22). In the 1300's, surgeon Henri de Mondeville reportedly told jokes to his patients in the recovery room.

Laughter exercises the face, shoulders, diaphragm, and abdomen. When the breathing deepens, the heart rate rises, and the blood takes up and transports more oxygen. Endorphins are released, pain thresholds are raised, and some studies suggest that even our immune systems are boosted. When we laugh, others laugh too.

Laughter is a contagious, highly effective, non-prescription medicine. It has no side effects, and no one is allergic to it. Have we had our dose of laughter today? We can use the tool of humour to induce laughter for our health, healing and general sense of well-being. We can even spend time in daily practicing our laughing out loud – maybe by smiling first, then leaning into a giggle, and then in outright belly laughs!