

**Loreto Secondary School**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Year Enrolment – September 2019**

The closing date for application for a first-year place is Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October. Application forms and our admissions policy can be obtained from our website [www.loretokk.ie](http://www.loretokk.ie) or the school office.

**Open Night for 6<sup>th</sup> Class Girls**

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 6.30pm. 6<sup>th</sup> class girls and their parents / guardians are invited to attend. This is a ticketed event. Tickets are available by either emailing your request to [office@loretokk.ie](mailto:office@loretokk.ie) or by calling to the school office.

**Alzheimer's Support Group**

Open Day takes place next Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September our Kilkenny Daycare Centre, 1 Fr Walsh Close, Cootes Lane. Come and meet our dedicated staff who will answer any questions you may have in relation to you or your loved one's journey with dementia. Everyone welcome. For more information call 77 71230.

**FREE Digital Skills Computer Classes for Beginners**

Some spaces available on our November classes.

**Duration:** Once per week for 5 weeks

Choose between morning and afternoon classes.

**Location:** Abbey Business Centre Kilkenny

Call Theresa now on 087 2260936 to book your FREE place. Bookings by phone or text only please.

**Giving Light & Hope Walk**

The walk will take place next Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 6.30pm, leaving from MacDonagh Junction. Tickets €10 in aid of Teac Tom. Wear Orange, come walk with us.

**Legion of Mary – Knock**

Pilgrimage to Knock takes place on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September. Bus leaves the Parade at 7.30am. For bookings call Pat at 7764783 or 086 379 6395. Fare €20. All are welcome.

**Add:** St John's Presbytery, Dublin Road, Kilkenny. **Email:** [stjohns@ossory.ie](mailto:stjohns@ossory.ie) **Web:** [stjohnskilkenny.com](http://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.

**SAFEGUARDING**

**If you have a safeguarding concern contact**

The Diocesan Designated Liaison Person, Mr Cathal Cullen, 087 100 0232 - [dlp@ossory.ie](mailto:dlp@ossory.ie)

**Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are:**

Kathleen Ferguson; Phil Curran; Brenda Whitely; Marian Eardly.

PARISH OF  
SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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**MASS TIMES**

**St John's – Sundays & Holy Days:** Vigil: 6.30 p.m.; Sun: 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. (Sat. 10.30 a.m. only)

**Johnswell – Sunday 10.00 a.m.**

**Dunmore – Sunday 11.00 a.m.**

**Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 16th September 2018**

**Excerpt from Pope Francis' Homily**

**Phoenix Park 26<sup>th</sup> August 2018**

The task of bearing witness to the Good News is not easy. Yet the challenges that Christians face today are, in their own way, no less difficult than those faced by the earliest Irish missionaries. I think of Saint Columbanus, who with his small band of companions brought the light of the Gospel to the lands of Europe, in an age of darkness and cultural dissolution. Their extraordinary missionary success was not based on tactical methods or strategic plans. It was their daily witness of fidelity to Christ and to each other that won hearts yearning for a word of grace and helped give birth to the culture of Europe. That witness remains a perennial source of spiritual and missionary renewal of God's holy and faithful people.

Of course, there will always be people who resist the Good News, who "murmur" at its "hard words". Yet like Saint Columbanus and his companions, who faced icy waters and stormy seas to follow Jesus, may we never be swayed or discouraged by the icy stare of indifference or the stormy winds of hostility.

But let us also humbly acknowledge that, if we are honest with ourselves, we too can find the teachings of Jesus hard. How difficult it is always to forgive those who hurt us; how challenging always to welcome the migrant and the stranger; how painful to joyfully bear disappointment, rejection, betrayal; how inconvenient to protect the rights of the most vulnerable, the unborn or the elderly, who seem to impinge upon our own sense of freedom.

Yet it is precisely at those times that the Lord asks us: "What about you, do you want to go away too?" With the strength of the Spirit to "encourage" us and with the Lord always at our side, we can answer: "We believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God". With the joy and strength given by the Holy Spirit, let us say to him with confidence: "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life".

## BEREAVEMENTS

### Recently Deceased:

Frank Hayden, Cedarwood Avenue.

**Anniversaries:** Kathleen Maher (6.30pm); Margaret Butler (10.00am); Mary Marnell (10.30am); Michael, Sharon & Jim Brennan (11.00am); Joan & Eamonn Byrne (12.00 noon); Margaret & Patrick Shortt (7.30pm); Kevin Cremin; John Byrne; Frank Beirne; Paddy Larkin; Tommy Dillon; Anna Beale; Jack & Milly Murphy; Jane, Richard & Seamus Shortall; Brigid Dooley; Mary & Patrick Halley; Bridget Cahill; Bernadette Woods; Ned & Winifred Kelly;

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6.30pm	Bridget Ahearn
8.00am	Nora Webster
10.30am	Peggy Wall
12.00noon	Tony Dalton
7.30pm	Eileen Kinane
Johnswell 10.00am	Josie Manning & Fiona Manning
Dunmore 11.00am	Jim Kavanagh & Claire Hanrick

### Eucharistic Ministers for Next Weekend – Panel 1

### Weekly Envelope Collection

Last week's envelope collection: €1,180.

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

### 10.30am Choir

**St Augustine:** "To sing is to pray twice."

Our 10.30am choir will resume on Sunday 23rd September. New Members are always welcome.

### Eucharistic Adoration – Dunmore

Eucharistic Adoration takes place every Tuesday in Dunmore Church from 3pm to 4pm. All are welcome.

### Bicentenaries Celebrations

**Dunmore - Sunday Oct. 7th & Johnswell - Sunday Oct. 21st @ 3pm**

For catering purposes please sign the book at the back of each church if you are planning to attend.

### Mass Intentions for the coming Week

**Monday:** John Byrne (10.30am).

**Wednesday:** Frank Beirne (10.30am).

**Saturday:** Paddy Larkin (10.30am).

Tom & Aine Dooley (6.30pm).

**Sunday:** Kathleen Tobin (10.00am).

Michael Denieffe (10.30am).

Carmel Hickey (11.00am).

Diarmaid Ryan (12.00noon)

Frank Coyne (7.30pm).

### Pilates – Johnswell

Pilates Classes will commence this Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September in Johnswell Hall from 7pm to 8pm. 6 weeks for €45.

### St John's Young Priests Society

A meeting of St John's Young Priests Society will take place in the Presbytery this Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 11.00am. All are welcome.

### Help Save Lives

Norma O'Donnell, National Ambulance Service, in association with Eastern Environs De-fibrillator group, will host a Public Meeting to organise a local First Responders group.

The meeting will take place in O'Loughlin Gaels GAA club on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm**. The aim is to supply emergency first response to those who may suffer cardiac arrest. If you are interested in CPR training and in helping the Ambulance Service, you are encouraged to attend. You Can Do It – Make a Difference – Save a Life

### ALONE Services to Over 60's in Diocese of Ossory

ALONE is a national organisation that supports older people to age at home. We work with people over the age of 60 to provide and coordinate access to any services they need. Supported by volunteers, we offer a range of services including: Befriending, Social Groups, Events, Housing with Support, Support Coordination, Technology, and Campaigns for Change. ALONE also offers volunteering opportunities of befriending an older person. Befriending visits require a volunteer to commit to visiting an older person 1 hour a week to offer companionship to those who may feel socially isolated or lonely. If you know of an older person who would benefit from these services or would like to become a Befriending volunteer with ALONE contact ALONE on 042-933 0103 or email ALONE at [hello@alone.ie](mailto:hello@alone.ie)

### St Vincent De Paul

Monthly collection for St Vincent de Paul Society will take place this weekend 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> September. Sincere thanks for your generous support.

### Missionary Sisters

...would like to extend there most sincere gratitude to our Parishioners for their generosity to their mission appeal last weekend. The amount raised was €3,360.

### Church Gate Collection

A church gate collection aid of the Diabetic unit in Our Lady's children's hospital, Crumlin will take place this weekend. 100% of all proceeds collected will go straight to the charity