

Walk for Alice – September 16th

Please join us for a 5k charity walk starting from Loreto Secondary School. Registration is 11:30am - 12pm, and is €20 for Adults, €10 for Under 18's, and €30 for Families. All invited back to Loreto afterwards, where tea/coffee and refreshments will be provided. Raffle to be held on the day, with some great prizes to be won. All funds raised will go directly to Alice's family to fund potentially life-saving immunotherapy treatment for Alice. Any support is greatly appreciated.

Kilkenny Codys and Butlers

Four Cody-Butler siblings, Americans, will visit Ireland soon on the trail of their ancestors. A good majority of those ancestors came from Kilkenny. Margaret Butler (born about 1775) is the mother of all Irish Codys they know of. Margaret's grandson William Cody, baptized at St. John's Parish in 1832, is the unlucky fellow who came of age during the potato famine and later emigrated right into the U. S. Civil war. The visitors invite anyone with Butler or Cody blood to join them for a family story-sharing event on Saturday morning September 22nd, 10:30 to 12:00, in the Tudor Kitchen at Rothe House.

Please reply to robin@robin Cody.net if you do plan to attend, and feel free to extend an invitation to others.

Cobh Tyburn Convent

Days of Recollection with the Servant of God, Mother Marie Adele Garnier (1838-1924), Foundress of the Adorers of the Sacred Heart of Jesus of Montmartre, OSB, through her writings, takes place on Saturday 22nd September at St. Benedict's Priory, The Mount, Cobh, Co. Cork.

The theme this month is "Spiritual Combat". The day begins at 9am with Holy Mass and Adoration. First talk at 11.00am. Day ends with tea at 3.30. Lunch provided. Donations welcome to cover costs.

To book your place or to arrange to stay in our retreat house at any time, please contact: Mother Prioress: 021 4811 354 cobhtyburnconvent@gmail.com

Add: St John's Presbytery, Dublin Road, Kilkenny. **Email:** stjohms@ossory.ie **Web:** stjohmskilkenny.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

Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are:

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

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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-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - 9th September 2018

Missionary Sisters

By Diocesan arrangement, the *Missionary Sisters, Servants of the Holy Spirit* will speak and fundraise at all Masses this weekend.

Stronger by the Spirit

I know a mum of two young children who has an interesting hobby - weightlifting. She can hoist 245 lbs. from the floor to a standing position! To set that personal record, she had to build strength in her lower back, quadriceps and hamstrings through exercises such as squats, straight-legged sit-ups and step-ups.

If this strong woman had lived back when the apostle Paul was alive, I think he would've approved of her exercise regimen. He wrote that physical training was a good thing, and then added, "but training for godliness is much better" It's better because it's beneficial in this life *and* the next.

So how do we train ourselves to be more Christ-like? Thankfully, it's not just a matter of trying harder to obey the Bible's instructions. Paul assures us that we're "made holy by the Holy Spirit." Set apart for God's use, our responsibility is to cooperate with His Spirit through exercises such as prayer, participating in the Eucharist, confession, fasting and meditating on Scripture.

It's possible to perform these exercises and remain spiritually weak. If we make them into empty rituals or duties, we miss the point. They're valuable, however, when they serve as ways to connect with God. He's the one who sculpts us into people who reflect His attributes.

Bicentenaries Celebrations

A Reminder that the Bicentenaries Celebrations will take place in:

Dunmore - Oct. 7th, Mass @ 3.00 pm followed by Bicentenary meal.

Johnswell - Oct. 21st, Mass @ 3.00 pm followed by Bicentenary meal.

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

BEREAVEMENTS

Recently Deceased:

Bridget Nelligan, Knocknagoshel, Co. Kerry. (*Mother of Ann Daly, Vice-Principal, St John's Senior School*).

Thomas McPhillips, Freshford Road.

James Waters, Cootes Lane.

Month's Mind:

Mary (Tiny) O'Dwyer.

Anniversaries: Bernadette Hayes (6.30pm); Fran Phelan (10.30am); Martin Shelly (12.00 noon); Eddie Ryan (7.30pm); John (Jack) Cooney; Joey Downey; Elizabeth & Stella O'Rourke; Anthony Murphy; Tommy Rowley; Paddy Ryan; Tommy Dowling; John (Seán) Curran; Michael & Bridget Slattery; Bernard Doyle; Michelle Reynolds;

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8.00am	Ann Marie Hogan
10.30am	Jimmy Connolly
12.00noon	Kay Purcell
7.30pm	Ann Fitzpatrick
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: €1,940.

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

Legion of Mary – Knock

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

Medjugorje – Evening of Prayer

Rosary, Mass and Adoration. Prayer for Healing will take place in St Fiacre's Church, Loughboy this Monday 10th September at 7.30pm. All are Welcome.

Mass Intentions for the coming Week

Tuesday: Elizabeth & Stella O'Rourke (8.00am).

Saturday: Mary (Tiny) O'Dwyer (10.30am).
Kathleen Maher (6.30pm).

Sunday: 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).

St Vincent De Paul

Monthly collection for St Vincent de Paul Society will take place next weekend 15th & 16th September. Sincere thanks for your generous support.

Kilkenny Bereavement Support

Have you been bereaved recently or in the past? Would you like to meet a trained bereavement volunteer in the peaceful surroundings of Villa Maria, Freshford Road. Kilkenny Bereavement Support offer a confidential, free bereavement support service to people of all ages. Phone: 056 7756538.

Kilkenny Medjugorje Group Pilgrimage

Departs on Wednesday 26th September for one week. Enquires to 086 882 5622 or 056 77 65840.

Alzheimer's Support Group

In celebration of World Alzheimer Society Month on Tuesday 18th September our Kilkenny Daycare Centre, 1 Fr Walsh Close, Cootes Lane, is holding an Open Day. All persons who wish to view our service are welcome. 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.

South Kilkenny Historical Society

A lecture on - Tales of Emigration to Canada from Ballyvoole, Haggard and Kilshanig, will take place on Thursday, September 20th at 8pm in Mullinavat Parish Hall (opposite church). Admission: €5 (society members free). Speakers: Maryellen and Richard Corcelli. All are welcome.

Camogie All-Ireland

Best of Luck to the Senior panel who will play Cork this Sunday. We all join in wishing the Kilkenny team the very best and we look forward to fantastic celebration on Monday.