

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. Alice is 25 and has been battling cervical cancer for the past year. Immunotherapy treatment is the only option Alice has left to beat this. We have the opportunity to come together as a community and help give a young woman the fighting chance she deserves. Any support is greatly appreciated".

Identity Markers

Clothes, styles, labels, music, social rituals and beliefs are important to all of us. They mark our identity.

Every group of human beings has a tendency to be exclusive; every group wants to know who is on the inside and who is on the outside. So we adopt "identity markers" — visible practices of dress or vocabulary or behaviour that serve to distinguish who is inside the group and who is outside. And nobody wants to be on the outside. We all want to be in, we all want to be a part of the scene, we all want to be on the right side. So mark well.

The Pharisees in today's Gospel cherish the "markers" that identify them as part of the Jewish community. That's not necessarily a bad thing. But Jesus teaches that the markers that should identify us as the people of God are "diets" of justice and peace, the cleaning away of hatred and division, tables that are set with places for all, traditions that honour charity and forgiveness.

Our identity as disciples is centered in our hearts, in the spirit of humble gratitude and compassion that we lift up to the Father.

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PASTORAL COUNCIL

Mary Brennan; Alan Burke; Margaret Cleere; Paul Colgan; Fr Brian Griffin;
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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-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - 2nd September 2018

Missionary Sisters

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

DUNMORE & JOHNSWELL

As the Bicentenaries of Dunmore and Johnswell Churches draw near the works of painting, decorating and maintenance have begun in earnest this last week. The painting of Dunmore's Church of The Most Holy Trinity is near complete. The works of painting and the upgrading of the entrance steps at Johnswell's Church of St John The Baptist are due to begin during the coming week.

We thank the people from these two areas for their cooperation thus far. Some have already made donations towards these renovations and the hospitality on the day of the celebratory Masses.

Many more, we hope, will still 'come on board' and we encourage them to do their best and use the envelope that was distributed some weeks ago. We are always conscious of demands made of families, but the celebration of two hundred years of prayer, worship and the practice of our faith in these sacred spaces surely makes these celebrations very special indeed.

If you intend coming to the Mass and the meal please let us know by signing the book at the back of each church. THIS IS ESSENTIAL so that the committees can get an idea of the numbers for catering purposes

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

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

BEREAVEMENTS

Recently Deceased:

Rebecca Cantwell, Outrath Road
Peter Holohan, Maddoxtown
Shane O'Neill, Dunbell

Month's Mind:

Anniversaries: Pat Wood (6.30pm); Eileen O'Connor (10.30am); Tom Ryan (11.00am); Joe Doheny (12.00 noon); Seamus Murphy (7.30pm); Mary O'Keeffe; Bernard & Bridget Taylor; Fr Kieran Rice; Louise Kealy; Dom, Paddy, Margaret & Richard Tynan; Mary & John Brennan; Willie Duggan; The Cassin Family; Billy Burke; Dick Maher; George Dowling; Seán Hanaphy; The Cotter Family;

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8.00am	Margaret Leahy
10.30am	Seamus Brennan & Deirdre Dowling
12.00noon	Mary Lynch
7.30pm	Anne Marie Grace
Johnswell 10.00am	Betsy Rice & Teresa Dowling
Dunmore 11.00am	Pierce Lennon & Liam Maddock

Eucharistic Ministers for Next Weekend – Panel 2

Weekly Envelope Collection

Last week's envelope collection: €865.

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

St John's Prayer Group

St John's Prayer Group will resume next Wednesday 5th September at 8.00pm in the Day Centre. All are welcome.

Fitness For Fun

Pilates Classes will Commence on Thursday 6th Sept in Dunmore Hall @ 7pm. 8 Weeks for €70. Places Limited. Call or Text Margaret (086 8547710).

Mass Intentions for the coming Week

Tuesday: George Dowling (10.30am).

Thursday: Seán Hanaphy (10.30am).

Friday: The Cotter Family (10.30am).

Saturday: Catherine Kenna (10.30am).
Bernadette Hayes (6.30pm).

Sunday: Fran Phelan (10.30am).
Martin Shelly (12.00 noon).
Eddie Ryan (7.30pm).

First Friday

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

Johnswell Active Retirement

A meeting will be held in Johnswell Hall on Wednesday 5th September at 8.00pm. New members are very welcome.

Side by Side Club

The Side by Side club will resume next Thursday at 2pm in the Day Care Centre. New members are always welcome. Contact Helen Goode on 083 816 2024.

Blessed Edmund Rice

Mass will be celebrated in Blessed Edmund Rice Chapel, Westcourt this Monday, 3rd September at 7.30pm. This celebration will mark the 50th Anniversary of the opening of the Blessed Edmund Rice Memorial Chapel in Westcourt, Callan. All are welcome.

Annual mass for Retired Teachers

The Annual mass for Retired Teachers takes place next Thursday morning (6th September) at 10.30 a.m. in St Fiacre's Church, Loughboy followed by tea/coffee and chat in the adjoining parish centre. All are welcome.

Monthly Rosary

The Monthly Rosary on the first Sunday of the month at the statue of Our Lady of Kilkenny on St James's Green takes place this Sunday 2nd September at 3.00pm.

Kilkenny Alzheimer's Day Care Centre

Alzheimer's Day Care Centre, Carer's Support Group, Tuesday 4th September, 3.00-4.30pm at The Village Day Centre. Information and support. Call 056-7771230.