World Homeless Day Concert

Fr Ray Kelly, supported by the Friends of the Good Shepherd Choir, will perform at a Concert on Sunday 14th October in St Canice's Cathedral at 8pm. Tickets available at Porter, 91 High Street or from the Good Shepard Centre or at www.thegoodshepardcentrekilkenny.ie. Admission - Adult €20, Concession: €15.

The Future of Catholic Education

One day conference. October the 20th in Clonmel Park Hotel at 10am. Cost €25 per person or €40 per couple. Price include morning refreshments and carvery lunch. Speakers: David Quinn – Challenges in Catholic education, John Lacken – The Purpose and proper Catechesis of Children, Mark Hamilton – Education in Faith in a Catholic Secondary School, Jacki Ascough – Catholic Homeschooling. This conference is a must for anyone who has concerns about Catholic education in Ireland: parents, teachers, principals. Contact 086 1738399 to book or for more information.

South Kilkenny Historical Society

A lecture on 'From Suffrage to Self-Government - the Fight for Women's Rights and National Freedom' will take place on Friday 26th October at 8pm in Mullinavat Parish Hall (opposite church). Speaker: Liz Gillis. Admission: €5 (society members free). All welcome.

SouthEast Deaf Women Group

.....will hold their annual Church Collection next weekend on 20th and 21st October.

Carlow/Kilkenny Home Care Team

Our 10th Annual Christmas Flower Demonstration takes place on Tuesday 6th November in Ionad Dara Goresbridge at 8pm. AOIFA Demonstrator and Florist Angela Behan will do a number of demonstrations in a WINTER WONDERLAND theme. All proceeds are in aid of Carlow Kilkenny Home Care Team. Door prize. All flower demonstrations will be raffled on the night! Tickets are €10 and are available on the door. If you would like to donate a raffle prize or sponsor towards the event, please text 086 1992457. A great night guaranteed!!- See you there!

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.

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-Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time - 14th October 2018

Dunmore Celebrations

A Wonderful Display of Community Action

The Bicentenary Celebrations last weekend in Dunmore were a fantastic statement of the health and energy of its community spirit.

The Lord provided us with very nice, calm and mild weather. The congregation more than filled the church and every active participant played exercised their roles with great efficiency.

We will have more detailed accounts at a later date - perhaps in the Christmas Edition of The Ossory Times.

But for now all that needs to be said is a big thank you and congratulations to all concerned with the lovely decoration of the church; the beautiful ceremony itself; the condition of the grounds and the parking control; and of course, a fantastic meal for all afterwards in the Community Hall and the Marquee extension to the hall kindly provided for the day by the Defence Forces.

Next Sunday, October 21st, the Johnswell Community will celebrate a similar event - the Bicentenary of their local church - The Church of Saint John The Baptist. Like Dunmore last weekend, the Johnswell morning 10.00 a.m. Mass will be cancelled, and the Bicentenary Mass and Celebrations will begin at 3.00 p.m.

Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday

Next Sunday, 21st October, Pope Francis is asking you to come together in celebration of World Mission Sunday. Every Church, in every parish across our globe will give what they can, no matter how little, towards the World Mission Sunday collection. Your contribution will be used to help spread faith, hope and love by supporting overseas missionaries. If you can't contribute on the 21st, you can donate €4.00 now by texting the word 'Mission' to 50300. (Text cost €4. World Missions Ireland will receive a minimum of €3.60.

BEREAVEMENTS

Recently Deceased:

Bishop Laurence Forristal, Retired Bishop of Ossory.

Michael O'Neill, Callan Road.

Veronica McGuire, Callan.

Eithne Doherty, 66 Assumption Place.

Anniversaries: Philip Walsh (6.30pm); Albert Bolger (10.30am); O.N.E. Mass (12.00noon); Kathleen Murphy (7.30pm); John Kelly; Maureen Bryan; Julie Burke; William Hanlon.

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6.30pm Mary Lynch
8.00am Nora Webster
10.30am Paula Rogers
12.00noon John Joyce
7.30pm Eileen Kinane
Johnswell 10.00am Robert Butler

Dunmore 11.00am Martina Brennan & Tom Keating

Eucharistic Ministers for Next Weekend - Panel 1

Weekly Envelope Collection

Last week's envelope collection: €1,045.

Thanks to all who contribute weekly, monthly and annually, as well as those who pay by Standing Order. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Our Lady of Fatima

The Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima Blessed for Peace for Ireland will visit St. Fiacre's Church, Loughboy on Wednesday 17th October. Procession of the Statue at St Fiacre's Church followed by the Rosary and Mass at 7pm. Please join us in our Prayer of Petition and Thanksgiving to God and Our Lady for Peace.

Cake Sale

O'Loughlin Gaels Camogie Club will hold a cake sale next weekend after the 6.30pm and 12 noon Mass to raise funds for the club facilities.

Mass Intentions for the coming Week

Saturday: William Hanlon (10.30am).

Alice & Richard Holden (6.30pm).

Sunday: Molly Bergin (10.30am).

Mick Roche (11.00am).

Ann Lacey (12.00 noon).

Michael Heffernan (7.30pm).

OCTOBER STATIONS

The October Station envelopes are currently being distributed. We thank you in advance for your generous contributions which go towards the salaries of your priests and towards our obligation towards the Bishop's salary.

We also thank all the distributors for their faithful work

Rosary at the Grotto

The Rosary will be recited every Sunday during October at 3 PM at The Grotto on the Callan road. All are welcome.

OUR DIOCESE BIDS FAREWELL TO BISHOP LAURENCE FORRISTAL R.I.P.

Born: 5 June 1931

21 December 1955 - Ordained to the Priesthood.

Aug 1956 - Sep 1957 - Chaplain, Convent, Sion Hill.

Sep 1957 - Aug 1960 - Study Leave.

Aug 1960 - Nov 1967 - Assistant Priest, Chancellery.

Aug 1960 - Nov 1960 - Chaplain, CBS, Glasnevin.

Nov 1960 - Sep 1967 Chaplain, Our Lady of Charity, High Park.

Sep 1967 - July 1974 Curate, Raheney Parish.

July 1974 - Feb 1977 - Adm., Rivermount Parish.

Feb 1977 - Jan 1980 - P.P., Rivermount Parish.

Jun 1977 - Sep 1981 - Vicar General, Diocese of Dublin.

November 1977 - Honorary Prelate of His Holiness.

Jan 1980 - Sep 1981 - Titular Bishop of Rotdon & Aux. Bishop of Dublin.

13 September 1981 - Installed as Bishop of Ossory.

14 September 2007 - Retired as Bishop of Ossory.

10 October 2018 - Died peacefully in St Luke's Hospital, Kilkenny.

13 Oct 2018 - Interred beside Bishop Birch at Cathedral after Requiem Mass.