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### Kilkenny Alzheimer's Day Care Centre

Carer's Support Group, Meeting: Tuesday 6th November 3.00-4.30pm at The Village Day Centre (behind 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

### Pre-Apprenticeship - work placement programme

KCETB funded, for job ready school leavers and job seekers. Opportunities currently exist for a 3 to 6-month placement on the Job, in a number of trades locally, for suitable candidates aged between 18 and 24. Call Jim at the Kilkenny CTC: 086-042 7074.

### The Three Tenors

The Three Tenors in Concert, singing popular classic hits will perform on Friday 9th November at 8pm at Thomastown Parish Church. Tickets €25 at O'Keeffe's Shop, Market St, Liam Reddy, Ladywell, or the Parish Office (056) 7793191, email thomastown@ossory.ie and at the door. Guests: The Primary School and Grennan College.

### Taizé Youth Trip 2019

A youth trip to Taizé in France organised by Ossory Youth will take place from Sunday 23rd June to Sunday 30th June 2019. A week in Taize is an opportunity for reflection and contemplation and a little step back from daily life. But bringing people together is also the essence of Taize and it is a week of meeting young people from different countries and cultures where new friendships are made. Tens of thousands of young people from around the world, including 28 from Kilkenny, made the trip to Taizé this year. The trip is open to Transition year, 5th year and Leaving Cert students. Closing date is Friday 30th November. For information & application forms, contact Patrick Bookle, Ossory Youth at (056) 7761200, (087) 2129006 or pbookle@ossoryyouth.com

**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.

# PARISH OF SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST

*incorporating | St John's | Dunmore | Johnswell | church areas*

#### 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.**

Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time - 4th November 2018

## THE TWO GREAT COMMANDMENTS

To love as God calls us to love demands every fibre of our being: heart, soul, mind, and strength. It is in our love and compassion for one another that humanity most closely resembles God; it is in our charity and selflessness that we participate in God's work of creation.

In the two "great commandments" we discover a purpose to our lives much greater than our prejudices, pettiness and parochialism; in them, we find the ultimate meaning and purpose of the gifts of faith and life.

Our rituals and sanctuaries mean nothing before God if they are devoid of the love and compassion Christ calls us to embrace. It is too easy to be so caught up with externals and rubrics that the essence of our faith slips away from us.

God's kingdom is realized in every act of compassionate charity and selfless sacrifice, when our humanity most resembles God; it is built of the respect and honour we afford to all God's sons and daughters, for in our love and care for them, we most sincerely praise God.

## World Meeting of Families

To help defray the costs of the recent World Meeting of Families there will be a National Collection at all Masses next weekend. As always, your generous support will be greatly appreciated.

## Fen Men's Shed Newpark Close Family Resource Centre

New Members welcome to join us Thursday Mornings. 10.30am to 12pm. Men's sheds are known for improving Men's mental health and wellbeing. **The Fen Men's Shed** is perfect for you if you are interested in: - Chat and a cuppa, small wood work projects, up cycling ideas, horticultural, book exchange, pool/darts, card games. Men of all ages are welcome.

## Johnswell Active Retirement

Johnswell Active Retirement Association will hold a meeting in Johnswell Hall on November 7th at 7pm followed by a talk by Seamus Walsh on the history of the Castlecomer Mines at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

## BEREAVEMENTS

### Recently Deceased:

Lila O'Connor, Ardnore.

Una Blasdale (*nee Ruth*) London, formally Assumption Place.

### Month's Minds:

Tommy Gormley (10.00am).

Veronica McGuire (10:30am).

### Anniversaries:

Seán Nolan (6.30pm); Mary, Michael & John Dunphy (12:00 noon) ;

Michael & Ellen O'Gorman; Joe Phelan; Mary Fitzgerald; Dan McEvoy;

Jack & Peg Robinson; Liam Brett ; Patrick & Ann Nolan; P.J. Marrinan;

Mary Dunphy;

**(For Sunday 7.30 pm:** Deceased Members, Management & Staff of Kilkenny Co-op Livestock Mart).

### Readers for Next Weekend – Page 154

6.30pm	Mary Lynch
8.00am	Ann Marie Hogan
10.30am	Mary Hanafin & Seamus Mahoney
12.00noon	Ann Maria Walsh
7.30pm	Ann Fitzpatrick
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: €3,025.

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

### Mass Intentions for the coming Week

**Monday:** Joe Phelan(10.30am).

**Tuesday:** Mary Fitzgerald (10.30am).

**Thursday:** Senan Brennan (10.30am).

**Saturday:** Dan McEvoy (10.30pm).  
Mary Mulcahy (6.30pm).

**Sunday:** Bridget Phelan(10.30am)  
Walter Tallis (12:00 noon)  
Alec Bowen( 7.30pm)

### Blessed Edmund Rice Memorial Mass

Mass will be celebrated in the Blessed Edmund Rice Memorial Chapel, Westcourt on Monday, 12th November 2018 at 7.30pm to pray for the intercession of Blessed Edmund Rice in our lives and for his canonisation. The Callan Co-operative Society will organise the liturgy for the mass. All are welcome.

### Rosary

Rosary on the first Sunday of the month at the statue of Our Lady of Kilkenny on St James's Green takes place Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 3.00pm

### Retired Nurse's Association of Ireland, Kilkenny branch.

Mass for retired and deceased nurses will be celebrated in St Fiacre's Church. Loughboy on Thursday 15th November at 10.30am.

After Mass a tea/coffee morning collection in aid of the Carlow/Kilkenny Homecare Team will take place in the Parish Centre.

Please be as generous as you can for this very worthy cause.

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### Cake Sale

O'Loughlin Gaels will hold a cake in **Dunmore Hall** on the 11th November after 11am Mass.

And on Sunday 18th November it will hold a cake sale in **St John's Parish Centre** after 10.30am and 12noon mass to raise funds for the club's facilities.

### Afternoon Tea Dance

An Afternoon Tea Dance will take place in St John's Day Centre on Sunday November 11th from 2pm to 5pm.

Tea, coffee, cakes and refreshments. Music by Andrew McGuinness.

Tickets €10, call Helen Goode on 083 816 2024 or Marie Doherty 086 409 5115. All funds raised in aid of the twilight seniors fund.

## Newpark Close Community Development Healthy Street Programme 2018

The Family Resource Centre offers places on a free 12 week programme. Suitable for families to get more active and healthy. They have healthy cooking classes & fun physical activities for the whole family. Tuesday mornings: 10am - 12pm and Wednesday evenings: 6.30pm - 7.30pm. Closing date for applications is 16th November. Families will receive a €25 weekly food voucher, swimming pass and a free pedometer per family. Contact: 056-7723309 or email: [perleleahy@newparkclosefrfc.ie](mailto:perleleahy@newparkclosefrfc.ie), [berbrophyl@newparkclosefrfc.ie](mailto:berbrophyl@newparkclosefrfc.ie) or [marydonnelly@newparkclosefrfc.ie](mailto:marydonnelly@newparkclosefrfc.ie)