

Offerings of the Faith Development Group for Advent

- ◆ **The Word Became Flesh** - Training nights for new and existing Ministers of the Word - Thursday 6th December and Thursday 13th December, 7.30pm at St Kieran's College.
- ◆ **Sunday Scripture Reflection Booklets** - A simple reflection booklet which covers the Gospels of Advent. These booklets can act as a guide to people, individually or collectively, to reflect on the scriptures. Available at a cost of €1 each.
- ◆ **Knowing our Ossory Faith in Advent** - A simple activities based workbook for children of around Communion age (c. 8-11) which will help them explore their faith, our Diocese, and the Advent season. Maybe this might be a nice gift for your Communion classes? Or simply as a resource to young families attending your parish liturgies over the Advent season. €1 each.
- ◆ **The Future of our Parish** - A evening of reflection on the changing nature of our parishes and parish life - Monday 3rd December, 7.30pm at St Kieran's College. (see frontpage)
- ◆ **A Blessing for a Crib**: This simple prayer card blessing intended for use when the crib is placed in the family home. (Free)
- ◆ **Christmas and Daily Grace**: A simple prayer card of a grace before meals to support and encourage families to take a moment of prayer in the home on Christmas Day. (Free)
- ◆ **Advent Tweet Daily Thought (Mini Movie)** - A short movie each day with a simple reflection/prayer or thought for that day. To get these tweets each day simply follow our Diocesan Twitter account @ossorydiocese
- ◆ **Advent Web Post Daily Thought (Mini Movie)** - A short movie each day online with a simple reflection/prayer or thought for that day. To view log on to www.ossory.ie
- ◆ **Advent Text of the Day** - A short daily text message, free to your phone, from the AFD office to encourage us to reflect for a moment on something or to pause and say a brief prayer.
- ◆ To receive these texts - just TEXT your mobile number to the Ossory Faith Development Group at 085-8313100 or put your number on the sheet at the back of the church.

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.
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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.**

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - 17th November 2018

The Annual Bereavement Mass

This year's Bereavement Mass will be celebrated in St John's Church next Thursday, 22nd November @ 7.30pm.

Ossory Priests Society Collection

The Annual Collection for the Ossory Priests Society takes place next weekend 24th/25th November, outside the church. This Society is responsible for making suitable financial provision for the care of the priests in the Diocese of Ossory in infirmity, sickness and old age. Your support will be much appreciated.

'The Future of our Parish'

**An Evening of reflection on the changing nature of our parishes and Parish Life
Monday 3rd December 7.30pm. St Kieran's College.**

Bishop Dermot Farrell will chair and evening of reflection on the changing nature of our parishes and parish life.

Fr Albert McDonnell will explore in reality, and as it is envisioned in the Code of Canon Law, the nature of parish today in light of the experience of Killaloe Diocese which has recently moved towards embracing a new parish structure.

Ms Gemma Mulligan, coordinator for the Ossory Diocesan Pastoral Plan, will explore the reality of the changing nature of our Church as it is being experienced in our parishes today and examine the possibilities of the parish of tomorrow that are already starting to emerge.

This will be a very important meeting to attend if you can at all as we face many structural and other changes in our Diocese in the future.

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BEREAVEMENTS

Recently Deceased:

Tom Coyne, Larchfield.

Months Mind:

Eithne Doherty (11.00am);

Anniversaries:

Maura Leahy (6.30pm); James Butler (10.00am); Tom & Kathleen Cody (10.30am); Ned Lawless (12.00 noon); Statia, Stephen & Bosco Buckley (7.30pm); Billy Phelan; Michael Gibbons; Stephen Murphy; John Madigan; Patrick Kavanagh; Seán Walsh; Johanna Maher; Catherine McDonald; Margaret Grace; Josie Sweeney; Michael Kearney; Seán Donnelly; Joe Murphy; James Donnelly Snr & Jnr; Mary & Andrew Brennan; Seamus Loughman; Michael & Margaret Smullen; Seamus Rochford; Margaret & Owen Roe O'Neill; Phyllis Poyntz; Richard Phelan.

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6.30pm	Kate Lawless
8.00am	Margaret Leahy
10.30am	Seamus Brennan & Deirdre Dowling
12.00noon	Mary Lynch
7.30pm	Anne Marie Grace
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: €860.

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

St John's Junior School - First Holy Communion 2019

A rehearsal will take place next Tuesday at 5pm in St John's Church for those who are participating in this year's Enrolment Mass on Saturday the 24th November. We look forward to meeting you there.

Jo Jo Dullard Remembrance Gathering

Jo Jo Dullard is missing 23 years this November. To mark the anniversary a service to remember Jo Jo will take place on Sunday Nov 18th at the missing persons monument in the Castle Park at 12 noon.

Mass Intentions for the coming Week

Tuesday: Patrick Walsh (10.30am).

Wednesday: Seán Walsh (10.30am).

Saturday: Johanna Maher (10.30am).
Kitty & Jack Hennessy (6.30pm).

Sunday: Paddy & Patricia O'Hara (8.00am).
James Brophy (10.00am).
Mary O'Neill (10.30am).
Helen Purcell (11.00am).
Ann & Andy Heffernan (12.00 noon).
Ollie Bergin (7.30pm).

St Vincent De Paul

Monthly collection for St Vincent de Paul Society will take place this weekend 17th & 18th November. Sincere thanks for all your generous support.

Young Priest Society & Ossory Vocations 40 + 2 Hours of Adoration

An Hour of Adoration will be held in the 42 Parishes of our Diocese on Sunday 25th November to pray for Vacations to the Priesthood & Religious Life in our Diocese. One Hour of Adoration will be held in St John's from 6pm next Sunday, 25th November (Feast of Christ the King) Please join us in prayer.

Inistioge Chamber Choir CD Launch

Inistioge Chamber Choir will launch their new Christmas CD "Christmas-tide" in Cois Abhann Inistioge @ 8pm Sunday 25th. Brian Cody will present the event. Free entry.

Concert in Aid of Kilkenny Alzheimer Day Care Centre

St. Fiacre's Church Loughboy, Thursday 6th December 8.00pm Performers include: Thukolo Gospel Choir & John Tully, Billy Carrigan & Friends, CBS Secondary School Choir, Andrew McGuinness, Margaret Murran- Flautist, Lynda Treacy George Candler M.C. Admission €10.00. All proceeds towards the refurbishment of The Village Day Centre for persons with Alzheimer's/Dementia. Tickets on sale at the Village Day Centre. Contact Brenda Glynn for more info 0872509371.

Confirmations 2019

All parents of Confirmation children are requested to attend a meeting in St John's Senior School this Monday evening at 7.30 p.m. This meeting involves families from The Senior School, Johnswell School and The Model School.

PARISH RETREATS

To book retreats below contact AFD office 056-7753624, or email afd@ossory.ie

Parish Retreat Evenings at St Kieran's College

For parish groups will begin during Advent will continue until Easter. Prayer and reflection from 7.30pm-9.30pm for any parish groups.

Communion and Confirmation Parent Retreats

A 'Mini-Retreat' to be hosted in your local parish Church for parents of Communion or Confirmation children. This mini-retreat, a short gathering of c. 45 mins, would be an opportunity for those parents to come together as they journey towards the celebration of the sacraments with their children.