

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.

PARISH OF SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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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.**

Christ the King - 25th November 2018

Ossory Priests Society Collection

The Annual Collection for the Ossory Priests Society takes place this 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.

ON THIS FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

The Ossory Vocations Group and The Young Priest Society

40 + 2 Hours of Adoration

An Hour of Adoration will be held in the 42 Parishes of our Diocese this weekend on Sunday 25th November to pray for Vacations to the Priesthood & Religious Life in our Diocese.

One Hour's Adoration will be held in St John's this Sunday evening at 6.00 pm.

Civic Reception for Mags

A well-deserved Civic Reception was held for Mags Leahy, Newpark Close, last Saturday in the Mayor's Chambers of the Tholsel at the Town Hall.

Mayor Peter 'Chap' Cleere arranged the Civic Reception to acknowledge and honour the amazing contribution that Mags has made to the Newpark Close Community over the years. A speedy recovery, Mags, from your recent hospitalisation and illness.

Dunmore Bake Sale

Please join us for our annual Christmas bake sale on Sunday 2nd December in Dunmore hall after 11 a.m. mass.

There will be a Raffle, Christmas treats, refreshments and an auction for a Christmas Cake. Please drop cakes to the hall before mass and all raffle prize donations appreciated. Everyone is welcome.

BEREAVEMENTS

Recently Deceased:

Jacinta Kelly, Glendine Heights.

Michael Hurley, Kilderry, Johnswell. *Funeral mass in St John's Church on Sunday 10.30 a.m. Interment in St Kieran's cemetery.*

Mary Holohan, Kilderry, Johnswell. *Funeral Mass in St Patrick's Church on Sunday 12.30 noon. Interment in Foulkstown cemetery.*

Months Mind:

Mary O'Neill (10.30am);

Anniversaries:

Kitty & Jack Hennessy (6.30pm); Paddy & Patricia O'Hara (8.00am);

James Brophy (10.00am); Helen Purcell (11.00am);

Ann & Andy Heffernan (12.00 noon); Ollie Bergin (7.30pm); Nicola Hayes;

Tom, Peggy & Sheila Bourke; Margaret Guilfoyle; Ann & James Doran;

Molly O'Neill; Theresa Blowe; Martin Clifford; John Murphy; Patrick O'Neill;

Eileen Barry; Mary Ryan; Sadie Taylor; Fr Ignatius Phelan; John Kennedy;

Dollie & Pearse Butler; Patrick J. Crotty.

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6.30pm	Bridget Ahearn
8.00am	Martin Blake
10.30am	Peggy Wall
12.00noon	Tony Dalton
7.30pm	Marie Fogarty
Johnswell 10.00am	Josie Manning & Fiona Manning
Dunmore 11.00am	Jim Kavanagh & Claire Hanrick

Eucharistic Ministers for Next Weekend – Panel 1

Weekly Envelope Collection

Last week's envelope collection: €765.

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

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.

Mass Intentions for the coming Week

Thursday: Nicola Hayes (10.30am).

Saturday: Tom, Peggy & Sheila Bourke (10.30am).
Ann, Paddy & Stapleton Families (6.30pm).

Sunday:
Eileen O'Driscoll & Tom McGloine (8.00am).
John, Thomas & Nora Kinsella (10.00am).
Elizabeth Lila O'Connor (10.30am).
Jerry O'Neill (11.00am).
Mary Shelly (12.00 noon).

Marian Movement of Priests

A meeting of the Marian Movement of Priests will take place this Monday at 7.30pm at Villa Maria in Talbots Inch on the Freshford Rd. Mass, Rosary holy hour. All are welcome.

Rosary at The Town Hall

he monthly Rosary will be recited on the last Thursday of the month the 29th at 7.30pm at the Town Hall. It is for Pro—life and the Propagation of the faith. All are welcome.

'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 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.

Who do you think you are?

An introduction to researching your family history using online resources with Siobhán Ní Chorcora M.A. (History) will be held in St. John's Senior School, Ballybough Street next Tuesday Nov 27th 7.30pm. Voluntary donation for development of local community facilities.