

Ministers of the Word

*Reflect on the importance of Scripture in our faith and at our liturgies.
For new and existing readers*

Two evenings, led by Prof Seamus O'Connell and Ms Olivia Maher, will offer a chance for our Ministers of the Word, new and existing, to come together to reflect on their ministry, and their important service, as part of an Advent journey.

We encourage all those who read in our parish to head along to these short evenings. They will take place in St Kieran's College at 7.30pm on these dates:

Thursday 6th December – Prof Seamus O'Connell.

Thursday 13th December – Ms Olivia Maher

Advent

Today we begin Advent. This is the period when we prepare to celebrate the coming of the Christ among us two millennia ago, but we also believe that he is coming among us now and so we have to be prepared to receive him, and we know that he will come again at the end of time and we have to prepare the world for his coming. Everything we do as Christians is related to these three comings.

So let us reflect on how it is because he first came that we are here at the Eucharist today; we ask pardon of our sins that we might be prepared for his second coming in this Eucharist; and as a community let us pray that we will be ready to stand before him when he comes again in glory.

Alzheimer's Information

Kilkenny Alzheimer's Day Care Centre, Carer's Support Group, Tuesday 4th December 2018, 3.00-4.30pm at The Village Day Centre (behind the 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.

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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.

First Week of Advent - 2nd December 2018

'The Future of our Parish'

**An Evening of reflection on the changing nature of our parishes and Parish Life
Tomorrow, Monday 3rd December, at 7.30pm. in 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.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

**Saturday next, 8th December, is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.
and is a Holy Day of Obligation.**

Vigil Mass in St John's on Friday at 6.30pm,

Saturday – 8.00am, 10.30am & 12.00 noon. in St John's (Saturday evening Mass at 6.30 p.m.)

BEREAVEMENTS

Recently Deceased:

Terence Wall, late of Beechpark & Lavistown.
Billy Sullivan, Castlecomer Road.
Seán Brett, Sion Road.
Jim Kavanagh, Newpark.

Months Mind:

Elizabeth Lila O'Connor (10.30am);
Bernard Prendergast.

Anniversaries:

Ann, Paddy Stapleton and Family (6.30pm); Eileen O'Driscoll & Tom McGloine (8.00am); John, Thomas & Nora Kinsella (10.00am); Jerry O'Neill (11.00am); Mary Shelly (12.00 noon); May Cleary; Patrick & Rose Wixted; Mary Dowling; Eileen & Thomas Roche.

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6.30pm	Mary Lynch
8.00am	Seán Rodgers
10.30am	Jimmy Connolly
12.00noon	Kay Purcell
7.30pm	Ann Fitzpatrick
Johnswell 10.00am	Seán Colgan
Dunmore 11.00am	Tom Comerford & Maise Powell

Eucharistic Ministers for Next Weekend – Panel 2

Weekly Envelope Collection

Last week's envelope collection: €1,485.

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

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.

Mass Intentions for the coming Week

Monday: May Cleary (10.30am).

Tuesday: Bernard Prendergast (10.30am).

Friday: Seamus & Maire Parsons (6.30pm).

Saturday: Tommy & Peggy Dowling (8.00am).
Jerry Tobin (10.30am).
Mary McGuinness (12.00 noon).
Mary Coyne (6.30pm).

Sunday: Etta Shine (10.30am).
John, Mary & Catherine Butler (11.00am).
Joseph & Alice Bambrick (12.00 noon).
Mary Malone (7.30pm).

First Friday

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

St Vincent De Paul

The Christmas collection for St Vincent de Paul Society will take place next weekend 8th & 9th December. Sincere thanks for all your generous support.

Johnswell School Craft Sale and Coffee Morning

The annual Christmas craft sale and coffee morning will be held in Johnswell National School after 10am Mass on Sunday 9th December. There will be a great variety of items for sale-Christmas wreaths and logs, home baking and much more. Please come and support this annual event.

Johnswell Development Committee

A meeting will be held in Johnswell Hall this Wednesday 5th November at 7.00pm which will be followed at 7.30pm with a talk by Ger Griffin, Kilkenny Fire Safety Officer. All are welcome.

Community Radio Kilkenny City

St John's Parish news airs on Community Radio 88.7fm each Monday at 5pm during the Kilkenny Today Programme. It can also be picked up online www.communityradiokilkennycity.ie.

Blessed Edmund Rice

Mass will be celebrated in the Blessed Edmund Rice Memorial Chapel, Westcourt on Monday, 3rd December at 7.30pm to pray for the intercession of Blessed Edmund Rice in our lives and for his canonisation. The St. Joseph's Young Priest's Society will organise the liturgy for the mass. 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 December at 3.00pm.

