

Age Action – Free Computer Classes

Computers for The Terrified! 1 to 1 Training for over 55's. Learn how to: Search the Internet send and receive emails, shop and book flights, use your own device or use computers available to some venues. Age Action runs beginner courses in Computers, iPads and Tablets for older people who have little or no experience. Courses run once a week Wednesday or Thursday evening for 5 or 6 weeks and are starting in January. All courses are free of charge. Classes are run in CBS Secondary School, BOI Kilkenny and Kilkenny City Library. If you wish to enrol or even volunteer as a tutor. Tel: 01 475 6989 ASAP.

Samaritans Information Evening

Samaritans will be holding an information and selection session in Butler House, Patrick Street, on Tuesday 18th December at 7.00p.m. If you have considered volunteering with us, now is the time to find out more.

South Kilkenny Historical Society

Winter Solstice at Knockroe takes place on Friday, December 21st. Meeting time and place: 2pm, Owing Church. A free shuttle bus will operate from Owing Church car park to Knockroe, returning at approximately 5pm.

The Samaritans Candle Light Vigil

The Samaritans of Kilkenny Carlow branch would like to invite you to a candle light vigil with Christmas music in Rothe House on Dec 21st from 5pm, this event is to highlight that the Samaritans are here 365 days 24/7 for those who may need to talk. Please come along and join us.

Taxi Watch – Candlelight Carol Service

Alchemy vocal ensemble are holding a Christmas by Candlelight carol service in St Canice's Cathedral on Wednesday 19th December in support of local charity Taxi Watch. This charity aims to raise awareness & support for suicide prevention. Local performers Kevina Hayes, Sarah Brennan & Nicola Brennan will feature. Tickets available at www.eventbrite.ie.

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.

Third Sunday of Advent - 16th December 2018

Annual School Carol Service

As Christmas gets very near, we remind you that St John's Senior School Carol Service takes place tomorrow, Monday, at 7.30pm in St John's Parish Church.

This is always a very popular festival of carols and Nativity drama. Families involved in the school, or with no connection at all, always enjoy the experience. So, why not come along - you will be most welcome!

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES 2018

This Mass Schedule for Christmas will be published again next weekend.

We give you the basic essentials this weekend as it might help you make your family plans, etc., and save you having to call the office with enquiries during this week.

(No Monday Morning Mass)

Christmas Eve

St John's: 6.30 p.m. (Children's Mass); 9.00 p.m.

Monday, 24th:

Dunmore: 7.00 p.m.

Johnswell: 8.00 p.m.

Christmas Day

St John's: 8.00 a.m.; 10.30 a.m.; 12.00 noon.

Tuesday 25th:

Dunmore: 11.00 a.m.

Johnswell: 10.00 a.m.

BEREAVEMENTS

Recently Deceased:

Aaron Molloy, The Fairways.

Kathleen Tighe, Johnswell Road.

Noel Devlin, Old Circular Road.

Elizabeth Duffy, Tennypark.

Michael O'Neill, 21 O'Loughlin Rd.

Requiem Mass Mon. in St John's 10.30am. Interment St Kieran's Cemetery.

Billy Brennan, Bonnettstown. *Requiem Mass 1.00 pm Sun. St Canice's.*

Betty Duffy, Tennypark. *Requiem Mass Mon. in Foulkstown at 10.30am*

Anniversaries:

Tommy Dowling (6.30pm); Joe Fogarty (10.30am); Jim Rice (11.00am); Mary Burke (12.00 noon); Richard Gaule (7.30pm); Richard O'Carroll; Noreen & Michael Maher; Nan Donovan; Chrissie Comerford; Billy Phelan; Rita Gaule; Owen Massey;

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6.30pm	Ann Daly
8.00am	Nora Webster
10.30am	Mary Hanafin
12.00noon	Anne Maria Walsh
7.30pm	Anne Marie Grace
Johnswell 10.00am	Robert Butler
Dunmore 11.00am	Bernard O'Gorman & John McGourty

Eucharistic Ministers for Next Weekend – Panel 2

Weekly Envelope Collection

Last week's envelope collection: €960.

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

Night Fever Kilkenny

Capuchin Friary Church, Friday 21st December

Junior Night Fever at 3.30pm, Mass at 5.40 followed by annual Night Fever, with Adoration, Reconciliation, Music and prayer finishes at 9.30pm all welcome.

Giveblood.ie

Your next Blood Donation Clinic will take place in the **Newpark Hotel** on Sunday 30th December from 11.30am to 3.00pm.

Mass Intentions for the coming Week

Tuesday: Special Intention (10.30am).

Saturday:

Thomas, Seanie & Toddy O'Connor (6.30pm).

Sunday:

Paddy, Michael & Kitty Keogh (8.00am).

Mary Holohan & Michael Hurley (10.00am).

Maura Mealy (10.30am).

Mai Loftus (11.00am).

Larry Manning (12.00 noon).

Michael Slattery (7.30pm).

St Joseph's Young Priests' Society

A meeting of the St John's Branch of the St Joseph's Young Priests' Society will take place in the Presbytery on Monday December 17th at 11.00am. All are welcome.

Carols and Readings

There will be Carols and Readings in the Friary church on Monday 17th at 8pm with the Friary Choir and Young Kilkenny Singers. Free admission and all are welcome.

YOUR SUPPORT IS KEY TO PARISH RUNNING COSTS

Christmas Offerings Envelopes and Weekly/Yearly Envelopes for 2019

The “**Weekly/Yearly/Standing Order**” contributions go in their entirety to capital expenditure and maintenance of the three parish churches & buildings, as well as all the running costs of the parish.

The “**Christmas Offering Collection**” goes towards the salaries of the Priests of the parish as well as our contribution towards Bishop's salary.

If you have let the practice of supporting your Parish or Personnel slip, we urge you to recommence and play your part in the running this very fine parish of St John's.

We are very conscious of the sacrifices you make as you support these collections, and once again we take this opportunity to express our sincere gratitude to all who do so.

Parish Calendars

Our Parish Calendar will be available for free after all Masses next weekend.

Once again we thank **Johnstons Funeral Directors** for their Sponsorship and making this very useful item available each year for all our parishioners and also for many other friends and visitors to our parish.

Adoration Chapel

The Adoration Chapel will be closed from 25th December and will reopen on Wednesday 2nd January.