

## Give up 'yer aul Bikes' for Africa

The Rotary Club of Kilkenny at Dunmore Recycling Centre are collecting unwanted bikes and forwarding them to people in Africa. Bikes will be first transported to Loughan House Open Prison in Cavan, refurbishment by prisoners and transported to Africa. Please "Re-Cycle" and help transform the daily lives of other less fortunate.

## Family Carers Ireland

Family Carers Ireland are holding their annual church gate collections next weekend the 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> December in Kilkenny city & county. All funds raised go towards providing supports & services to local family carers. If you are in a position to help out or would like more information, please contact us on 7721424. Thank you for your continued support.

## Grow

- ◆ Are you struggling with Anxiety or Depression?
- ◆ Finding Life Difficult?
- ◆ Isolated?

**GROW is here to help you.**  
Our Mental Health Support groups are free and confidential and open to all, no referral or booking needed.

Meeting Times are:

**Tuesday @ 10am.** Venue: Grow Office Barrack Street Kilkenny

**Wednesday @ 8pm.** Venue: Grow Office Barrack Street Kilkenny

**Friday @ 10.30am.** Venue: Grow Office Barrack Street Kilkenny

CEART grp: mental health effects of living with chronic pain/long term illness

**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.**

Fourth Sunday of Advent - 23rd December 2018

## Noúair Shona agus Athdhúian faoi Othaise Daoiðh

### SAINT JOHN'S PARISH CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES 2018

*(No Christmas Eve 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.

**Wed 26 - Fri 28:** St John's: 10.30 a.m. *(no 8.00 a.m. mass)*

### The Annual Kilkenny City Church Crib Walk

The Annual Church Christmas Crib Walk will take place on Saturday December 29th beginning at the Friary Church at 11 am. All Welcome.

## BEREAVEMENTS

### Recently Deceased:

Kevin McDaid, Ashfield.  
Eileen Stevenson, Conahy & late of John Street.  
Dylan Whearty, O'Loughlin Court.  
Frank Brady, late of John Street.  
Mary Kelly, St Francis Tce.  
Mick Cody, Tennypark.

### Months Mind:

Mary Holohan & Michael Hurley (10.00am).

### Anniversaries:

Thomas, Seanie & Toddy O'Connor (6.30pm); Paddy, Michael & Kitty Keogh (8.00am); Maura Mealy (10.30am); Mai Loftus (11.00am); Larry Manning (12.00 noon); Michael Slattery (7.30pm); Kathleen Hayes; Theresa Shine; Sheila Bergin; Patrick Burke; Seamus Fry; Tom Cantwell; Liam & Mary Ryan; Ted Carroll; Annie Gorey; Martha Kirwan; Ellen Dowling; Peggy Blanchfield; Jim Carroll; George Byrne; Lena, Bill & Danny Cassidy; Michael & Mary Kate Morris; Margaret Coleman; Roseanna Smyth; Jack, Peg, Breda & Aaron Molloy; Christopher Bateman; James & Josephine Foley; John, Mamie & Terry Brett; Larry Masterson; Thomas & Catherine Lyons; Jim & Rosie Magnire; Milly & Jack Murphy; Willie & Tess Magnier.

### Readers for Next Weekend – Page 105

6.30pm	Bridget Ahearn
8.00am	Margaret Leahy
10.30am	Kathleen Ferguson
12.00noon	Bobbie Lahart
7.30pm	Marie Fogarty
Johnswell 10.00am	Betsy Rice & Teresa Dowling
Dunmore 11.00am	Philip Comerford & Esther Comerford

### Eucharistic Ministers for Next Weekend – Panel 1

### Weekly Envelope Collection

Last week's envelope collection: €1,690.

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

St John's Junior School is currently accepting applications for enrolment for September 2019. Applications forms are available in the school, on the school website ([www.stjohnstheLake.ie](http://www.stjohnstheLake.ie)) by contacting the school at 056 7762888. Closing date for receipt of applications is Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January at 3.00pm. An information meeting will be held for parents in the school on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January at 8.00pm

### Mass Intentions for the coming Week

**Wednesday:** Kathleen Hayes (10.30am).

**Thursday:** Theresa Shine (10.30am).

**Friday:** Sheila Bergin (10.30am).

**Saturday:** Eileen Owens (6.30pm).

**Sunday:** Helen O'Neill (10.30am).  
Ned Brennan, Margaret Parsons & Ann Shanley (11.00am).  
James & Josephine Foley (12.00 noon).  
Declan Lanigan (7.30pm).

### Adoration Chapel

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

### Giveblood.ie

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

### Parish Newsletter

There will be no newsletter next weekend. Listings of the deceased will be announced as usual.

## Thanks To All Of You Who Support Our Parish

As we're on the eve of Christmas Eve, we take this opportunity to thank all of you who support the Parish and its Staff each year. We are truly grateful.

We have the "Weekly/Yearly/Standing Order" contributions which 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.

We also have the various collections such as the current "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 your support slip, we urge you to recommence and play your part in the running this very fine parish of St John's.

Thanks to all who run and are members of the many and various committees and organisations in the parish; to all who organise and are members of Choirs, Readers and Eucharistic panels; sacristans, servers, safeguarding officers, and all who volunteer to help - especially during the Christmas Season.

## Parish Calendars

Our Parish Calendar is available (free) after all Masses this 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.

## Ossory Times

The Christmas Issue of the Ossory Times is on sale after mass at the back for the Church for €2. Bumper-packed edition "sharing the life & faith of our Diocese."