

- **Evening Retreat for Ministers of the Word**

We encourage all Ministers of the Word to join an evening of prayer and reflection. Led by Fr Jim Murphy and the Diocesan Retreat Team this night will help readers to reflect in prayer on the importance of their roles. Mon. 1st April, 7.30pm at St Kieran's.

- **Lenten Lectures - Eucharist and Mission**

Two evenings of theology exploring Eucharist and Mission - Friday 15th March Fr Kieran O'Shea will lead a refection "Called to Serve - Living our Christian Calling in our Parishes Today"; and Friday 22nd March Prof Salvador Ryan, Maynooth, on "Tracing the history of an Irish understanding of the Mass". 7.30pm. St Kieran's.

- **Lent Explained:**

Leaflet explaining some of the many things about Lent which we take for granted but which might not be known by some. This leaflet will be distributed to all parishes for the first Sunday of Lent. A similar resource will be distributed prior to the Easter.

- **Some other freely available Parish Resources**

Lenten Tweet of a Daily Thought (Mini Movie) - To get these tweets each day simply follow our Diocesan Twitter account @ossorydiocese

Lent Web Post Daily Thought (Mini Movie) - To view each day simply log on to www.ossory.ie

Lent Text of the Day - A short daily text message, free to your phone, to encourage us to reflect. Those who would like to receive these texts - at no cost - are asked to: TEXT mobile number to the Ossory Faith Development Group at 085-8313100 or WRITE mobile number on the sheets provided at the back of the church.

- **Parish Retreats**

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

- **Parish Retreat Evenings at St Kieran's College**

For parish groups during Lent this year. The theme "Faith in Christ - our source of strength". St Kieran's College from 7.30pm-9.30pm for any parish groups.

Address: St John's Presbytery, Dublin Road, Kilkenny. **Email:** stjohns@ossory.ie
Website: stjohnskilkenny.com

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

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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.

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 3rd March 2019

Season of Lent begins on Wednesday

- ◆ **This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday - the beginning of Lent. Blessing and Distribution of Ashes at 8.00 & 10.30am and 7.30pm masses. Ash Wednesday opens Lent, a season of prayer, fasting and almsgiving (good works).**
- ◆ **Fasting and Abstinence are observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.**
- ◆ **For the remaining five Wednesdays of Lent, we invite you all to join us in St John's Church at 7.30 p.m. for the STATIONS OF THE CROSS as an aid and support to you and our community as we prepare to renew your Baptismal Promises and celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter.**

Useful Resources For Lent

- **Sunday Scripture Reflection Booklets**

These contains the Gospel for each Sunday, a reflection, some questions for consideration and some prayers. Available for €1 or from the Faith Development office.

- **Knowing our Ossory Faith (Vol II)**

This simple activities-based workbook for children of around Communion age will help them explore their faith, our Diocese, and the Lent and Easter season. Families will have an opportunity to learn some of the basic ideas/words and meanings of our faith. €1 each online (www.ossory.ie) or from the Faith Development office.

- **Readers' Guide**

This resource is aimed at supporting those who are Ministers of the Word. It helps to explain the Scriptures, their context and the ministry of reader - offering formation and simple practical advice. Available for €10 which includes the St Paul's Missal for this year to allow readers best prepare. Contact AFD office to order or order online www.ossory.ie

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BEREAVEMENTS

Recently Deceased:

Bernadette Kinamon, nee Campion, Texas & late of Cellarstown.
Margaret Cody, Ossory Park. *Funeral Mass on Sunday at 10.30am.*

Month's Mind:

Mark Owens

Anniversaries:

Mary Murphy (6.30pm); Teasy Roche (10.00am); Patrick & Peg Callanan (11.00am); John McEnery (12.00 noon); Dick Marnell (7.30pm); John Delaney; John Boland; Patrick & Tess Hogan; John Hodge; Dolly Blanch; Bridget Guilfoyle; Michael Dowling; Bernard & Bridget Taylor; Seán Connick;

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6.30pm Bridget Ahearn
8.00am Margaret Leahy
10.30am Peggy Wall
12.00noon Tony Dalton
7.30pm Eileen Kinane
Johnswell Josie Manning & Fiona Manning
Dunmore Philip Comerford & Esther Comerford

Eucharistic Ministers - Next Weekend: Panel 1

Weekly Envelope Collection

Last week's envelope collection: €830.

Thanks to all who contribute weekly, monthly and annually, as well as those who pay by Standing Order.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

Spring Term - Fitness for Fun

Pilates Starts Thursday 7th March in Dunmore Hall from 7 – 8pm. (7 weeks €60).
Booking essential contact Margaret (086) 854 7710.

Dance Classes in Johnswell

Social Dance Classes will start in Johnswell Hall on Wednesday 6th March from 7.30pm to 9pm. €10 per class and all ages and abilities catered for.

Johnswell Active Retirement

A meeting will be held in Johnswell Hall on Monday 4th March at 8.00pm. New members are always welcome.

Mass Intentions for the coming Week

Tuesday: Mark Owens (10.30am).

Saturday:

Phil Murray (10.30am).
Paddy O'Brien (6.30pm).

Sunday:

Andy Wall, Jack & Josie Purcell (10.30am)
Neddie Phelan (11.00am)
Jack & Mary Parle (12.00 noon).
Margaret Dwyer (7.30pm).

Eucharistic Adoration

The Diocese of Ossory is developing a Diocesan Adoration Lay Committee in order to increase the practice of Eucharistic Adoration in parishes throughout the diocese. You are welcome to attend an Information Meeting in The Chapter Room, St Mary's Cathedral on Saturday 5th April at 11.30am (finishing at 12.45). Light Refreshments served. See poster in the church for further details of how to attend or contact the Parish Office.

Self-Care Group

Are you living with a long-term health condition? A 6-week self-management course is starting on the 9th of March at the Newpark Close Family Resource Centre. The course fee is €20. The skills you will learn include problem solving, managing your medication, relaxation, healthy eating and managing pain, fatigue and difficult emotions. Contact Mary on 77 23309 to book a place.

Kilkenny Alzheimer's Day Care Centre

Kilkenny Alzheimer's Day Care Centre, Carer's Support Group, Tuesday 5th March 3.00-4.30pm at The Village Day Centre. 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.

Parish Pastoral Council

A meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will take place next Thursday at 7.30pm in the Presbytery.

Blessed Edmund Rice

Monthly Mass in the Blessed Edmund Rice Memorial Chapel on Monday, 4th March at 7.30pm This mass will be offered for those who have died in the past year. All are welcome.

Monthly Rosary

The Public Rosary on the first Sunday of the month at the statue of Our Lady on St James's Green takes place this Sunday 3rd March at 3.00pm.

Trócaire

Trócaire Boxes are available in our churches for your Lenten charitable donations from you & your family during Lent to help alleviate poverty in the Third World.

Bluebird Care Assistants

Bluebird Care are currently hiring experienced Care Assistants in Kilkenny City and surrounding areas to work with clients in their own homes. We also offer a "earn while you learn" programme for individuals who want to gain a QQI level 5 qualification and earn an income at the same time. Please come along to our recruitment open day on March 5th in Hotel Kilkenny from 10am to 4pm to discuss our current opportunities. Alternatively, please email your CV to ckw@bluebirdcare.ie or call 056 7789952.