

Stations of the Cross - Wednesdays of Lent

As part of your Lenten preparations - *Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving* - we invite you to join us for Stations Of The Cross in St John's Church at 7.30 p.m. for the Five Wednesdays before Holy Week.

It will be a very simple but prayerful and appropriate manner for us to contemplate the culmination of Christ's mission of coming into the world - to freely win for us salvation by his Passion, Death and Resurrection. *St John's, 7.30 p.m. each Wednesday.*

Useful Resources For Lent All Available in Church Porch

- **Sunday Scripture Reflection Booklets**

These contains the Gospel for each Sunday, a reflection, some questions for consideration and some prayers. Available for €1.00

- **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. €1.00 each.

- **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.

- **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.

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

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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 Sunday of Lent - 10th March 2019

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL FUND DRAW SEEKING A BIG EFFORT OF SUPPORT THIS YEAR!

The 1st of the Diocesan Monthly draws for the coming year in aid of St Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund will take place on 27th March at 8pm at Chapter House. €10 per month. Tickets are available at the Parish Office or Sacristy. *Please support.*

Our Bishop's Pastoral Letter

“A PATHWAY FOR OUR PARISHES”

Please take home and read Bishop Dermot's Pastoral Letter which is handed out at all masses this weekend. It addresses the changing face of our parishes in relation to staffing numbers and the numbers of masses.

Lenten Station Envelopes

The Lenten Station Envelopes are now ready for distribution at the Presbytery. The Lenten Station contributions from our parishioners traditionally go towards the salaries of the Priests and our Bishop. We thank the distributors for their cooperation, and we seek your help once again.

First Penance - Johnswell Sunday 10th at 10.00am. Lake School, Thursday 14th at 7.30pm.

We encourage you to pray for the 62 children, 2nd classes from St John's Junior School and Johnswell NS who will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time this week.

Preparing for the sacraments is a special and important time for parents and families, and one to be treasured. It is important to remember, however, that Reconciliation is a life-long process. We will always need help to be reconciled with God, help in turning towards God. That is why the Sacrament of Reconciliation is one that we are encouraged to engage in throughout our lives, especially during the season of Lent.

BEREAVEMENTS

Recently Deceased:

Steven Clowry, O'Loughlin Road.
Jamie Brennan, Eden Vale Close.
Breda Byrne, Dean Kavanagh Place.

Month's Mind:

Anniversaries:

Paddy O'Brien (6.30pm); Eileen Kinsella (10.00am); Andy Wall, Jack & Josie Purcell (10.30am); Neddie Phelan (11.00am); Jack & Mary Parle (12.00 noon); Margaret Dwyer (7.30pm); Ellen Kelly; Nora & William Lacey; Judith Murphy; Dixie Comerford; Maureen Burke; Peadar Ruth; Gerry Lynch; Mags Dineen; Patrick Kealy; Frank Kavanagh; John P & Eily Francis.

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6.30pm Mairin Bergin
8.00am Martin Blake
10.30am Mary Hanafin
12.00noon Anne Maria Walsh
7.30pm Anne Marie Grace
Johnswell Seán Colgan
Dunmore Pierce Lennon & Liam Maddock

Eucharistic Ministers - Next Weekend: Panel 2

Weekly Envelope Collection

Last week's envelope collection: €1,967.

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

Your support is greatly appreciated.

Remembering & Praying for Our Emigrants

We always remember our emigrants during the annual festival of our Patron Saint. You are invited to pray for them in a special way this week. Just write their names in the emigrants' book in the porch. This book which will be placed at the altar for all St Patrick's Day Masses next Sunday.

Lent Scripture Reflection Group

Each Tuesday of Lent the Adult Faith Development Group are offering a short gathering of guided reflection on the Sunday Gospels.
Venue St Kieran's College; Time 7.30pm-8.15pm. Tuesday Nights - Starting this Tuesday 12th March.

Mass Intentions for the coming Week

Monday: John P. & Eily Francis (10.30am)

Friday: Nora & William Lacey (10.30am).

Saturday: Judith Murphy (10.30am).
Gretta Murphy (6.30pm).

Sunday: Seán Byrne (8.00am).
Thomas, Bridget & Michael Long (10.30am).
The Leahy Family (11.00am).
Dixie Comerford (12.00 noon)
Denis Brennan (7.30pm).

Emigrants Collection

The Annual Emigrants Collection will take place as a Church Door collection next weekend at all masses. This is a very worthy cause as it supports our fellow countrymen who, for a variety of reasons, have fallen on poor times in foreign lands.

A.C.T.S. Women's Retreat

A.C.T.S. Retreat for Women will take place from Thursday 28th March – Sunday 31st March, in Castletown Co. Laois. Switch off from the outside world, take time out for yourself on a weekend of Peace, Prayer, Tranquillity and Camaraderie among a group of like-minded women. For Information or to book a place contact: Monica Colgan on 087 202 1500 or Geraldine Maher 086 108 5266.

Eastern Environs Information Afternoon

Tom Mc Wey Business Development Office at St Canice's Credit Union will give a talk in the Day Care Centre on Wednesday 13th March at 2.30pm regarding all things Credit Union related. He will answer questions and help in any way he can. This FREE community event is open to all. Light refreshments will be served.

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.

Ossory Lourdes Pilgrimage

Bookings are now being taken for those who wish to travel on the Ossory Pilgrimage to Lourdes from May 21st to May 26th. Fare is €790pps. Please contact Eleanor (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday from 9.30am – 1.30pm, closed on Wednesdays) on 051 880414 or email glenmore@ossory.ie

Medjugorje - Evening of Prayer

Rosary, Mass and Adoration. Prayer for Healing will take place in St Fiacre's Church Loughboy on Monday 11th March at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

Divine Mercy Friary Church

Hour of Adoration and prayer will take place from 3 to 4pm on Sunday 10th March. All are welcome.

Southeast Simon Coffee Morning

Help fight Homelessness with a cuppa this March. Sign up to hold a coffee morning through our website southeastsimon.ie/coffeemorning or phone 051 872 693 or email: coffeemorning@southeastsimon.ie.