

## Our 'John Edward' in The Final of *Dancing With The Stars*

Today (Sunday) sees the Final of *Dancing With the Stars* take place. Our parishioner from Maudlin Street/Nore Terrace, John-Edward Nolan, professional dancer will accompany Mairead Ronan from Dublin in a bid to come out as champions. John Edward, since reaching the top of his career, has never forgotten his roots in Kilkenny and St John's Parish. He has always been available for exhibition, advice and support in our school for dancing classes. For John and Mairead to achieve their dream please tune into RTE 1 this Sunday evening at 6.30pm **AND TEXT Mairead to 53125** when the voting lines open. Thank you for your support.

### Tax Relief For Donations Scheme

During the coming week, those who are eligible for the 'CHY3' forms by virtue of having donated €250 or more through the combined 'Dues' and the 'Envelope' collection, will receive them in the post. Should you receive one, we request that you read, complete and return it to our office as soon as you can. Thank you for your attention and cooperation in this matter.

### 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.

### Lent Scripture Reflection Group

Each Tuesday of Lent you are invited to a short gathering of guided reflection on the Sunday Gospels. - St Kieran's College; 7.30 - 8.15pm. on Tuesday Nights.

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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 Lent - 24th March 2019

## CONFIRMATIONS 2019

*Next Saturday - 11.00 a.m. - St John's*

The Sacrament of Confirmation for the 'Class of 2019' will take place in St John's Church next Saturday morning at 11.00 a.m. Bishop Dermot Farrell will administer the sacrament. The number will be 53 candidates who will have received the sacrament this year.

**Please note that there will be no 10.30 a.m. mass that morning.**

### Stations Of The Cross - Wednesdays of Lent

Please join us on the Wednesdays of Lent in St John's Church at 7.30 p.m. as we pray and meditate on The Stations of The Cross. It's a very appropriate spiritual exercise to take part in as we prepare for the Easter Celebrations.

### 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.

### Ministers of the Eucharist Course of Preparation 2019

We would invite all those who are already serving as Ministers of the Eucharist to join new people preparing for this ministry for three evenings of theology, reflection and preparation at St Kieran's College.

The Saturday morning training session has been added to also facilitate those who are in School or college etc. So if there are some younger takers for the training – why not come along to this morning.

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30pm.** Mr Ken Maher

Faith Practiced – an exploration of the more practical aspects of your Ministry.

## BEREAVEMENTS

### Recently Deceased:

Mary Phelan, Greenshill.  
Mary O'Brien, Loughboy.  
Bridget Walsh, St Joseph's Road.  
John O'Keeffe, Larchfield.

### Months Mind:

Betty Burke (7.30pm).

### Anniversaries:

Paul Lanigan (6.30pm); Caiden Hennessy (10.00am); Eamon Hennessy (10.30am); Billy & Jimmy McEvoy (11.00am); Bridget O'Driscoll (12.00 noon); Christy Burke (7.30pm); Paul Grogan; Bridget Tallis; Margaret McEvoy; Mary Brophy; Judy Masterson; The Parkinson Family;

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6.30pm Seamus Brennan  
8.00am Ann Marie Hogan  
10.30am Seamus Brennan & Deirdre Dowling  
12.00noon Mary Lynch  
7.30pm Ann Fitzpatrick  
Johnswell Robert Butler  
Dunmore Christy Murray & Caitriona McDermott

### Eucharistic Ministers - Next Weekend: Panel 2

### Weekly Envelope Collection

Last week's envelope collection: €1,130.

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

Your support is greatly appreciated.

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

A.C.T.S. Retreat for Women will take place from next Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March – Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

## Table Quiz

A table quiz in aid of the Irish Hospice foundation, Nurses for Night Care Service will take place in The Orchard House on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 8.30pm. Complimentary Finger Food, Prizes and Raffle. Tables of 4 €40 or €10pp.

## Mass Intentions for the coming Week

**Monday:** Pat Grogan (10.30am).

**Saturday:** Fintan Ryan (6.30pm).

**Sunday:** Christina Barcoe (8.00am)  
Dan Jo & Bridie Herlihy (10.30am).  
John, Agnes & Michael Stapleton (11.00am).  
Patricia Brady & Frank Brady (12.00noon).  
Seamus Scun Donnelly (7.30pm).

## Ceremony of Light

The Confirmation Class, along with their parents and sponsors, will celebrate the Ceremony of Light' in St John's Church at 7.30 p.m. in St John's Church this Tuesday.

## You Shall Be My Witnesses

Thanks to all the Volunteer Parents who trained for, and conducted' the **YSBMW** Program for the Confirmation Class over the past number of weeks.

## Kilkenny's Branch - Arthritis Ireland

Breda Gardner will join us on Thurs 28th March at 6pm in Ossory Park Community Centre to talk about homeopathy, iridology, muscles testing & nutrition to help relieve arthritis, fibromyalgia & chronic pain. After Breda's talk, there'll be tea, coffee & chats for all attending. Through our Kilkenny branch, you're not alone! To reserve your seat at our talk call or text 0871491767.

## Marian Movement of Priests

A meeting of the Marian Movement of Priests will take place this Monday at 7.30pm. At Villa Maria in Talbots Inch on the Freshford Rd. Mass, Rosary holy hour. All are welcome.

## 'Citizens of Two Cities'

*Being Church  
in the World Today*  
Speaker Dr. Fainche Ryan.

This One-Day Conference will take place on March 30<sup>th</sup> in St Patrick's Parish Centre, 10 .00 a.m.- 4.00 p.m. Cost: €10.

Please bring packed lunch. Tea & coffee will be available. Pay on the door. Booking essential. Call Sara/Catherina at 056 7722870.

## Parish Pastoral Council and Parish Finance Committee Meet Bishop

As part of the 'ongoing conversation' brought about by dwindling numbers of priests and the decline in numbers attending mass, the Pastoral Councils, Finance Committees and serving priests of the four city parishes will meet the Bishop tomorrow (Monday) evening with a view to forming 'Pastoral Areas' to meet future needs.

These meetings have already begun some weeks ago in various areas throughout the diocese. Your prayers of support are very important during this period of discernment.

## 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 March 25<sup>th</sup> at 11.00am. All are welcome.

## Rosary at The Town Hall

The monthly Rosary will be recited next Thursday at 7-30 pm. It is for Pro—life and the Propagation of the faith. All are welcome.