

Tax Relief For Donations Scheme

Those who are eligible for the 'CHY3' forms by virtue of having donated €250 or more through the combined 'Dues' and the 'Envelope' collection, received them in the post this weekend. ***If you received one, please read, complete and return it to our office as soon as you can. The income from this scheme is urgent and essential in these times of dwindling income. Thank you.***

Holy Shrines Collection

The Collection for Holy Shrines will take place on Good Friday, 19th April.

Johnswell Active Retirement

A meeting will be held in Johnswell Hall on Monday 1st April at 8.00pm. New members are always welcome.

Lenten Station Envelopes

Your Lenten Station contributions are due at this time. These donations from our parishioners go towards the salaries of the Priests and our contribution towards the Bishop's income. Many thanks if you have already handed in your contribution.

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.

Accord

Join Accord as a marriage preparation course facilitator

Support couples preparing for marriage; Gain valuable training; Learn new skills. We are now recruiting volunteer facilitators. If you have a positive attitude towards marriage in the Catholic Church. If you have the enthusiasm to be part of the Accord team in supporting couples who are preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage. We want to hear from you! Please contact Aisling on 01 505 3112 or email in-fo@accord.ie.

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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.

Fourth Sunday of Lent - 31st March 2019

CONFIRMATIONS 2019

We are very pleased to congratulate the fifty two girls and boys who received the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend. We pray that this Sacrament will help them to be more committed Christians and live out their Catholic faith. We thank Mr Brian Roche, Ms Fionnuala Bolger and Mr Eddie Kearns of St John's Senior School; Ms Geraldine Patterson and Mr Shane Campion of Johnswell School; and Ms Olwen Mackey, Mr Andy Kearns and Ms Noreen Cooney of The Model School, for all their work and co-operation in preparing these young people for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

We also thank Ms Ann Daly, Liturgy Co-ordinator; as well as Ms Mary Prendergast, Ms Ann Marie Kenny and the Children's Choir for their musical input into our ceremony today. Thanks to our sacristan, Altar Servers and the many others who prepared the church so fittingly, and to Helena and all the volunteers who prepared and fitted the candidates' Albs. Many thanks to Paul Ryan for the excellent condition of the church grounds; and to our friends in O'Loughlin Gaels GAA Club for providing ushers and stewarding. Finally, we thank our Bishop, Dermot Farrell, for his cooperation and support, and for conferring the Sacrament of Confirmation on the Class of 2019.

Evening Retreat for Ministers of the Word

An evening of prayer and reflection led by Fr Jim Murphy and the Ossory Diocesan Retreat Team. This night will help readers to reflect on the importance of their roles in our celebrations as they proclaim for us the Word of God. We invite all readers of our parish to come along on Monday 1st April at 7.30pm at St Kieran's College.

Trócaire Appeal

Two and a half million people may have been affected by the devastating cyclone and floods that have hit southern Africa. Trócaire is responding on the ground with life-saving support and the Lenten campaign will help not only the people in Mozambique, Malawi and Zimbabwe but thousands of others facing hardship across the developing world. www.trocaire.org Please be generous in your contributions.

BEREAVEMENTS

Recently Deceased:

Collette O'Leary, Ranelagh & late of Newpark Lawn.
Peter Molloy, Nuncio Road.
Eileen Jenkins, Kells Road.
Helen Cruise, Gaol Road Crescent.

Month's Minds:

Frank Brady (12.00 noon).
Breda Byrne.
Mary Geoghegan.

Anniversaries: Fintan Ryan (6.30pm); Christina Barcoe (8.00am); Dan Jo & Bridie Herlihy (10.30am); John, Agnes & Michael Stapleton (11.00am); Patricia Brady (12.00noon). Seamus Scun Donnelly (7.30pm); Richard Fanning; Noel Lou Walsh; Tommy & Billy Grace; Harry Shine; Sr Marion Feeney; Fr Edmond Prendergast; Geraldine Roche; Stephen Saunders; Annie & Dick Burke; Ann & Joe Walsh; Peter, Jimmy & Mary Browne; Ellen & Terry Audoire; James Doheny; Liz & Joe Whyte; Michael Slattery; Alice Byrne; Mary Teresa Cullen;

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6.30pm Ann Daly
8.00am Nora Webster
10.30am Paula Rogers
12.00noon John Joyce
7.30pm Eileen Kinane
Johnswell Josie Manning & Fiona Manning
Dunmore Jim Kavanagh & Claire Hanrick

Eucharistic Ministers - Next Weekend: Panel 1

Weekly Envelope Collection

Last week's envelope collection: €2,475.

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

Cycle Against Suicide

Cyclists of all abilities with different backgrounds and stories, will travel 800km passing through 63 towns. The event will be coming through Kilkenny on May 4th, Cycle Against Suicide is calling on the people of Kilkenny to come host a cyclist or crew member for the night.
If anyone in Kilkenny or the surrounding areas can provide a bed, a warm meal and a chance to freshen up, please contact Homestays@cycleagainstsuiticide.com.

Mass Intentions for the coming Week

Saturday: Mary Geoghegan (10.30am).
Aaron Molloy (6.30pm).

Sunday: Martin Ryan (10.30am).
Ken McDermott (11.00am).
Patrick Guidera (12.00 noon).
Noel Foran (7.30pm).

A Prayer for Mothers

*Where would we be
without our mother's love?*

Lord, bless our mothers with wisdom to teach and guide their children in a way that will help them to follow you and to become men and women who will be pleasing in your sight.

Give all mothers the patience to deal with the difficulties of their job and, most of all, give them a special blessing as they care so lovingly for the gifts that you have allowed them the honour of raising. Amen

Trócaire

Please remember: 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. (See note on front page)

Eucharistic Adoration

You are invited to a Special information meeting in the Chapter Room in St Mary's Cathedral on Saturday 6th April at 11.30am. The Diocese of Ossory is developing a Diocesan Adoration Lay Team in order to promote, expand and consolidate Eucharistic Adoration throughout the diocese. Registration from 10.30am. 11.30am Information Meeting. 12.45pm - refreshments. For further details contact Brendan Cleary on 086 102 7411 or email: brendan-cleary2@gmail.com

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.

First Friday

Next Friday is the First Friday of April. The sick and housebound will be visited at the normal times. Please inform the Parish Office or one of the Priests if you have a relative or neighbour who would like this service.

Special Needs Collection Diocese of Ossory

The Annual Church door collection for children with mild learning disability will take place next weekend on 6th & 7th April. Your support is very much appreciated.

Johnswell Development

The AGM will take place on Tues 2nd April at 9.00pm in Johnswell Hall.

Blessed Edmund Rice

Mass in Blessed Edmund Rice Chapel, Westcourt on Monday, 22nd April at 7.30pm. **Note the change of date.**

Grow Kilkenny

If you have any unwanted gifts please donate them to GROW for raffle prizes for our fundraising events. Hand them into the GROW office in Barrack Street for Josie.

Every Life Counts

Every Life Counts would like to thank everyone who contributed to their collection last w/e. €1,776 collected.