

Mass of Chrism – Choir Practice

There will be a choir practice for the Mass of Chrism in St Mary's Cathedral on Sunday 14th April, (Palm Sunday) at 3.30pm. All choir members are invited to participate in this diocesan celebration when Bishop Farrell blesses the Holy Oils.

Holy Shrines Collection

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

Lenten Station Envelopes

Thank you if you have returned your 'Lenten Stations.'

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.

Holy Week Online Retreat

The Priory Institute is offering a FREE online retreat for Holy Week, with reflections on the Holy Week and Easter Gospels. The retreat is made up of eight recorded sessions with presenters who will guide participants through a reflective reading of each Gospel Reading, following the format used by *Lectio Divina* communities. Each reflection lasts less than ten minutes and is the perfect way to take some time out for reflection in preparation for Easter.

Lectio Divina is an old Latin term that translates as "Sacred Reading" – Reading in which we encounter the presence of God in the Past and Today. It is a traditional way of reading Scripture which fosters communion with God and communion with one another. Details and registration at www.prioryinstitute.com.

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PASTORAL COUNCIL

Mary Brennan; Alan Burke; Margaret Cleere; Paul Colgan; Fr Brian Griffin;
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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:

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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.

Fifth Sunday of Lent - 7th April 2019

Sacrament of Reconciliation

By way of preparation for our Easter Celebrations, Confessions will be heard after all masses in the parish this weekend.

Please stay on for a few minutes after mass and avail of the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the final lead-up to Palm Sunday and Holy Week.

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, are requested to return completed forms urgently.

So, if you received one, please read, complete and return it to our office as soon as you can.

The income from this scheme is important and essential for the running of our parish in these times of dwindling income. Thank you.

Lenten Alms Collection

The traditional annual Lenten Alms Collection **will be taken up at all Masses next weekend.**

This collection, which takes place in every parish, goes towards various charities nominated by the local Diocesan Church. Your generous 'Almsgiving' will be much appreciated.

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:

Mary Corr, Limerick & late of the Church Grounds.

Lena McCarthy, Kilcreene Cottages.

Jack Cuddihy, Greensbridge.

Lil Morris, Fr Albert Place.

Mary Maher, Rathmoyle.

Madeline Davis, Westmeath.

Month's Minds:

Aaron Molloy (6.30pm).

Anniversaries: ; Martin Ryan (10.30am); Ken McDermott (11.00am); Patrick Guidera (12.00 noon); Noel Foran (7.30pm); Martin Ward; Anne O'Dwyer; Kathleen & Paddy Lawlor; Bob & Patricia Quigley; Michael Long; Thomas & Mary Dowling; Elizabeth Hanlon; Catherine Foley; Fr Tom Cassin; Paddy Cahill; Michael & Kevin Foley; Sadie Loughnane; Patrick Coleman; Nano Brennan; Joseph Hogan; Peter Long; Sarah Mahony;

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6.30pm Bridget Ahearn

8.00am Margaret Leahy

10.30am Jimmy Connolly

12.00noon Kay Purcell

7.30pm Anne Marie Grace

Johnswell Seán Colgan

Dunmore Tom Comerford & Maise Powell

Eucharistic Ministers - Next Weekend: Panel 2

Weekly Envelope Collection

Last week's envelope collection: €1,210.

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

Mass Intentions for the coming Week

Monday: Michael Long (10.30am).

Tuesday: Thomas & Mary Dowling (8.00am).

Saturday: Elizabeth Hanlon (10.30am).
Michael Kelly (6.30pm).

Sunday: Patrick Dooley (10.00am).
Helen Frayne (10.30am).
Paddy Brennan (11.00am).
Anne Marie Power (12.00 noon)
Philip Costello (7.30pm).

Final Stations Of The Cross for Lent this Wednesday

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

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.

Medjugorje

Evening of Prayer for Healing,, Rosary, Mass and Adoration will take place in St Fiacre's Church, Loughboy yhis Monday, 8th April, at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

Parish Finance Meeting

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

Special Needs Collection *Diocese of Ossory*

The Annual Church door collection for children with mild learning disability will take place this weekend, 6th & 7th April.

Your support is very much appreciated.

Blessed Edmund Rice

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

Cake Sale – Ossory Youth Pilgrimage

A cake sale will take place **next Sunday** the 14th April in the Day Centre after the 10.30am and 12 noon masses to help raise funds for the Ossory Youth Pilgrimage which are going to Lourdes in May.

Alzheimer's Mobile Information Service

Alzheimer's Mobile Information Service will visit Loughboy Shopping Centre on Fri April 12th from 11am-2pm. (adjacent to the library). This is a free, drop-in service for anyone with concerns or queries about Alzheimer's and dementia. Experts on board will give you advice & support.

St John's Senior School - Credit Union Quiz

The All Ireland Finals of the Credit Union quiz are taking place this Sunday in Dublin. Having won the regional final in March, the junior team from St. John's Senior School are headed to the RDS with heads full of knowledge. We would like to wish **Oran Mealy, Alfie Byrne, Sarah Bryan and Bill Trehy** the very best of luck in the competition. A few prayers might help too!