

National 'Come and See' Weekend

This year a **vocations exploration weekend** for men who are discerning whether they are being called by the Lord to Diocesan Priesthood will be held next weekend - Sat 18th and the morning of Sunday 19th May.

This will be held in the National Seminary - St. Patrick's College Maynooth - and accommodation will be in the seminary.

For further information please email: info@vocations.ie or your diocesan vocations director. Minimum age requirement is 18 years of age.

Pope Francis: Our Part in Creating a Synodal Church

Next Wednesday at 7.30pm in St Kieran's College, author Fr Gerry O'Hanlon SJ will lead a conversation on the Ministry of Pope Francis and how it is calling us all to a more synodal understanding of Church in which the instinct/voice of all baptised men and women is given a role in the formation and reception of church teaching and the governance of our Church.

We invite all who serve in our parish to come and attend, including:

Ministers of the Word, Choirs, Parish Councils, Finance Committees, Ministers of the Eucharist and all those who minister in our Parish.

Compliance With Safeguarding Guidelines

In accordance with Safeguarding Children Guidelines it is a requirement that

ALL CHURCH VOLUNTEERS

including **Baptismal Team Members, Sacristans, Ministers of the Eucharist, Readers, Choir members and Collectors** complete an Information /Code of Conduct Declaration Form.

This is a standard procedure in all Parishes and it's essential to be 100% compliant in this matter.

If you are a Church Volunteer in any capacity could you please fill in this form, available from the Office or the Sacristy. It can easily be completed there & then.

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

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.

Fourth Sunday of Easter - 12th May 2019

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

As we pray for Vocations this weekend we encourage you to perhaps consider having a quiet **'did you ever think of priesthood?'** word with someone you believe has the qualities to be a good priest. There are many gifted and energetic young people, some already involved in ministry in the Church, who with a little encouragement might take a first step on the road of discernment.

Suitable Candidates should display an openness to a process of formation that seeks to develop their potential to become priests who will be effective ministers of the gospel in the church and the world in which we live today.

First Holy Communions

The celebration of First Communion take place next weekend in our parish.

Saturday at 10.30 am in St John's; and 10.00 am in Johnswell.

Please pray for all the children and families involved.

Missionary Sisters of Our Lady of Apostles

We welcome Sr Mary Crowley, of the Missionary Sisters of Our Lady of Apostles, who, with a colleague, visits our Parish this weekend to speak about Mission Awareness.

The Sisters of Our Lady of Apostles were founded in 1876 as a group of international women religious dedicated to spread the Good News through service and witness of their lives. Today the OLA Sisters work in 19 Countries in the Continent of Africa, Europe and South America.

The promotion of women and the marginalized is a priority in their apostolate. Led by Christ's Message to "bring good news to the poor", the Sisters strive to reach out through education, health care, pastoral care, inter-religious dialogue, care of the Earth and involvement in non-violent action for Justice.

The OLA Sisters thank the people of God, the Catholic Faithful in Ireland, for their generous contributions in so many ways, and they encourage you to continue in that support.

BEREAVEMENTS

Recently Deceased:

Peggy O'Neill, Callan Road.

Donal O'Brien, Granges Road.

John Mullins, Kilcreene. *Removal from Hehirs to St Canice's church at 6.30 pm Sunday. Requiem Mass Monday at 11.00.*

Breda O'Leary, St Fiacre's Place. *Removal from Johnston's to Foulkstown at 6.00 pm Sunday. Requiem Mass Monday at 12.00 noon.*

Anniversaries:

Jim Kelly (6.30pm); Jim Quirke (10.00am); Margaret Tyrrell (10.30am); Ellen, Martin, Christy, Martin Jnr Brennan (11.00am); Willie, Nan & Noel Meany (12.00 noon); Joe Coyne (7.30pm); James Lanigan; William Brophy; Paddy O'Brien; Patrick & Julia Parsons; Patrick, Seán & Mary McGrath; Billy Byrne; Peggy & Eamon Holohan; Peggy Lawlor.

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6.30pm Seamus Brennan
8.00am Nora Webster
10.30am Seamus Brennan & Deirdre Dowling
12.00noon Mary Lynch
7.30pm Anne Marie Grace
Johnswell Seán Colgan
Dunmore Philip Comerford & Esther Comerford

Eucharistic Ministers - Next Weekend: Panel 2

Weekly Envelope Collection

Last week's envelope collection: €1,420.

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

St Canice's Parish Homes

Troy's Court consists of 20 independent living units. Included in their community services, they offer a non-nursing support service to our residents e.g. midday meal, housekeeping and laundry, so they can continue living independently within the community.

They are currently looking for a suitable tenant to fill an existing vacancy. If you or anyone you know needs some support, then please contact Frances/Sandra at: 7763117/0867927408. Email: stcaniceshomes@eircom.net"

Mass Intentions for the coming Week

Tuesday:

Peggy & Eamon Holohan(10.30am)

Saturday:

Elizabeth Gouch (6.30pm).

Sunday:

Noel Webster (8.00am).

Damien Mahon (10.30am).

Bridget & Carmel McEvoy (11.00am).

Bridget O'Connell (12.00 noon).

Michael Malone (7.30pm).

Catholic Faith Camp

Catholic faith camp for teenagers will take place in Knockadoon (East Cork) on June 2nd – 8th (Boys), June 9th (Girls). Activities include sports, arts & crafts and catechesis. Age: post-primary school age. To book or enquire go to the website www.campcreideamh.ie or ring Fr Roche on 086 9972539.

Music in the Liturgy Workshop

This workshop will take place on Tuesday 11th June in St Kieran's College at 7.30pm. Mr John O'Keeffe Director of Sacred Music in St Patrick's College, Maynooth, will lead this evening. The cost of this workshop is €15 per person and will include a copy of "Feasts and Seasons 2" for each participant. We would encourage all members of our Choirs and Organists to attend this most valuable evening. Booking, which is required is available on the Diocesan Website or through the Faith Development Office at 7753624 or by email to afd@ossory.ie.

The Good Shepherd Centre

The Good Shepherd Centre holds its Church Gate Collection next weekend. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

St Vincent De Paul

Monthly collection for St Vincent de Paul Society will take place next weekend 18th & 19th May. Sincere thanks for all your generous Support.

Black Abbey Novena

Novena in Honour of Our Lady of Fatima in the Black Abbey.

Today: Day of Prayer for the Sick. Sacrament of Anointing of Sick during the 3.00pm Mass.

Medjugorje

Evening of Prayer Rosary, Mass, Adoration. Prayer for Healing will take place on Monday 13th May at 8.00pm in St Fiacre's Church, Loughboy. All are welcome.

Age Action

Age Action is calling for volunteers to help with its FREE beginner computer classes for the over 55's in Kilkenny City.

The aim of the Getting Started programme is to introduce people to the basics of computers, smart phones, internet and email.

Classes are taught on a one to one basis in a relaxed, non-formal setting. We are currently seeking Volunteer tutors. Full training provided.

For more information contact Age Action on 086 413 6547 or by email to gsvolunteer@ageaction.ie.

St Benedict's Priory, Cobh

You are invited to a Day of Recollection on 25th May. Holy Mass at 9.00am (Priory), or 10.00am in Cobh Cathedral. First talk begins at 11.00am and ends with tea at 3.30pm. Lunch provided. Overnight accommodation available. For more information contact Mother Prioress: 021 4811354, cobhtyburnconvent@gmail.com.