

ANNUAL PARISH OUTING

This year's Parish Outing takes place on Wednesday, June 19th. The outing heads off to County Wicklow - the Garden of Ireland.

It will include a visit the **Avoca Mill Store Cafe and visitor Centre** and **Avoca Mill**; then on to **Glendalough Monastic Site and Visitor Centre** for lunch and a chance to sample the beauty of one of Ireland's most popular visitor destinations.

On the return trip to Kilkenny, the scenery of the **Wicklow Gap** and **Wicklow Mountains** can be enjoyed. Cost is €30pp and the bus will leave at 9.30pm from O'Loughlin Gaels and Return to Kilkenny for 6pm approx.

**Contact: Kay Gray 086 076 2336. Eamon Cleere 087 958 2127.
Martin O'Neill 086 394 4224. or Áine Butler at the Presbytery.**

NOVENA FOR VOCATIONS

Beginning this Saturday a Novena of Prayer for Vocations to Priesthood will be held in our parish. The Novena will be prayed each day at Mass during the coming week and continue until Pentecost Sunday.

If you are a daily Mass goer, please take a leaflet a bring to daily Mass. Alternatively, take a leaflet home with you and pray in your own home.

LOUGH DERG CHALLENGE

Did you ever think of being a Priest? Begin A Journey of Discovery...

A Pilgrimage for Young Adults (18 +) 26th - 28th July 2019

Who am I called to be? What can I do to bring the Love and Mercy of God to women and men of today? How can I share the Gospel of Joy with the world around me?

It's never too early or late to discover God's dream for you.

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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.

Ascension Sunday - 2nd June 2019

Prayer for Students sitting Examinations

Lord, I know you are with me and love me.

Give me peace of mind as I prepare for this time of study.

Help me to focus on my books and notes.

*Keep me from all distractions so that I will make the best use of this time
that is available to me.*

*Give me insight that I might understand what I am studying,
and help me to remember it when the time comes.*

*Above all, I thank you for the ability to be able to study
and for the many gifts and talents you have given me.*

*Help me always to use them in such a way
that they honour you and do justice to myself. Amen*

Parents' Prayer

*As they go into this examination: Calm their hearts, O loving Father,
that they may feel Your peace.*

*Calm their minds, O loving Father,
that all their thoughts may be clear and correct.*

*Bless every person who has given of themselves on this journey:
family, teachers, friends and classmates.*

*As we surrender our children to You, in every way,
let Your will be done in their lives, today and always. Amen.*

BEREAVEMENTS

Recently Deceased:

Catherine Holohan, Assumption Place.

Joe O'Neill, Dunmore.

Richard Coyne, St Fiacre's Place. *Funeral Mass Sunday, 12.30 St Patrick's.*

Month's Mind:

Alvyra Geciene (8.00am).

Anniversaries:

Matthew Redmond (6.30pm); Thomas Comerford (10.00am); Eugene Jordan (10.30am); Bridget & Thomas Comerford (11.00am); Bridget Drennan (12.00 noon); Denis Brennan (7.30pm); Michael Owens; Jim Bourke; Loughlin O'Keeffe; Jack & Ciss Mahoney; Nora Barcoe; Hannah & Patrick Dineen; Thomas Cody; Joseph Maher; Bridgid Culleton; Annie Donnelly; Mary & Patrick Campion; Charlie & Brigid Mallon; Thomas O'Connor; Mary Lanigan; Sally Loughman.

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6.30pm Mairin Bergin
8.00am Ann Marie Hogan
10.30am Mary Hanafin
12.00noon Anne Maria Walsh
7.30pm Anne Marie Grace
Johnswell Seán Colgan
Dunmore Jim Kavanagh & Claire Hanrick

Eucharistic Ministers - Next Weekend: Panel 2

Weekly Envelope Collection

Last week's envelope collection: €870.

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

Cake Sale

O'Loughlin Gaels Club will hold a cake sale this weekend after the 6.30pm, 10.30am and 12 noon Masses to help raise funds for the U-14 football team and their upcoming trip to the Féile in Galway.

Irish Heart Foundation

The IHF is seeking Volunteer Collectors for Church Gate Collections which occur annually, or so. Please contact Anne at 01 668 5001, aharrington@irishheart.ie

Mass Intentions for the coming Week

Monday: Fr Willie Meany (10.30am).

Tuesday: Special Intention (10.30am).

Thursday: Jack & Ciss Mahoney (10.30am).

Saturday: Mary O'Driscoll (6.30pm).

Sunday:

Mary Grogan & Mary Brennan (8.00am).
Damien Mahon (10.30am).
Edward Delaney (11.00am).
Philip Morrissey (12.00 noon).
Loughlin O'Keeffe (7.30pm).

First Friday

Next Friday is the First Friday of June. 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 to avail of this ministry.

Fr Ray Kelly Concert

A Concert, in aid of St Mary's, with Fr Ray Kelly featuring the Meath Diocesan Choir and Kilkenny Youth Orchestra will take place on Sunday 9th June at 8.00pm: **Admission €20**. Tickets are available from Diocesan Office Tel: 056 7762448 or online at www.ossory.ie.

Eastern Environs Community Group

Local historian Paddy Neary will lead a guided tour of Maudlin Street and the old cemetery on Wednesday 5th June starting at 2.30pm from the Parish Centre. The walk will take 45minutes and will return to the centre. This is a free community event and all are welcome. Light refreshments will be served.

Parish Pastoral Council

A meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will take place next Thursday 6th June at 7.30pm in the Presbytery. All members are requested to attend.

Monthly Rosary

Sunday at 3.00pm at James Green.

Workshop on Vocations Promotion

A Workshop for Pastoral Council Members, Priests, Members of St Joseph's Young Priest's Society & those in our Parishes who would like to be involved in the Apostolate of Promoting Vocations to Priesthood will take place on Saturday 15th June 2019 in St Kieran's College, 10am - 1pm, followed by Light Lunch in the College.

It is hoped that following this event a representative will emerge for every parish who work to promote Vocations in the local community.

For further information or to book please contact Fr Kieran O' Shea, Vocations Director 086 8272828 or vocations@ossory.ie

Please see Poster on our Notice Board

Prayer for Vocations

A prayer card with the Diocesan Prayer for Vocations is available. Please take one and pray regularly for vocations to priesthood in our Diocese