

The Kilkenny Dyspraxia Association (DCD)

The Kilkenny Dyspraxia Association (DCD) will be presenting an information and networking evening in The New Orchard House Pub, New Orchard on Wednesday 25 September @ 7.30pm. All are very welcome.

Ormonde College of Further Education Level 5 and 6 programmes

Ormonde College of Further Education, Ormonde Road still have places available in many of their programmes. Please apply through www.ormondecollege.ie /ring 056 7763321 or call over to Ormonde College of Further Education on Ormonde Road (Upper Patrick's Street) between 9-1pm or 2pm -4pm.

STOP the CLOT ROADSHOW 2019 September 10th to October 13th

Thrombosis Ireland, Ireland East Hospital Group incl. St Luke's Hospital and Healthy Ireland are coming to Kilkenny on Thursday 19th September. The roadshow bus will be on the Parade Plaza @ 9-12pm and St Luke's Hospital from 1-4pm. The bus has been fitted out with gym equipment and yoga mats and set out for information and talks. We are trying to reach out to the entire community to encourage healthy living, exercise, diet and mind to prevent blood clots.

Al Anon Meetings

Have you been affected by the drinking of a relative or friend? Do you feel helpless or alone and unable to cope? Al-Anon is a fellowship of relatives or friends of alcoholics who share their experience, strength, and hope in order to solve their common problems.

There are two meetings in Kilkenny city every week – Tuesday @8:30 pm in the Wheelchair HQ on College Road and on Wednesday at 12:30 in the Parish Centre, Loughboy – near Supervalu.

Call 01-8732699 or www.alanon.ie

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.

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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.

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - 8th September 2019

Season of Creation 2019 1st September - 4th October

The Season of Creation has a special significance for the Catholic Church, particularly since Pope Francis established 1st September as an annual World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation.

The Season of Creation or Creation Time, is marked throughout the Christian world from 1 September to 4 October (Feast of St. Francis of Assisi) and celebrates the joy of creation as well as encouraging awareness-raising initiatives to protect the natural environment.

Quotes from Pope Francis on caring for our Common Home

"We need to strengthen the conviction that we are one single human family."

"The Earth, our home, is beginning to look more and more like an immense pile of filth. In many parts of the planet, the elderly lament that once beautiful landscapes are now covered with rubbish."

"Never have we so hurt and mistreated our common home as we have in the last 200 years."

"We are not God. The Earth was here before us and was given to us."

"The idea of infinite or unlimited growth, which proves so attractive to economists, financiers and experts in technology ... is based on the lie that there is an infinite supply of the earth's goods, and this leads to the planet being squeezed dry at every limit."

"Yet all is not lost. Human beings, while capable of the worst, are also capable of rising above themselves, choosing again what is good, and making a new start."

C'Mon the Cats!

We all join in wishing Kilkenny Camogie Team a great success in Croke Park today as they take on Galway at 4.15pm in the All Ireland Senior Final.

Kilkenny looks forward to its first victory since 2016 increasing its titles to 14, as opposed to Galway's 2.

BEREAVEMENTS

Recently Deceased:

Marguerite Bowe, Crosspatrick.
Rose Mansfield, Michael Street.
Sean Loughman, Meadow Way.
Br Damien Brennan, Westcourt, Callan.
Sandra Walsh, Shellumsrath, *Funeral Mass on Sunday at 11.00am in St Mary's Cathedral, internment in St Kieran's Cemetery.*

Anniversaries:

Mary Marnell (6.30pm); Bernard Francen (8.00am); Michael Denieffe (10.30am); Eddie Ryan (12.00 noon); Catherine Kenna (7.30pm); Elizabeth & Stella O'Rourke; Jane, Richard & Seamus Shortall; Joey Downey; Michelle Reynolds; Bernard Doyle; John (Seán) Curran; Tommy Rowley; Fr Kieran Rice; Jane, Richard & Seamus Shortall; Anthony Murphy; Paddy Ryan; Bridget Slattery; Kathleen Murphy; Margaret Morris; Sally Holden; Tony Malone.

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6.30pm Seamus Brennan
8.00am Seán Rodgers
10.30am Seamus Brennan & Deirdre Dowling
12.00noon Mary Lynch
7.30pm Ann Fitzpatrick
Johnswell Robert Butler
Dunmore Martina Brennan & Tom Keating

Eucharistic Ministers - Next Weekend: Panel 2

Weekly Envelope Collection

Last week's envelope collection: €1,950.

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

World Suicide Prevention Day Service

To mark World suicide prevention day the Kilkenny Gospel Choir will host a prayer service in St. Fiacres Church Loughboy on World Suicide Day, September 10th at 7.30 pm. All are welcome. Guest speaker: Aurelia Glynn. Pieta House.

Side by Side Club

The Side by Side club meets every Thursday at 2pm in the Day Care Centre. New members are always welcome. Contact Helen Goode on 083 406 8148.

Mass Intentions for the coming Week

Monday:

Elizabeth & Stella O'Rourke (8.00am).
Jane, Richard & Seamus Shortall (10.30am)

Saturday:

Tom & Aine Dooley (6.30pm).

Sunday:

Margaret Butler (10.00am).
Sheila Bergin (10.30am).
Michael, Sharon & Jim Brennan (11.00am).
Laurence & Ann Morrissey (12.00 noon).

Social Dancing in Johnswell

Social Dance Classes – Waltz, Quickstep, Foxtrot etc will take place every Tuesday night in Johnswell Hall from 7.30pm to 9pm. For more information contact Yvonne on 087 244 8535.

Retired Teachers Annual Mass

The Annual Mass for retired teachers takes place on Tuesday next 10th September in St Fiacre's Church, Loughboy at 10.30 a.m. followed by tea/coffee. All are welcome.

Grandparents Day in Knock

Today, 8th September marks the Irish National Grandparents Pilgrimage to Our Lady's Shrine in Knock. This prayer is in honour and gratitude to our grandparents for all they have done for us down through the ages particularly in the Transmission of the Faith. We hope it brings you, your family and your friends many graces and blessings. This Universal Prayer for Grandparents was composed by His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI in 2008

Prayer For Grandparents

Lord Jesus, you were born of the Virgin Mary, the daughter of Saints Joachim and Anne. Look with love on grandparents the world over. Protect them! They are a source of enrichment for families, for the Church and for all of society.

Support them! Make them teachers of wisdom and courage.

Help them to live serenely and to feel welcomed in all the years of life which you give them.

Keep grandparents constantly in your care, accompany them on their earthly pilgrimage, grant that all families may one day be reunited in our heavenly homeland. Amen!

The Humorous Saint

In case you didn't know, some saints were well-known for having a good sense of humor. Philip Neri ("the Humorous Saint"), Francis De Sales, and Teresa of Avila, for instance, are not only known for their exemplary lives, but also because they certainly knew how to use a proper joke to good effect. But one doesn't need to go all the way back to the 16th and 17th centuries to find examples of good church humor. For instance, it is said that when a journalist asked Blessed John XXIII (pope from 1958 to 1963) how many people work in the Vatican, the pope paused, thought for a bit and replied, "About half of them."