

Loreto Secondary School
1st Year Enrolment for Autumn 2020

Open Night for 6th class girls will take place on Monday 23rd September at 6.30pm. 6th class girls and their parents/guardians are invited to attend. This is a ticketed event. Tickets are available by either emailing your request to: office@loretokk.ie or by calling to the school office.

The closing date for application for a first-year place is Tuesday 8th October 2019. Application forms and our admissions policy can be obtained from our website www.loretokk.ie or the school office.

Bluebird Care

Bluebird Care are currently hiring experienced Care Assistants in Kilkenny City and surrounding areas to work with clients in their own homes. We also offer a “earn while you learn” programme for individuals who want to gain a QQI level 5 qualification and earn an income at the same time. Please come along to our recruitment open day on September 24th in Hotel Kilkenny from 10am to 4pm. Alternatively, please email your CV to ckw@bluebirdcare.ie or call 056 7789952.

South Kilkenny Historical Society

A lecture on 'An immigrant family's memories of South Kilkenny who helped shape a modern Ireland' will take place in Mullinavat Parish Hall (opposite church) on Thursday 26th September at 8pm. Speaker: Senator Ivana Bacik.

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.

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.

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 15th September 2019

Forgiven, not Forgotten.

Some years ago The Corrs released a song called 'Forgiven, not forgotten.' It did well in the charts but, popular though the song was, we know that it is not easy to either forgive or forget. All too often, deliberately or accidentally, we hurt others or are hurt by others. Sometimes the hurt and the enmity run deep. Sometimes, too, we find ourselves quick to judge and condemn. Reconciliation and forgiveness can be extremely difficult.

Yet the challenge to forgive is at the heart of our faith. It is something Jesus preached about over and over again, as he does in today's Gospel; something he practiced in his own life and that he asks his followers to do, too.

And the reason is simple: it is because God has forgiven us first. No matter who we are or how sinful we think we are, God has forgiven us first. God's mercy is always greater than our wrongdoing or our sense of justice.

That is the extraordinary story of our salvation - that our God is a loving, forgiving God, who never stops loving and forgiving us. Time and again in the Old Testament we find God forgiving God's people, even when they let God down, even when they didn't deserve it. And the New Testament tells us that God's only Son was sent among us to save us, by dying on a cross, even though we don't deserve it. All done out of love. All free gift.

And that must be our motive for forgiving. We must forgive because God has forgiven us; we must be merciful because God has been merciful to us. It is as simple and challenging as that.

St Joseph's Young Priests' Society

A meeting of the St John's Branch of St Joseph's Young Priests' Society will take place in the Presbytery this Monday 16th September at 11.00am. All are welcome.

Pilgrimage to Knock

The annual Legion of Mary pilgrimage to Knock takes place Sunday 29th September. Bus leaves the parade at 7.30am. Bookings Pat @ 056-7764783 or Kay @ 087-9428305. Fare: €20. All are welcome.

BEREAVEMENTS

Recently Deceased:

Jimmy Dowd, Whitewood.

Lauren Shortt Halligan, Old Callan Road.

Clare Shortall, Johnswell Road: *Funeral Mass on Sunday at 12 noon, interment in St Kieran's Cemetery.*

Anniversaries:

Tom & Aine Dooley (6.30pm); Margaret Butler (10.00am); Sheila Bergin (10.30am); Michael, Sharon & Jim Brennan (11.00am); Laurence & Ann Morrissey (7.30pm); Anna & Kevin Gaffney; John Byrne; Bernadette Hayes; Margaret & Owen Roe O'Neill; Patrick & Mary Halley; Tommy Dillion; Bernadette Woods

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6.30pm Ann Daly
 8.00am Ann Marie Hogan
 10.30am Paula Rogers
 12.00noon John Joyce
 7.30pm Eileen Kinane
 Johnswell Josie Manning & Fiona Manning
 Dunmore Fiona McGeary & Nora Guilfoyle

Eucharistic Ministers - Next Weekend: Panel 1

Weekly Envelope Collection

Last week's envelope collection: €950.

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

Season of Creation 2019: A Prayer for Our Earth

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth. Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light. We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.

Amen.

Mass Intentions for the coming Week

Tuesday: John Byrne (8.00am).

Saturday: Bernadette Hayes (10.30am).

Bob Murphy (6.30pm).

Sunday: Kathleen Tobin (10.00am).

Elizabeth Brett (10.30am).

Carmel Hickey (11.00am).

Paddy Larkin (12.00 noon).

Kathleen Maher (7.30pm).

St Vincent De Paul

Monthly collection for St Vincent de Paul Society will take place this weekend 14th & 15th September. Sincere thanks for all your generous support.

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.

Irish Dancing Classes – Johnswell Hall

Irish Dancing Classes will take place in Johnswell Hall every Monday from 6pm to 6.45pm commencing Monday 16th September. Fun, Fitness or competition. We cater for all, Boys and Girls 3 years +. Please text either numbers to book a space for your child. Michelle 087 206 3912 or Maeve 086 818 8806.

Pilates Classes Johnswell

Pilate Classes will commence in Johnswell Hall on Monday 16th September from 7pm to 8pm. All are welcome.

The Kilkenny Dyspraxia Association (DCD)

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

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

Our Lady's children's Hospital - Church Gate Collection

A Church gate collection in aid of the Diabetic unit in Our Lady's children's hospital Crumlin takes place this weekend.

Cobh Tyburn Convent

Monthly Day of Recollection in the spirituality of the Servant of God Mother Marie Adele Garnier. St. Benedict's Priory, Cobh, Co. Cork takes place on Saturday 28th September. The theme is "Heart speaks to heart". First talk 11.00. Mass at 9am at the Priory or 10am at the Cathedral. Lunch provided. Cost: Donation. Ends with tea at 3.30pm