

Cois Nore Cancer Support Centre

Cois Nore Cancer Support Centre would like to invite you to a Breast Health Talk by Catherine Wallace from Breast Cancer Ireland which takes place on Wednesday October 2nd from 11.30 until 1pm in the Cois Nore Cancer Support Centre, Walkin Street. Please phone Cois Nore on 7752222 to book your place. The aim of the Breast Health Education and Awareness presentation is to encourage women to become more breast aware by doing a regular breast self-examination and knowing what changes may indicate a problem.

Cooking with The Stars

Rathdowney Parish presents "Cooking with The Stars", a cookery demonstration with Edward Hayden featuring Majella & Daniel O'Donnell as his able assistants. Abbeyleix Manor Hotel, 17th October 2019 at 8pm. Tickets €25 from Rathdowney Parish Office and Rathdowney & Abbeyleix Post Offices, Phone 0505-46282 for further information.

Michael 'Mog' O'Grady CD Launch

Kilkenny musician and singer Michael O'Grady will launch his CD Seed for Every Plough in Set Theatre on Friday next October 4th. Performing on the night will be Reel to Reel, The Backyard Band (ex Tweed), Pat Ryan, Bobbie Carey, John Travers, Rory Broderick, Willie Maher, Billy Barron and more. MC Pat Holland. Doors open 8.30 First band 9pm. Tickets €10 are available from Langtons. Ticket booking on 0879582127. Proceeds to Society of St. Vincent De Paul Kilkenny.

Kilkenny Social Services Church Gate Collection

A Church gate collection in aid of the Kilkenny Social Services takes place this weekend. Your support is very much appreciated.

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-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 29th September 2019

World Day of Migrants and Refugees - 29th September

Throughout history, humans have migrated across the globe, making their homes in new places. Yet, at this moment, we are experiencing the largest migrant and refugee crisis in modern history. Conflict, poverty and violence have forced tens of millions of people away from their homelands into unknown futures because the insecurity of the journey is preferable to the unsafe conditions in their own homes and countries.

We know God is with our sisters and brothers seeking refuge. Will we answer the call to stand with them and recognise that we share their journey?

From Deuteronomy 10:17-19:

For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who is not partial and takes no bribe, who executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and who loves the strangers, providing them food and clothing. You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.

Long have we known that your heart is with the migrant and refugee: that you were born into time in a family of refugees fleeing violence in their homeland, who then gathered up their hungry child and fled into an alien country. Their cry, your cry, resounds through the ages: 'Will you let me in?' Give us hearts that break open when our brothers and sisters turn to us with that same cry. Then surely all these things will follow: Ears will no longer turn deaf to their voices. Eyes will see a moment for grace instead of a threat. Tongues will not be silenced but will instead advocate. And hands will reach out – working for peace in their homeland, working for justice in the lands where they seek a safe haven. Lord, protect all migrants and refugees in their travels. May they find a friend in me and so make me worthy of the refuge I have found in you. Amen.

This prayer is excerpted from the Solidarity Vigil for Refugees.

BEREAVEMENTS

Recently Deceased:

Annie Doyle, Shillelagh, Co. Wicklow

Months Mind:

Seán Loughman.

Anniversaries:

Diarmaid Ryan (6.30pm); Mary Barry, née McDermott (8.00am); Thomas Gormley (10.00am); Alan Bergin (10.30am); Michael Roche (11.00am); Eamon Morrissey (12.00 noon); Statia, Stephen & Bosco Buckley (7.30pm); Mary, Paddy & Theresa Clancy; Maureen Donnelly; Philip Walsh; Margaret Dowling; Seán Walsh; Michael & Thomas O'Connor.

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6.30pm Mairín Bergin
 8.00am Margaret Leahy
 10.30am Peggy Wall
 12.00noon Tony Dalton
 7.30pm Marie Fogarty
 Johnswell Betsy Rice & Teresa Dowling
 Dunmore Pierce Lennon & Liam Maddock

Eucharistic Ministers - Next Weekend: Panel 1

Weekly Envelope Collection

Last week's envelope collection: €1,267.

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

OSSORY TIMES

The Autumn edition of the OSSORY TIMES is available this weekend. It will be on sale outside after all masses at the usual price of €2. This Diocesan Magazine is always packed with news, views and pictures of events - local & national - that are of interest to all parishioners of the diocese.

A.C.T.S. Weekend for Men - 24th to 27th October

Can you cut yourself off from the outside world for two days in your life? The weekend will allow you to enjoy your own company, in the company of God and the company of like-minded men on a journey. It is a personal journey, where you get time to reflect on your life and where my journey leads me from here.

A – Adoration, C – Community, T – Theology, S – Service.

For information please contact: Thomas Farrell 086 259 5028, Seán Colgan 086 600 5511.

Mass Intentions for the coming Week

Tuesday: Mary, Paddy & Theresa Clancy; Maureen Donnelly (10.30am).

Friday: Philip Walsh, Margaret Dowling (10.30am).

Saturday: Seán Loughman (10.30am). Michael O'Driscoll (6.30pm).

Sunday: Fr Bill Bennett; Catherine Bennett (10.00am). Eleanor Molloy, Johnnie Parker, Kathleen Beale (10.30am). Mary O'Neill (12.00 noon). John Butler (7.30pm).

First Friday

Next Friday is the First Friday of October. 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 this service.

Marian Movement of Priests

A meeting of the Marian Movement of Priests will take place this Monday at 7.30pm at Villa Maria in Talbotts Inch on the Freshford Rd. Mass, Rosary holy hour. All are welcome.

Attention: *Singers and Musicians*

St John's vigil choir is looking for new members.

We practice on Monday nights at 8 o'clock and sing at the vigil mass on Saturday nights at 6.30pm. If you are interested, come and talk to us after Mass or leave your contact details in the sacristy or presbytery.

The Eastern Environs

Local historian Paddy Neary resumes his walking history tours of the city on Wed. 2nd of October at 2.30pm. Leaving from St John's Day Centre, the Group will go to O'Loughlin Road and visit 'The Potters Field', view the World War 1 graves and hear the story of this former burial ground. We will also visit 'The Shank Yard' (Altamount) and discover the history of this remarkable site. It's a FREE event & all are welcome.

Celebrate Foster Care

Are you a current Foster Carer or would you like to become a Foster Carer?

South Tipp/Carlow Kilkenny Fostering Service would like to invite you to our Fostering Event. **Venue:** Tusla, Fostering Office, St Joseph's, Ferryhouse, Clonmel.

Time: 5.00pm – 7.30pm. **Date:** Monday 14th October. Refreshments, Entertainment and Raffle. All interested please come along and bring a friend. We need your help to promote fostering and provide care for children in our area.

Accord Kilkenny

Accord Kilkenny will run a pre-marriage course on the 29th/30th November at Seville Lodge, Callan Road. Time: 29th from 7.30pm to 10.00pm and on Saturday from 10.00am to 5.30pm. Cost of the course is €180 - includes course, materials, soup & sandwiches, tea and coffee breaks. Book on www.accord.ie & go to Kilkenny area.

OCTOBER STATION ENVELOPES

It's comes to that time of year again when the donation envelopes for the priests' and bishop's income are about to be distributed.

From Wednesday or Thursday morning of this week we hope to have them ready - it will be announced at the 10.30am mass. Also, as the dates are so close to each other, the October and November sets of envelopes will be given out at the same time.