

## Offerings of the Faith Development Group for Advent

- ◆ **The Word Became Flesh** - Training nights for new and existing Ministers of the Word – Wednesday **4th December** and Wednesday **11th December**, 7.30pm at St Kieran's College.
- ◆ **Sunday Scripture Reflection Booklets** - A simple reflection booklet which covers the Gospels of Advent. These booklets can act as a guide to people, individually or collectively, to reflect on the scriptures. Available at a cost of €1 each.
- ◆ **Thought for the Day Booklets** – These booklets can act as a guide to people to pause for a moment to reflect on the season of Advent and its meaning for us today.
- ◆ **Advent Tweet Daily Thought (Mini Movie)** - A short movie each day with a simple reflection/prayer or thought for that day. To get these tweets each day simply follow our Diocesan Twitter account @ossorydiocese
- ◆ **Advent Web Post Daily Thought (Mini Movie)** - A short movie each day online with a simple reflection/prayer or thought for that day. To view log on to [www.ossory.ie](http://www.ossory.ie)
- ◆ **Advent Text of the Day** - A short daily text message, free to your phone, from the AFD office to encourage us to reflect for a moment on something or to pause and say a brief prayer.
- ◆ To receive these texts - just TEXT your mobile number to the Ossory Faith Development Group at 085-8313100 or put your number on the sheet at the back of the church.

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### PASTORAL COUNCIL:

**Fergal Brennan; Mary Brennan; Alan Burke; Margaret Cleere; Fr Brian Griffin; Siobhán McKiernan; Fr Lorcan Moran; Iris O'Flynn; Karena Phelan; Fr Frank Purcell.**

### SAFEGUARDING:

#### IF YOU HAVE A SAFEGUARDING CONCERN CONTACT

The Diocesan Designated Liaison Person, Mr Cathal Cullen, 087 100 0232 - [dlp@ossory.ie](mailto:dlp@ossory.ie)

#### OUR PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES ARE:

Kathleen Ferguson; Phil Curran; Brenda Whately; 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: 6.00 p.m.; Sun: 8.00 a.m., 11.30 & 7.00 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.

**First Sunday of Advent - 1st December 2019**

## THREE TENORS CONCERT - NEXT FRIDAY NIGHT

**Tickets ~ €25 ~ available from *The Parish Office; Fallon's Pharmacy, John Street; Frank Wall, The Mans Shop; Khan's Bookshop, James Street; and St Patrick's Centre, Loughboy.***

**Doors open - 7.30; Concert starts - 8.00** (A cushion might be useful!)

**Please Support this Parish fundraiser**

## Choirs - Musicians

**Tomorrow, Monday 2nd**, Liam Lawton will lead a workshop for **choirs and musicians** in our Diocese. We invite and encourage all those who enrich our liturgy with music to come to this evening exploring Advent and Christmas music and more. Starting at 7.30pm in St Kieran's College - all welcome.

## Edmund Rice

The Monthly Mass at Edmund Rice Memorial Chapel, Westcourt, Callan, takes place this Monday at 7.30 pm. Organisers for this month are Members of the St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society.

## Sharing God's Word during Advent

**Beginning next Thursday** there will be a weekly session in Bl. Edmund Rice Visitor Centre, Westcourt, Callan, in which The Word of God for the following Sunday will be read and reflected upon. All present will have the opportunity of sharing their own insights on the sacred texts.

The session begins at 7.30pm. There will be a short break about 7.55pm for a cup of tea or coffee. The session will resume at 8.15pm and conclude at 8.45pm. All are welcome. Mass leaflets with the readings will be available each week. For further information, please ring 087 243 9337.

## BEREAVEMENTS

### Recently Deceased:

Philip Funcheon, Kilmanagh and Late of Maudlin Street.

### Months Mind:

Eileen Nolan (7.00pm).

Noel Parsons

### Anniversaries:

Tom, Peggy & Sheila Burke (6.00pm); Paddy & Patricia O'Hara (8.00am); John Joseph, Thomas & Nora Kinsella (10.00am); Helen Purcell & O'Loughlin Gaels 50th Anniversary (11.00am); Mary McGuinness, Mary Shelly, Jerry Tobin (11.30am); Johanna, Ben & John Paul Hayes; May Cleary; Jim Fogarty; Seamus & Marie Parsons; Eileen Barry; Mary Ryan;

### Readers for Next Weekend – Page 85 (C.Vol 1)

6.00pm Mairin Bergin  
8.00am Martin Blake  
11.30am Anne Marie Walsh & James Connolly  
7.00pm Joan Galwey  
Johnswell Sarah Manning & Fiona Manning  
Dunmore Philip Comerford & Esther Comerford

**Eucharistic Ministers - Next Weekend: Panel 2**  
**11.30am Mass - Next Weekend: Panel 2**

### Weekly Envelope Collection

Last week's envelope collection: €1090.

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

### Johnswell Active Retirement

Johnswell Active Retirement meeting will be held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December in Johnswell Hall at 7.30pm which will be followed at 8.00pm by a flower arrangement given by Eleanor Malone. All are welcome.

### Clara Christmas Concert

A great night of Christmas entertainment promised at Clara Christmas Community Concert in St. Colman's Church Clara this Wednesday at 8pm. Local performers include St. Colman's National School, The Gospel Choir, Prionsias Ó'Donnachadha, Margaret Nolan and friends, Michael Nolan, Aine Prendergast and Reel to Reel. Tickets €10 - contact Andrew 087 2356029 or Arthur 086 2493038

### Mass Intentions for the coming Week

**Monday:** May Cleary (10.30am).

**Wednesday:** Jim Fogarty (10.30am).

**Saturday:** Seamus, Marie & Noel Parsons (10.30am).  
Ann, Paddy Stapleton & Family (6.00pm).

**Sunday:** Tommy & Peggy Dowling (8.00am).  
John & Mary Butler (11.00am).  
Aaron Molloy (11.30am).  
Mary Coyne (7.00pm).

### Monthly Rosary

Monthly Rosary, this Sunday at 3pm at the statue of Our Lady on St James's Green. All are welcome.

### Priesthood?

Has the **question** of ever becoming a priest ever occurred to you? Would you like some space and time to explore the? If so... why not join us in St Canice's Parish Centre, Dean Street on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December 11am – 1pm. Please contact Fr Kieran on 086 827 2828 or vocations@ossory.ie to register.

### Dunmore Annual Bake Sale

Our annual bake/cake sale will take place after the 11am mass in Dunmore on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December. Please join us for this annual get together. Christmas cake auction and raffle on the day. Raffle donations appreciated. Cake donations may be dropped to the hall beforehand.

### Johnswell Christmas Coffee morning

Johnswell school will be hosting their annual Christmas Craft sale and coffee morning on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 10.30am. There will be lots of Christmas wreaths/logs and home baking for sale. Please come and visit our school join us for a cuppa and a chat.

### Listening for God this Christmas

Lectio Divina; meditating and praying with the Scriptures.

"Learning about God from the Bible requires study, listening to God through the Bible requires prayerful meditation". Pete Greig, 'how to pray' p. 145.

**Venue:** St Kieran's College. **Date:** First three Mondays' of Advent, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 16<sup>th</sup> of December. **Time:** 7.30pm – 8.45pm. **Contact:** Pauline Haughney (083 395 6945); Ossory Adult Faith Development Office, 77 53624.

### Loreto Secondary School

Winter Fair will take place in Loreto Secondary School, Granges Road, on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> of December from 11 - 3. Craft Stalls, Food items, Raffle prizes, Christmas Gifts, Refreshments and much more. All proceeds in aid of Loreto School. Organised by Parents Association.

### Day of Prayer, Worship & Healing

In honour of Our Lady on The Feast of the Immaculate Conception a day of Holy Spirit filled Healing and Worship with Catholic Evangelist Brendan Walsh on Sunday December 8<sup>th</sup>, Bridge Hotel Waterford 11am- 4.30pm. Admission is free, all are welcome.