

Feast of The Immaculate Conception

This year, because the Second Sunday of Advent fall on the 8th December, the Feast of The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary is transferred to Monday, 9th December, and, although a Solemnity, is not a Holy Day of Obligation.

Faith Development Group - 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.
- ◆ **Though 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 Text of the Day** - A short daily text message, free to your phone, from the AFD office to encourage us to reflect and say a brief prayer. To receive a texts - just TEXT your mobile number to the Ossory Faith Development Group at 085-8313100.

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Fr Frank Purcell: 086 601 0001; Fr Brian Griffin: 087 064 4158; Fr Lorcan Moran: 086 855 0521

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

OUR PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES ARE:

Mary Weadick; Máirín Bergin; Brenda Whitely; Marian Eardly.

PARISH OF SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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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.

Second Sunday of Advent - 8th December 2019

YOUR SUPPORT IS KEY

Christmas Offering Envelopes and The Weekly/Yearly Envelopes for 2020

During the coming week you will receive your Christmas Offering envelope as well as, either your weekly envelope box, or your annual envelope, or your standing order statement.

The “**Weekly/Yearly/Standing Order**” contributions go in their entirety to capital expenditure and maintenance of the three parish churches & buildings, as well as all the running costs of the parish.

The “**Christmas Offering Collection**” goes towards the salaries of the Priests of the parish as well as our contribution towards Bishop's salary.

If you have let the practice of supporting your Parish or Personnel slip, we urge you to recommence and play your part in the running this very fine parish of St John's.

We are very conscious of the sacrifices that you make as you support these collections, and once again we take this opportunity to express our sincere gratitude to all who do so.

THREE TENORS CONCERT

A big Thank You to all who attended our very successful concert on Friday night. It was a marvellous event which was enjoyed by all. Special thanks to St John's Senior School pupils, their parents and teachers - the students truly added a wonderful dimension to the event. Thanks to all the business who gave fantastic raffle prizes. We are very grateful to all who organised the night, those who worked on the night as stewards - inside and outside at various tasks. It was all much appreciated.

BEREAVEMENTS

Recently Deceased:

Oliver Holohan, Ossory Park. Funeral mass Monday, 10.30 a.m. in St John's, followed by private cremation.

Anniversaries:

Ann, Paddy Stapleton & Family (6.00pm); Tommy & Peggy Dowling (8.00am); John & Mary Butler (11.00am); Aaron Molloy (11.30am); Mary Coyne (7.00pm); Tommy & Petra McGuinness; Mark Lynch; Teresa Blowe; Mary O'Neill; Martin Clifford; Jackie Dowling; Paddy & Nan Keyes; Billy Loughman; Mary Maher; Milo & Ann Fry; Anne & John Fogarty; Jack Byrne; Tommy Grace; Thomas Rooney; Christopher & Catherine Molloy; Maud Elizabeth Phillips; Margaret Elizabeth Hennessy;

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6.00pm Mary Lynch
8.00am Seán Rodgers
11.30am Seamus Brennan & Deirdre Dowling
7.00pm Eileen Kinane
Johnswell Seán Colgan
Dunmore Pierce Lennon & Liam Maddock

Eucharistic Ministers - Next Weekend: Panel 1
11.30am Mass - Next Weekend: Panel 3

Weekly Envelope Collection

Last week's envelope collection: €1015.

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

St Kieran's College Collects Christmas Trees

St Kieran's College Transition Year students, with some help, are offering to collect your Christmas Tree from any of the city parishes when the festivities are over. The tree will be collected at your house and brought for recycling for €5. To have your tree collected on Sat 4th, Mon 6th or Wed 8th January simply provide your details by calling 056-7753628; email trees@stkieranscollege.ie or text 085-8313100.

Mass Intentions for the coming Week

Tuesday: Tommy & Petra McGuinness (10.30am).

Wednesday: Thomas Rooney (10.30am).

Saturday: Tommy Dowling (6.00pm).

Sunday: Jim Rice (11.00am).
Nan Brennan & Mary Malone (11.30am).
Patricia Corr (7.00pm).

St Vincent De Paul

The Christmas collection for St Vincent de Paul Society will take place this weekend 7th & 8th December. Sincere thanks for all your generous support.

Medjugorje Evening of Prayer

Rosary, Mass, Adoration and Prayer for Healing will take place in St Fiacre's Church, Loughboy this Monday at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

Dunmore Annual Bake Sale

Our annual bake/cake sale will take place after the 11am mass in Dunmore on Sunday 15th 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 8th 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, 2nd, 9th, and 16th of December. **Time:** 7.30pm – 8.45pm. **Contact:** Pauline Haughney (083 395 6945); Ossory Adult Faith Development Office, 77 53624.

Giveblood.ie

Your Next Blood Donation Clinic will be at the Newpark Hotel on:

Sunday 8th from 12.00pm – 3.30pm

Monday 9th & Tuesday 10th from 4.30pm – 8.00pm.

Monday 16th Tuesday 17th from 4.30pm to 8.00pm.

You get more than you give.