

Senior School Carol Service

The annual Senior School's Carol Service - always a very popular and beautiful event - will take place tomorrow (Monday) evening at 7.30 in St John's. It's a free event, so why not come along, relax for a while and enjoy!

Kilkenny Carlow Samaritans

Kilkenny Carlow Samaritans invite you to Rothe House on Sunday Dec 22nd at 5pm for Festive Candlelight, a free event in the inner courtyard of this magnificent building. Samaritans are always here to listen. FREECALL 116 123, SMS 087 260 9090.

(Reminder from last week)

Christmas Offering Envelopes and The Weekly/Yearly Envelopes for 2020

You will soon 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.

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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.

Third Sunday of Advent - Gaudete Sunday - 15th December 2019

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

*Please note that, because of large mass attendances,
it is felt necessary to revert to the 'old' schedule for Christmas
(i.e. the 6.30; 10.30 & 12.00)*

Christmas Eve: 6.30pm	St John's
7.00pm	Dunmore
8.00pm	Johnswell
9.00pm	St John's

Christmas Day: 8.00am	St John's
10.30am	St John's
12.00 noon	St John's
10.00am	Johnswell
11.00am	Dunmore

Penitential Service

Our parish Penitential Service, aiding ourselves to prepare spiritually for Christmas, will take place next Thursday at 7.30pm in St John's Church.

The Three Tenors

The proceeds from our recent *Three Tenors* Concert were: €2,000 from ticket Sales and €1,675 from Raffle Ticket Sales. Total €3,675.00. Many thanks to all concerned - much appreciated for parish funds.

BEREAVEMENTS

Recently Deceased:

Ciara Power, The Sycamores.

Rosaleen Casey, Westmeath.

Peter Barrett, Waterford Rd. *Removal from Johnstons Funeral Home Monday 6.30 to St Patrick's Church. Requiem Mass Tuesday 11.00am.*

Months Mind:

Patricia Corr (7.00pm).

Anniversaries:

Tommy Dowling (6.00pm); Jim Rice (11.00am); Nan Brennan & Mary Malone (11.30am); Kevin McDaid; Frances Guidera; Owen Massey; Edward Moran; Michael Slattery; Patrick & Rose Wixted; Mary Dowling; Michael Brennan; Christy Galvin; Nan Donovan; Chrissie Comerford; Billy Phelan; Richard O'Carroll; Kathleen Sheehan-Gough; Kathleen Tighe;

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6.00pm Claire Coogan
8.00am Jo Browne
11.30am Tony Dalton & Paula Rogers
7.00pm Linda O'Leary
Johnswell Betsy Rice & Teresa Dowling
Dunmore Eddie Holohan & Liz Holohan

Eucharistic Ministers - Next Weekend: Panel 2
11.30am Mass - Next Weekend: Panel 4

Weekly Envelope Collection

Last week's envelope collection: €2,910.

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

Monday: Kathleen Sheehan-Gough (10.30am).

Wednesday: Edward Moran (10.30am).

Saturday: Michael Slattery (10.30am).
Thomas, Seánie & Toddy O'Connor (6.00pm)

Sunday:
Michael, Paddy & Kitty Keogh (8.00am).
Jerry O'Neill (11.00am).
Maura Mealy & Larry Manning (11.30am).
Dylan Whearty (7.00pm).

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 at 11.00am. All are welcome.

Giveblood.ie

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

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

You get more than you give.

Parish Community Group Presents Cheque

Last Wednesday at a beautiful lunch, hosted by The Eastern Environs Community Group in the Parish Hall, the parish was presented with a cheque for €813 as the proceeds of their recent Christmas Card sale after masses. This is a very kind gesture by this group, led by Margaret Lanigan and Frank Cody, to whom the parish is most grateful. The Group meet regularly in the Parish Hall and amongst their many activities they go on historical walks, led by the 'walking encyclopaedia of local history,' Mr Paddy Neary.

St Kieran's College Annual Carol Service

St Kieran's College will hold their Annual Carol Service this Monday at 7:30pm in St Mary's Cathedral. Donation box at door for Mother of Fair Love School. All welcome.

Home Instead Senior Care –

Caring people needed – Carlow/Kilkenny Areas

We are seeking compassionate, dependable and experienced Carers to assist our clients with day to day living activities including companionship, light housekeeping, meal preparation, transport and assistance with personal care needs. Flexible hours. Care Qualifications and Patient Moving and Handling Experience Desirable but not essential as Full Training can be provided. Fluent English. Please call 045-446593 or mail agnes.moloney@homeinstead.ie