

'Wash Off the Stuff of the Day'

One of the most successful and personable people on television is Oprah Winfrey. Movies, book clubs, huge business operations — she does it all. While all the other talk shows on television are tearing people apart and putting all their illnesses out for public humiliation, Oprah is helping put people and families back together again. . . In a *Newsweek* magazine interview the interviewer asked her, "How do you separate yourself from work?" Answer, "I take a hot bath. . . My bath is my sanctuary. It's the place where I can wash off all the stuff of the day". Baptism is a huge symbol — it's the water of creation. . . we are born anew. . . life in the Spirit . . . all the "stuff" of the day is washed off. All of that is true. But at its basic level, baptism is the death of the old self. Before anything new can be born, the old has to pass away.

Kilkenny Dyspraxia DCD Support Group

Kilkenny Dyspraxia DCD support group will be hosting a Public Meeting in the Orchard House this Wednesday evening 15th January at 7:30PM entitled "**Moving your Mind and Dyspraxia**". Speaking on the night will be Gillian Coady, Coach of Relax Kids a programme designed teach children and their parents valuable tools & techniques to support their own wellbeing and Kevin Hennessy Cognitive Behavioural Therapist, Kevin is an Authority on CBT, Anxiety and how the Dyspraxic mind works This event is open to people from all backgrounds be they parents, young people any other of professional's may an interest in the Area of Dyspraxia and Neurodiversity. Developmental Coordination Disorder (DCD), also known as Dyspraxia. Also, on the night a discussion will be held on establishing a Dyspraxia Friendly Multi Sports and Social Club for Children and Teens for Kilkenny City and Environs.

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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.

The Baptism of the Lord - 12th January 2020

For All Parish Choirs

All parish choirs, **St John's, Johnswell & Dunmore**, are invited to Mass in St Mary's Cathedral next Sunday, 19th January, at 5.30pm. Bishop Farrell will be the celebrant.

Also, all choirs, singers & musicians, will be welcomed again to the Cathedral for the Mass of Christm on Wednesday 8th April. It is hoped to have two other gatherings during the year.

The Baptism of The Lord

Still in the Christmas spirit we celebrate today the Lord's Baptism. On Christmas he manifested himself as a child, yet he was no other than God's Son. At the Epiphany he manifested himself to the Gentiles as the Saviour of all people. Today he manifests himself as the Son intensely loved by the Father, with the Spirit resting on him and guiding him. Now he can begin his mission. This weekend we ask our Lord to make us aware how we too, through baptism, are beloved sons and daughters of the Father, and how the fire of the Spirit should inflame us.

On this feast of Our Lord's baptism we are reminded of our own baptism. At his baptism Jesus saw the mission ahead of him and committed himself to it. He received heaven's confirmation that the Father and the Holy Spirit were with him in his mission of saving people.

At our baptism too the Father accepted us as his beloved sons and daughters and gave us the mission of living the life of Christ for all people to see. We ask the Lord here with us to give us the insight and strength to accept our Christian mission in life.

BEREAVEMENTS

Recently Deceased:

Colin Deevy, Castlegardens.

Mollie Boyle, Parkview

Paula Johnson, Ardnore.

Peggy Lane, New York.

Fr Joseph Phelan, Nottingham Diocese, formerly John Street.

Anniversaries:

William, Tess Murphy & Family (6.00pm); John & Ann Barry (8.00am);
Seamus Hennessy (11.00am); Michael & Angela White (11.30am);
Seán Tyrrell (7.00pm); Bernard O’Gorman; James Cleary; Eileen Browne;
Michael & Kevin Dowling; Patty Leahy; Jimmy & Chrissie Bergin;
Anne Moynihan; Paddy Nolan; Denis & Mary Purcell; Michael O’Connor;
Tom & Mary Gaffney; Alice & Justin Buckley; Denis Guilfoyle;
Johnny Brennan; Eamon Goulding; Carmel Maher; John Lanigan;
Brigid McEvoy; Peg Dowling; John McKiernan.

Readers for Next Weekend – Page 125 (C.Vol 1)

6.00pm Mary Lynch
8.00am Jo Browne
11.30am Anne Maria Walsh & James Connolly
7.00pm Eileen Kinane
Johnswell Betsy Rice & Teresa Dowling
Dunmore Martina Brennan & Tom Keating

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

Weekly Envelope Collection

Last week’s envelope
collection: €3,325.

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

St John’s Junior School

St. John’s Junior School is currently accepting applications for enrolment for September 2020 Applications forms are available by contacting the school at 056 7762888 or calling to the school from 9.00a.m.-3.30p.m.

Closing date for receipt of applications is Friday 31st January at 3.00pm.

An information meeting will be held for parents in the school on Thursday 23rd January at 8.00pm.

Mass Intentions for the coming Week

Tuesday: James Cleary (10.30am).

Wednesday: Eileen Browne (10.30am).

Thursday: Michael & Kevin Dowling (8.00am)

Friday: Patty Leahy (10.30am).

Saturday: Jimmy & Chrissie Bergin; Anne Moynihan; Paddy Nolan (10.30am).
Elizabeth Burke (6.00pm).

Sunday: Michael Dowling (8.00am).
Mai & Michael Loftus (11.00am).
Alex Dewberry (11.30am).
Patrick Joseph O’Shea (7.00pm).

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.

St Vincent De Paul

The monthly collection for St Vincent de Paul Society will take place next weekend 16th & 17th January. Sincere thanks for all your generous support.

Social Dance Night

Social dancing the Waltz, Foxtrot, Quickstep etc will take place in Johnswell Hall on Friday 24th January from 9.30pm till late.

Music by Teddy & Cathal Barry. Join us for a great night out.

Identifying with sinners

Mahatma Gandhi was not a Christian, yet he was one of the most Christ-like men of the last century.

Gandhi was a staunch opponent of India’s iniquitous caste system. He referred to it as ‘a blot on the soul of India.’ He especially abhorred the treatment meted out to the untouchables – those who belong to the lower caste. They were barred from entering the temples. In towns and cities they were confined to the slums and allowed to perform only the most menial jobs. In the country they were forbidden the use of the wells.

On his journeys through India, Gandhi was warmly welcomed by the people. When he entered a village the head of the village would invite him to stay in his house for the night, where he would be assured of a bath, good food, and a decent night’s rest.

But Gandhi politely refused the offer. He asked, ‘Where are your untouchables? I will stay with them.’ And he did, even though his action shocked many.