

**Life in the Spirit Seminars 2020**  
**Sacred Heart Church,**  
**Moneenroe**

<b>Tues 4<sup>th</sup> Feb:</b>	God's Love	Fr John Regan
<b>Tues 11<sup>th</sup> Feb:</b>	Salvation	Fr John Mockler
<b>Tues 18<sup>th</sup> Feb:</b>	New Life	Fr Jamie Twoigh
<b>Tues 25<sup>th</sup> Feb:</b>	Receiving God's Gift	Fr Tom Corcoran, Eddie Stone
<b>Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Mar:</b>	Baptism in the Spirit	Fr Brendan Walsh
<b>Tues 10<sup>th</sup> Mar:</b>	Growth	Fr John Mockler
<b>Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> Mar:</b>	Transformation	Fr John Walsh

Rosary @ 6.50pm each night and Mass at 7.30pm. All are welcome to this sacred time of music, prayer, song and joyful celebration of our Faith.

**Diocese of Ossory Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2020**

Bookings for Pilgrimage, May 17<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> inclusive, can be made directly with Liz Molphy, Joe Walsh Tours, 01 2410800, Email: info@joewalshstours.ie Anyone wishing to travel as an Assisted/Sick Pilgrim, should contact the Co-ordinator, Anna Corr on 086 0744675. Bookings should be made and paid for before April 10<sup>th</sup>. Fare €790.

**Reflection for St. Brigid's Day**

You were a girl of generous spirit. Brigid, give us generosity.  
You were a woman of courage. Brigid, give us courage.  
You were a nurse to the sick. Brigid, give us tenderness.  
You were a comfort to the aged. Brigid, give us loyalty.  
You were a leader of men and women. Brigid, give us energy.  
You lit a fire that never quenched. Brigid, give us welcome.  
You built a church with finest oak. Brigid, give us prayer.  
As once you took in hand the wild rushes of the field and folded them in the manner of a cross, so now inspire us to be creative and to take the things of daily life and mould them into something beautiful for God.

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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**

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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:** 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Presentation of The Lord - 2nd February 2020**

**World Day for Consecrated Life**

Each year, the Catholic Church celebrates the World Day for Consecrated Life. Instituted by Pope John Paul II in 1997, the celebration is in conjunction with the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, also known as Candlemas Day, commemorating the coming of Christ, the Light of the World, through the symbolic lighting of candles. Similarly, consecrated men and women are called to spread the light and love of Jesus Christ through their unique witness of selfless service, such as caring for the poor, the contemplative work of prayer, or through their professional careers. Today Pope Francis will celebrate Mass at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome to recognize and pray for the essential role of consecrated persons in the life of the Church and to express gratitude for their service to the Church. As engaged members of their local communities, consecrated men and women bring the presence of Jesus to all they encounter throughout their day, allowing his Spirit to live and move within them so that the truth of the Gospel can be proclaimed to all.

Pope Francis - "Consecrated men and women are a special treasure in the Church who allow the love of Jesus to become tangible. By dedicating their entire lives to following Christ, consecrated persons are particularly able to reach out to those on the peripheries of our society and bring the message of the Gospel to all those in need."

**Feast of St Blaise, Bishop and Martyr of the Church**

St Blaise, died 315. Bishop of Sebaste, Turkey, martyred in Armenia. Tradition states that he was a physician before becoming a bishop. Since the eight century he has been venerated as patron of those who suffer from disease of the throat.

The memorial of St Blaise will be celebrated on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February. Blessing of throats will take place before and after the 8am and 10.30am masses & also on the eve of the memorial, Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February @ 7pm.

## BEREAVEMENTS

### Recently Deceased:

Patsy Fitzgerald, O'Loughlin Road.

Sr Marie O'Connell, Loreto Convent Rathfarnham & late of Castlecomer Road.

Canice Dunphy, Dean Cavanagh Place.

### Anniversaries:

Richard Grace (6.00pm); Frank Walsh (8.00am); Nancy Comerford (10.00am); Renee & Jarlath Walshe (11.00am); Jeff Doyle; Statia & Nicholas Power (11.30am); Anne, Michael, Bridget & Michael Jnr. O'Connor (7.30pm); Bridie Kinsella; Ellen Clarke; Philip & Delia Larkin; Bridie & Tommy Casey; Eily Simmons; Margaret Carroll; Annie Delaney; Joe Delaney; Maura Gaffney; Fr Larry Foley; Catherine & Margaret Cassin; Isabelle Doyle; Paddy Gibbs; Michael & Desmond Mahony;

### Readers for Next Weekend – Page 133 (C.Vol 1)

6.00pm Bridget Ahern  
8.00am Seán Rodgers  
11.30am Mary Hanafin & Mary Lynch  
7.00pm Marie Fogarty  
Johnswell Betsy Rice & Teresa Dowling  
Dunmore Pierce Lennon & Liam Maddock

**Eucharistic Ministers - Next Weekend: Panel 1**  
**11.30am Mass - Next Weekend: Panel 5**

### Weekly Envelope Collection

Last week's envelope collection: €2,800.

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

### Induction Training for New Boards of Management

Induction Training for Members of new School Boards of Management will take place on **Tuesday, 25th February**, in Newpark Hotel, at 7.30 p.m. At least three members of each Board of Management are encouraged to attend this important training session, where the role of the Boards of Management of the schools will be outlined.

### St Mary's Cathedral Book & Gift Shop

St Mary's Cathedral Book & Gift Shop stocks a large selection of books, rosaries, crucifixes, gifts and cards. There are over 40 different Bibles on display. See its new stock for First Communions and Confirmations. It also has Irish language Mass Cards, Mass Bouquets etc. Opening times, Tuesday to Friday, 9.00 - 5.00.

### Mass Intentions for the coming Week

**Monday:** Bridie Kinsella & Ellen Clark(8.00am)  
Philip & Delia Larkin (10.30am).

**Tuesday:** Fr Larry Foley; Catherine & Margaret Cassin (10.30am).

**Wednesday:** Mark Owens (8.00am).  
Bridie & Tommy Casey (10.30am).

**Saturday:** Special Intention (10.30am).  
Ben Little (6.00pm)

**Sunday:** Eleanor Cuddihy (8.00am).  
Sarah Prendergast (10.00am).  
Edward McEvoy (11.00am).  
Fiona, Michael & Phillis Fitzgerald (11.30am)  
Teresa Hewitt (7.00pm).

### Parish Pastoral Council

The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council takes place this coming Thursday night at 7.30 p.m. in the Presbytery. All members are requested to attend.

### Monthly Rosary

The Monthly Rosary on the first Sunday of the month at the statue of Our Lady on St James's Green takes place this Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February at 3.00pm. All are welcome.

### O'Neill Centre

Annual Church Gate Collection in aid of the O'Neill Centre will take place this weekend 1st & 2nd February.

### Johnswell Active Retirement

A meeting of Johnswell Active Retirement will take place in the Hall on Wednesday evening 5<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm. New members are always welcome.

### Funny Church Newsletter Bloopers

1. Bertha Belch a Missionary from Africa will speak at all masses next weekend. Come hear Bertha Belch all the way from Africa.
2. Weight watchers will meet in the parish hall at 7pm. Please use larger double door at the side entrance.
3. This being Easter Sunday we will ask Mrs Walsh to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.
4. Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.
5. The Parish Priest is on holidays. Massages can be given to the parish secretary.
6. Ladies, don't forget the 'bring and buy' sale next Sunday. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.
7. Potluck supper this Sunday evening: prayer and medication to follow.
8. The parish outreach team has enlisted 20 volunteers who will go out and visit people who are not afflicted with any church.
9. Don't let worry kill you off – let the church help.