

Adult Faith Development - Lenten Resources

Thought for the Day - eBook - A short thought for the day and some prayers to help you through your Lenten journey. Available for the start of Lent to download from ebooks.

Sunday Reflection - eBook - The Gospel readings for each of the Sundays of Lent are a powerful way of following the story of Jesus at this special time. Why not download our Sunday Reflection eBook for Apple or Android devices. Available for the start of Lent to download from eBook.

“A Change is not change; it is what we do” - A viewing of the recent film **“The Two Popes”** and a discussion of the nature of the Church today in the company of Bishop Dermot Farrell, Rev Dr Dermot Ryan Director Ossory Adult Faith Development and Ms Gemma Mulligan Diocesan Pastoral Coordinator. Monday 2nd March 6.30pm at St Kieran’s College. Please book your free places at 056-7753624 or by email afd@ossory.ie.

Lectio Divina in our Pastoral Areas - To build on the *Lectio Divina* groups established in our Pastoral Areas we invite all those who were part of this to an experience of *Lectio Divina* in St Kieran’s College on Thursday 27th February at 7.30pm. Resources will be given to help establish a Lenten Lectio Divina group in all pastoral area

Scripture Reflection Group - A gathering for prayer and fireside reflection on the scriptures each week at St Kieran’s College. Thursday’s 7.30-9.30pm more information at 056-7753624 or by email afd@ossory.ie.

Lenten Daily Tweet - Sign up for these by following @OssoryDiocese to receive a short thought provoking line each day during Lent.

Lenten Daily Texts - Submit your mobile number to 085-8313100 or 056-7753624 or email afd@ossory.ie to receive a short daily text to journey with others during this Lenten season.

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Office: 056 772 1072; **Secretary:** Áine Butler; **Office Hours:** Mon-Fri 9.30 a.m. - 2.00 p.m.

Newsletter Deadline: Thursdays 12.00 noon **SVP Help Line:** 086 895 1239

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

PARISH 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

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.

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - 23rd February 2020

Season of Lent begins on Wednesday

- ◆ This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday – the Beginning of Lent. Blessing and Distribution of Ashes will be at 8.00am, 10.30am and 7.30pm Masses.
- ◆ Ash Wednesday opens Lent, a season of prayer, fasting and almsgiving (good works).
- ◆ Fasting and Abstinence are observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Sisters' Visit from Belarus

Sister Anna from St Elisabeth Convent, Minsk, Belarus visits St John’s this weekend to tell us about their charitable work they provide to the needy. She will also have a small display of their crafts for sale to support their charitable projects in Belarus.

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Online Lenten Resources: Download AFD Lenten Resources which may be an aid for parishes or groups during Lent from www.ossory.ie

Readers’ Guide - A resource to help and support those who are Ministers of the Word in our parishes explaining the Scriptures, their context and the ministry of reader. (€10 includes St Paul’s Missal for this year to allow readers best prepare or €1 for the supporting resource card) Contact AFD office to order or www.ossory.ie

Parish Evenings at St Kieran’s College - Why not have your own parish evening - a time to come together and reflect. These evenings are held in St Kieran’s College. Contact AFD Office 056 7753624 to book your retreat evening.

BEREAVEMENTS

Recently Deceased:

Michael Cantwell, Meadow Way.

Mary Funcheon, Magdalen Court.

Ken Lynam, Newpark.

Tracey Maher, Dublin Road. *Funeral mass Sun. 11.30am.*

Philomena Drohan, Newpark. *Funeral prayers in Johnstons Sun. 5.45pm, to St John's. Funeral mass Mon. 10.30am. Interment in St Kieran's Cemetery.*

Joey Lawless, Newpark. *Funeral prayers in Johnstons Mon. 6.15pm, to St John's. Funeral mass Tues. 10.30am Interment in St Kieran's Cemetery.*

Anniversaries:

Frank McCormack (6.00pm); Sheila Rice (10.00am); Paddy Brennan

(11.00am); Jim Cody (11.30am); Michael Brennan (7.00pm);

Molly Cunningham; John Dineen; Vincent & Kathleen Delaney; Martin

Coogan; Jim Kealy; Andy O'Driscoll; John Barry; Jimmy Gahan; Catherine

Neary; Jimmy Leahy; Tony Comerford; Seamus Culleton; Sadie & Therese

McGrath; Margaret Rowe; Paddy Barry; Nan, Kathleen & John Dwyer;

Annie Dowling; Kitty O'Donoghue; Martin Bosco Buckley; Martin Dooley;

Martin Dermody;

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6.00pm Claire Coogan

8.00am Martin Blake

11.30am Anne Maria Walsh & James Connelly

7.00pm Linda O'Leary

Johnswell Betsy Rice & Teresa Dowling

Dunmore Jim Kavanagh & Claire Hanrick

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

Weekly Envelope Collection

Last week's envelope
collection: €1,730.

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

Mass Intentions for the coming Week

Tuesday: Molly Cunningham (10.30am).

Wednesday: John Dinneen (8.00am).
Vincent & Kathleen Delaney (10.30am).

Friday: Martin Coogan (10.30am).

Saturday: Jim Kealy (10.30am).
Christina O'Connor & Dolores Dowling (6.00pm).

Sunday: Catherine Dowling (10.00am).
Liam Prendergast (11.00am).
Seán Connick (11.30am).
Joe Maher (7.00pm).

Marian Movement of Priests

A meeting of the Marian Movement of Priests will take place this Monday at 7.30pm. At Villa Maria in Talbots Inch on the Freshford Rd. Mass, Rosary holy hour. All are welcome.

Rosary at the Town Hall

The Monthly Rosary will be recited this Thursday at 7-30 pm. It is for Pro-life and the Propagation of the faith. All are welcome.

Johnswell National School

Application forms for enrolment for Junior Infants, September 2020, available from the school. Call 056 7759895 or email johnswellns@gmail.com

Mother of Fair Love Church Collection

Church gate collection will be taken up throughout our Diocese for the Mother of Fair Love school next weekend. Please give as generously as you can.

Eastern Environs Group - Hearing Advice and Help

Do you have a problem hearing the TV or do you sometimes miss parts of conversations? If so, don't worry. Help is at hand. Audiologist Lisa Hanrahan from Specsavers Kilkenny will be in St John's Parish Day Centre at 2.30pm Wednesday 26th February to answer all your questions about Hearing Loss and its consequences. During this information afternoon Specsavers staff will provide a 3-minute screening text to evaluate your hearing. This is a FREE community service, and all are invited. Refreshments will be served.

Table Quiz

Table Quiz in aid of **St John's Branch of the Ossory Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund** will take place in JB Burkes on John Street on Friday 6th March at 8.00pm. €20 per table or €5 per person. Raffle on the night.

Conference: Being Christian in this Unprecedented time

To What are we called as Women & Men? Speaker Dr. Fainche Ryan. This day will take place on March 21st in St. Patricks Parish Centre, Loughboy. Times: 10.00 a.m.-4.00 p.m. Cost: €10 (bring your own lunch, tea/coffee provided), pay on the door. Booking essential. To book your place, call Sara/Catherina at 056 7722870.

Music Generation Kilkenny

New Music Hub for under 18's starting in March at *the Drum* MacDonagh Junction. Small group tuition on Drums, Guitar, Ukulele, Vocals. Weekly classes on Thursday after school. Enrolling 27th February 6-8pm at the drum. To register contact: musicgenerationkilkenny@kcteb.ie Tel: 7786896. Facebook: *music generation Kilkenny*