

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 iBooks.

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 iBook.

“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.

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.

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.

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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.

First Sunday of Lent - 1st March 2020

Coronavirus (COVID-19) - HSE Guidelines

On Friday just gone, 28th February, we received guidelines from the HSE regarding safe practice in our churches regarding the Coronavirus (COVID-19) situation, and we are pleased to take immediate action. The main points:

- ◆ **If you feel ill, stay away from religious services;**
- ◆ **Practice good hand and respiratory hygiene at all times;**
- ◆ **All hard surfaces frequently touched to be cleaned regularly;**
- ◆ **The ‘Sign of Peace’ to be suspended;**
- ◆ **Holy water fonts emptied and not to be used;**
- ◆ **Holy Communion to be given into the hands only - NOT on the tongue;**
- ◆ **Sharing of the Chalice (e.g. with Euch. Ministers) to be suspended.**

Further information: hse.ie/conditions/coronavirus/coronavirus.html

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist Course of Preparation 2020

During Lent each year a course of preparation for those who are to be commissioned as extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist.

Middle Deanery: Thursday 5th and Thursday 12th March 7.30pm – 8.30pm. Venue: St Kieran’s College.

Youth Ministers: Saturday 14th March 11.00am – 12.30pm. Venue: St Kieran’s College.

Lenten Station Envelopes

The Lenten Station Envelopes are now ready for distribution at the Presbytery. The Lenten Station contributions from our parishioners traditionally go towards the salaries of the Priests and our Bishop. We thank the distributors for their cooperation, and we seek your help once again.

BEREAVEMENTS

Recently Deceased:

Ned Lawlor, Late of Wolfe Tone Street.

Fr James Dollard, Cullohill.

Seán Jones, Castle Road.

Mary Morrissey, Late of Friary Street.

Jimmy Leahy, McDonagh Street.

Anniversaries:

Christina O'Connor & Dolores Dowling (6.00pm); Catherine Dowling (10.00am); Liam Prendergast (11.00am); Seán Connick (11.30am); Joe Maher (7.00pm); Breda Byrne; Dick Marnell; Phil Murray; Ellen Kelly; Judith Murphy; John Boland; Mary Murphy; Bernard & Bridget Taylor; Michael Dowling; Paddy & Tess Hogan; Kathleen Bartholomew; David Maher; Nell Delaney;

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6.00pm Ann Daly
8.00am Seán Rodgers
11.30am Seamus Brennan & Deirdre Dowling
7.00pm Anne Marie Grace
Johnswell Sarah Manning & Fiona Manning
Dunmore Tom Comerford & Maise Powell

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

Weekly Envelope Collection

Last week's envelope
collection: €1,190

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

Table Quiz – Irish Hospice Foundation

A Table Quiz in aid of the Irish Hospice Foundation 'Nurses for Night Care Service' will take place in The Orchard House Pub, next Friday 6th March @ 8.30pm. Your support would be appreciated.

Black Abbey

A prayer vigil of reparation for Ireland's turning from Christ will take place in the Black Abbey on Saturday 7th March 2.30pm to 5pm. Mass 3.30pm.

Mass Intentions for the coming Week

Monday: Breda Byrne (10.30am).

Tuesday: Dick Marnell (10.30am).

Wednesday: Phil Murray (10.30am).

Friday: Ellen Kelly (10.30am).

Saturday: Judith Murphy (10.30am).
Seamus Campion (6.00pm).

Sunday: Margaret Cody (8.00am).
Eileen Kinsella (10.00am).
Neddy Phelan (11.00am).
Margaret Dwyer (11.30am).
John McEnergy (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.

Johnswell Active Retirement

A Meeting will be held in Johnswell Hall this Monday at 8.00pm. New members are always 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

New Drive for St Mary's Restoration Draw

Undoubtedly, most of you will know that the Cathedral is not the warmest of places to attend a mass, a wedding, a funeral, or a concert.

So, this year there is a new 'Drive' or 'Energy' being put into the Cathedral Draw which begins on Wednesday, 25th March to address the heating problem.

The appeal comes from the Bishop to promote this year's draw in any way we can. Please consider taking a Promoter's Card and getting some members of your family and/or a few of your friends to join the Draw. **Contact Áine in the Parish Office.**

Mother of Fair Love Church Collection

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

Tea & Coffee Morning

The Young Saint Vincent de Paul Society at C.B.S Kilkenny Secondary school we will be holding a Coffee Morning on Thursday the 12th of March from 11.00am to 2.00pm

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.

Women's World Day of Prayer

Service will take place in Blessed Sacrament Chapel in St Mary's Cathedral next Friday at 7.30pm. All are welcome.