

Taking Steps to Care for Our Common Home

How can I green my church?

Environmental measures can easily be incorporated into all aspects of church life:

Spiritual

- Include a prayer for the environment at Mass.
- Make regular references to the need to care for God's Creation.
- Celebrate Creation Time from 1st September to 4th October every year.

Practical

- Reduce, reuse, recycle & compost.
- Use LED light bulbs & reduce thermostat.
- Use eco-friendly cleaning materials.
- Support and promote Fairtrade.

Community – Connect with members of your local community – you could organise litter picks, nature walks or tree / bulb-planting in your local area.

Global – Support the work of a development agency working in countries where people are already impacted by climate change e.g. Trócaire, Christian Aid, Tearfund, Concern, A Rocha.

The journey we make together to ensure a viable Earth for generations to come, not only for our descendants, but for all life on the planet. As Pope Francis tells us: ***we need "to learn to see ourselves in relation to all creatures"*** *Laudato Si (85)*

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. We are holding a Coffee Morning on Thursday the 12th of March from 11.00am to 2.00pm

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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.

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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.

Second Sunday of Lent - 8th March 2020

Coronavirus (COVID-19) - HSE Guidelines

- ◆ 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](https://www.hse.ie/conditions/coronavirus/coronavirus.html)

City Pastoral Area

The City Pastoral Area provides '*Lectio Divina*' nights as Lenten preparation for Easter this year. **It takes place in St Canice's Parish Centre Monday nights at 7.30 pm.** Lectio Divina (Latin for "Divine Reading") is a traditional monastic practice of scriptural reading, meditation and prayer intended to promote communion with God and to increase the knowledge of God's word.

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 12th March 7.30pm – 8.30pm. in St Kieran's College.

Youth Ministers: Sat. 14th March 11.00am – 12.30pm. in 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. Thanks to all for cooperation.

BEREAVEMENTS

Recently Deceased:

Kathleen Whyte, Gaol Road.
Ellen Brett, Bennettsbridge Road.
Margaret Wall, St Thomas Square.

Anniversaries:

Seamus Campion (6.00pm); Margaret Cody (8.00am);
Eileen Kinsella (10.00am); Neddy Phelan (11.00am);
Margaret Dwyer (11.30am); John McEnery (7.00pm); Mags Dineen;
Steven Clowery; Michael Manning; Vera & Jack Shortall; Peadar Ruth;
Maureen Burke; Patrick Kealy; Bridget Guilfoyle;

Readers for Next Weekend – Page 158 (C.Vol 1)

6.00pm Bridget Ahearn
8.00am Jo Browne
11.30am Tony Dalton & Paula Rogers
7.00pm Marie Fogarty
Johnswell Seán Colgan
Dunmore Stephanie Butler & Roger Curran

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

Weekly Envelope Collection

Last week's envelope
collection: €1,155.

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

Tea & Coffee Morning

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

Age Action Beginner Computer Classes

Age Action Train People on Laptops, iPads, Smartphones or Tablets
Age Action are running FREE beginner basic computer classes for over 55s in Kilkeny City. Classes are taught on a one-to-one basis in a relaxed, non-formal setting. We are currently seeking Course Learners & Volunteer Tutors. Full tutor training provided. For more information contact Age Action on 01 4756989 or by email to gettingstarted@ageaction.ie

Mass Intentions for the coming Week

Wednesday: Mags Dineen (10.30am).

Saturday: Steven Clowery (10.30am).
Paddy O'Brien (6.00pm)

Sunday: Michael Manning (10.00am).
Billy & Jimmy McEvoy (11.00am).
Jack & Mary Parle (11.30am).
Denis Brennan (7.00pm).

Social Dance Night in Johnswell

Social Dancing to the Waltz, Foxtrot, Quickstep etc. will take place in Johnswell Hall on Friday 20th March from 9.30pm till late. Music by Declan Aungie. Come join us for a great night out.

Divine Mercy

Holy Hour will take place in the Friary Church this Sunday from 3pm to 4pm. All are welcome.

Medjugorje – Evening of Prayer

Rosary, Mass, Adoration and Prayer for Healing will take place in St Fiacre's Church, Loughboy on Monday 10th at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

Simon Community's Coffee Morning

Join us in the fight against homelessness by hosting a Coffee Morning at home, in your workplace or anywhere you wish. We've got everything you need to help you organise your gathering. Just visit <https://www.southeastsimon.ie/coffeemorning/>

Family Carers Ireland

Family Carers Ireland in conjunction with Headway Ireland hold a free workshop on **Caring for a loved one with an acquired brain injury** on Wednesday 8th April at 10.30am in the Cathedral Parish Centre, College St, Carlow. Contact 7721424.

Trócaire

Lent is an extremely important time of the year for Trócaire. They rely on the income that comes in during Lent, to help the most vulnerable people in the developing world. This year's Lenten campaign focuses on the stories of Madris in Kenya and Angela in Honduras, you can find their story's on <https://www.trocaire.org/resources/parishes/lent>.

Trócaire Boxes are available in our churches for your Lenten charitable donations.

Prayer for Our Earth

**All powerful God, you are present in the whole universe
and in the smallest of our creatures.**

**Pour out upon us the power of your love,
that we may protect life and beauty.**

**Bring healing to our lives,
that we may protect the world and not prey on it,
that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.**

(Laudato Si, 246)