

Accord Recruiting Volunteers

Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation programme facilitators.

Accord is seeking registration of interest from those who have a positive attitude towards marriage in the Catholic Church and the enthusiasm to be part of a team supporting couples who are preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage.

Successful applicants will receive professional training and will be part of a team delivering marriage preparation programmes locally in accordance with best practice.

Contact Aisling on 01 505 3112 or by email to info@accord.ie.

The closing date for receipt of registration of interest forms to be included in Selections for this year is Friday 27 August.

National Heritage Week 14th - 22nd August 2021

National Heritage Week will take place from 14th - 22nd August and we encourage all community groups to showcase their work for Heritage Week. To find out more information see www.heritageweek.ie or contact the Heritage Office, Kilkenny County Council at heritage@kilkennycoco.ie.

Some Useful Help Agencies

Samaritans: We are here for you. Every hour, every day, a Samaritan is waiting to answer your call. Please don't suffer in silence. We are here today and always, on freephone 116 123 or email jo@samaritans.ie

Society of St. Vincent de Paul: The St. John's Parish helpline number is 086 895 1239. Letters may be addressed to: SVP, The Presbytery, Dublin Road, Kilkenny or dropped in the presbytery letter box.

Covid-19 Support Line for Older People: ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to Covid-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice. Open from 8.00am - 8.00pm; call 0818 222 024.

Address: St John's Presbytery, Dublin Road, Kilkenny. **Email:** stjohns@ossory.ie

Website: stjohnskilkenny.com

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 Dan Carroll: 087 907 7769; Fr Brian Griffin: 087 064 4158; Fr Lorcan Moran: 086 855 0521

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:

Fergal Brennan; Mary Brennan; Alan Burke; Fr Dan Carroll; Fr Brian Griffin; Fr Lorcan Moran; Iris O'Flynn; Karena Phelan.

IF YOU HAVE A SAFEGUARDING CONCERN CONTACT

The Diocesan Designated Liaison Person, Ms. Kathleen Sherry, 085 802 1633 - dlp@ossory.ie

OUR PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES ARE:

Mary Weadick; Máirín Bergin; Brenda Whitely; Marian Eardly.

Counseling Services - Towards Healing Confidential Helpline

1800 313 316 - www.towardshealing.ie

Roman Catholic Diocese and Parishes of Ossory - Registered Charity No. 20015831

PARISH OF SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST

incorporating | St John's | Dunmore | Johnswell | church areas

MASS TIMES

St John's – Sundays & Holy Days: Vigil: 6.00pm; Sun: 8.00am, 11.30am & 7.00pm.

Polish Mass: 2nd Sun. Monthly, 1.00pm; **Weekdays:** 8.00am, 10.30am. (Sat. 10.30am only).

Johnswell - Sunday 10.00am

Dunmore - Sunday 11.00am

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 1st August 2021

The Long Goodbye

It breaks our hearts to watch Fr. Brian pack his belongings in preparation for his transfer to Camross and Castletown Parishes in Co. Laois. As most parishioners know by now Fr. Brian has been asked by Bishop Nulty, the Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Ossory, to leave Saint John's Parish after six years and move to take responsibility for two parishes in Co. Laois.

During this time, we continue to support Fr. Brian with our thanks, prayers and good wishes. This is a new challenge for Fr. Brian and we wish him God's blessing as he prepares to take up his new appointment on Saturday, 28th August 2021.

Food That Satisfies

Growing up, did you hear any 'old wives' tales' about food - eating carrots helps you see in the dark; bread crusts will make your hair curly; an apple a day keeps the doctor away...? These wise old sayings, passed down the generations, were employed to encourage us to eat certain foods, mainly healthy fruit and veg. Many even had an element of truth. These days we can easily establish the accuracy of such claims, but many parents still find themselves falling back on these nuggets of wisdom. Behind it all is a desire to see children grow up strong and healthy.

Recent years have seen an increased focus on health, both physical and mental. Nourishing one's body and mind and keeping them healthy are essential long-term projects, the work of a lifetime. In today's Gospel, Jesus talks about a different type of nourishment - bread that gives life, food that satisfies, food that endures. 'I am the bread of life,' says Jesus. It is Jesus who nourishes us at the very core of our being, who knows our every need and gives meaning to our lives. He tells us today: 'Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life.' As we continue on our way, learning how to best nourish our body and mind, let us not forget to nourish our spirit with Jesus, the bread of life.

'I invite all Christians, everywhere, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ... The Lord does not disappoint those who take this risk; whenever we take a step towards Jesus, we come to realise that he is already there, waiting for us with open arms.'

(Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium)

No 8.00am Mass on Bank Holiday Monday

Bereavements

Recently Deceased: Theresa Murray, Ballybough Street.

Patsy Brennan, Boyle, Co Roscommon.

Nicola Kirwan, Gowran. Requiem Mass at The Church of the Assumption, Gowran at 11.00am on Tuesday.

Months Mind: Daisy Purcell (7.00pm).

Anniversaries: Elizabeth Nolan (6.00pm); Seamus Murphy (10.00am); Catherine Bergin (11.00am); Bríd Maher (11.30am); Nicholas (Nicky) Purcell (7.00pm); Michael Ryan; Jimmy Brennan; Tom Watson; Bibi Hackett; Peter Wiltshire; Milo Butler; Bridie & Jim Tynan; John Bergin; Paul McEneaney; Kathleen Butler; Rita (Margaret) Lynch.

*May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed
through the mercy of God
rest in peace.
Amen.*

Readers for Next Weekend

6.00pm	Claire Coogan
8.00am	Paula Rogers
10.00am	Betsy Rice
11.00am	Pierce Lennon & Liam Maddock
11.30am	Anne Maria Walsh
7.00pm	Linda O'Leary

Weekly Envelope Collection

Last week's envelope collection: €550. Thanks to all who contribute weekly, monthly and annually, as well as those who pay by Standing Order. Your support is greatly appreciated.

First Friday

Next Friday is the First Friday of August. The sick and housebound will be visited at the normal times. Please inform the Parish Office or one of the priests if you have a relative or neighbour who would like this service.

Medjugorje - Evening of Prayer

Rosary, Mass & Adoration. Prayer for healing will take place in St Fiacre's Church, Loughboy next Tuesday 3rd August at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

The Pope's Monthly Intentions

August: The Church

Let us pray for the Church, that She may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

PRAYER TO OUR BLESSED MOTHER

Take my hand O Blessed Mother, Hold me firmly lest I fall,
I am nervous when I am walking, And to thee I humbly call.
Guide me over every crossing, Watch me when I am on my way,
Let me know you are beside me, Listen to my frequent prayers.
Bring me to my destination, Safely every single day,
Help me with my understanding, As the hours pass away.
And when evening falls upon me, And I fear to be alone,
Take my hand O Blessed Mother,
And once again guide me home.

Mass Intentions for the Coming Week

Saturday: Elizabeth Nolan (6.00pm).
Sunday: Seamus Murphy (10.00am)
Catherine Bergin (11.00am).
Nicholas Nicky Purcell & Daisy Purcell (7.00pm).
Monday: Bibi Hackett (10.30am).
Tuesday: Seamus Cleary (10.30am).
Saturday: Kathleen Butler

*Those we love don't go away,
they walk beside us every day.
Unseen, unheard, but always near;
still loved, still missed and very dear.
May they rest in peace*

Daily Broadcast Mass

Please join us each Sunday and weekday on our Webcam Service, stjohnskilkenny.com, or our Parish Radio Service (106.8 FM).

Weekdays: 8.00am and 10.30am.
Saturdays: 10.30am and 6.00pm Vigil.
Sundays: 8.00am, 11.30am and 7.00pm.

All are welcome!

Baptisms

Further to this week's Government announcement we are once again allowed to celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism in our parish. Please contact Aine at the Parish Office to schedule your child's baptism. Please note the Government's advice: "From Thursday 5 August, Baptism services may proceed. However, they must follow all protective measures and social gatherings afterwards should be avoided." (gov.ie). In the interests of safety only ten people are allowed attend a baptism ceremony in church.

Youth 2000 Summer Festival

The Youth 2000 Summer Festival for 16-35-year-olds will take place online from 13-15th August at youth2000.ie. The weekends masses will be celebrated in person in St. Paul's Church, Waterford on Friday at 8pm, Saturday at 4pm and 8:30pm (reconciliation and healing service) with the closing mass Sunday at 2:30pm with Bishop Alphonsus Cullinan. You will not want to miss this! Register now to hear inspiring workshops, moving testimonies and excellent talks from our keynote speaker Fr. Aelred Magee OSCO. For more details visit youth2000.ie and keep an eye on our social media pages.

TOBAR NA GAEILGE

There will be a Leaving Cert Irish Course running in Johnswell this summer. This course will primarily focus on the Irish Oral Exam and will also feature lessons on grammar, essay writing, comprehension etc. All the benefits of Gaeltacht style classes without having to travel far from home! Áit/Venue: Johnswell Community Hall. Dáta/Date: 16th-20th August. Am/Time: 10am-1pm. Táille/Cost: €80. Uimhir Teangmhála/Contact : Maria 0876673302 / Nick 0872255751. "Beatha teanga, í a labhairt!"

An Olympian's Prayer

(Suitable not just for this time but for all sporting occasions.)
God, let me play well, but fairly.

Let the competition make me strong, but never hostile.
Forbid me from rejoicing in the adversity of others.
See me not when I am cheered, but when I bend to help my opponent up.
If I know victory, allow me to be happy.
If I lose, keep me from envy.
Help me to learn something that matters once the game is over.
Help me to be a good example to other athletes.
Amen.