

## 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.

### Lenten Resources - Still Available At All Masses

- **Sunday Scripture Reflection Booklets**

These contains the Gospel for each Sunday, a reflection, some questions for consideration and some prayers. Available for €1.00

- **Knowing our Ossory Faith (Vol II)**

This simple activities-based workbook for children of around Communion age will help them explore their faith, our Diocese, and the Lent and Easter season. Families will have an opportunity to learn some of the basic ideas/words and meanings of our faith. €1.00 each.

- **Readers' Guide**

This resource is aimed at supporting those who are Ministers of the Word. It helps to explain the Scriptures, their context and the ministry of reader - offering formation and simple practical advice, allowing readers best prepare - Free.

### Lent Scripture Reflection Group

Each Tuesday of Lent you are invited to a short gathering of guided reflection on the Sunday Gospels. - St Kieran's College; 7.30 - 8.15pm. on Tuesday Nights.

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#### PASTORAL COUNCIL

Mary Brennan; Alan Burke; Margaret Cleere; Paul Colgan; Fr Brian Griffin;  
Siobhán McKiernan; Fr Lorcan Moran; Aidan Phelan; Fr Frank Purcell; Pat Ryan.

#### 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:

Kathleen Ferguson; Phil Curran; 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: 6.30 p.m.; Sun: 8.00 a.m., 10.30 a.m., 12 noon & 7.30 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.**

St Patricks Day - 17th March 2019

## beannachtaí na féile pádraig oraibh

### PRAYER OF ST PATRICK FOR HIS PEOPLE

May the Strength of God guide us. May the Power of God preserve us.  
May the Wisdom of God instruct us. May the Hand of God protect us.  
May the Way of God direct us. May the Shield of God defend us.  
May the Angels of God guard us. Against the snares of the evil one.  
May Christ be with us; May Christ be before us; May Christ be in us;  
Christ be over all!; May your Grace, Lord, Always be ours, This day, O Lord,  
and forevermore. Amen.

### Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist Course of Preparation 2019

We would invite all those who are already serving as Ministers of the Eucharist to join new people preparing for this ministry for three evenings of theology, reflection and preparation at St Kieran's College.

The Saturday morning training session has been added to also facilitate those who are in School or college etc. So if there are some younger takers for the training – why not come along to this morning.

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30pm.** Fr Kieran O'Shea

Called to Serve – Living our Christian Calling in our Parishes Today.

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 7.30pm.** Prof Salvador Ryan

Through the Hands of Generations – Tracing the history of the Irish understanding of the Masses.

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30pm.** Mr Ken Maher

Faith Practiced – an exploration of the more practical aspects of your Ministry.

## BEREAVEMENTS

### Recently Deceased:

Seamus Campion, Shandon Park.

Mary Brady, Roscommon.

Eileen Byrne, Shilleagh.

Eamon Power, Thurles & late of Coon.

Seán Drennan, Danville. Requiem Mass - Foulkstown, Wednesday, 12 noon.

### Anniversaries:

Gretta Murphy (6.30pm); Seán Byrne (8.00am); Thomas, Bridget & Michael Long (10.30am); The Leahy Family (11.00am); Dixie Comerford (12.00 noon); Denis Brennan (7.30pm); Benny Grogan; Tommy, Frank Donovan; Patrick & Kathleen Kiely; Michael McCauley; Mae Davitt; Jim Byrne.

### Readers for Next Weekend – Page 160

6.30pm Mary Lynch

8.00am Seán Rodgers

10.30am Kathleen Ferguson

12.00noon Bobbie Lahart

7.30pm Marie Fogarty

Johnswell Betsy Rice & Teresa Dowling

Dunmore Eddie Holohan & Liz Holohan

### Eucharistic Ministers - Next Weekend: Panel 1

### Weekly Envelope Collection

Last week's envelope collection: €1,855.

Thanks to all who contribute weekly, monthly and annually, as well as those who pay by Standing Order.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

### Daffodil Day Cancer Prayer Service

The annual prayer service for those whose lives have been touched by Cancer will take place in St. Fiacre's Church Loughboy on Thursday March 21st at 7.30 pm. All Welcome. The first-class relic of St. Peregrine and St. Peregrines oil will be available for blessing.

### Church Gate Collection

**Every Life Counts** - a support network for parents who are told their unborn baby is not expected to live. We provide guidance on how best to cherish the baby's short life. Please support to our Church Gate Collection next weekend, March 23<sup>rd</sup> 24<sup>th</sup>.

### Mass Intentions for the coming Week

#### Monday:

Benny Grogan (10.30am).

#### Wednesday:

Tommy, Patrick & Kathleen Kiely (10.30am).

**Saturday:** Paul Lanigan (6.30pm).

**Sunday:** Cadien Hennessy (10.00am).

Eamon Hennessy (10.30am).

Billy & Jimmy McEvoy (11.00am).

Bridget O'Driscoll (12.00 noon).

Betty Burke & Christy Burke (7.30pm)

### Emigrants Collection

The Annual Emigrants Collection will take place as a Church Door collection this weekend at all masses. This is a very worthy cause as it supports our fellow countrymen who, for a variety of reasons, have fallen on poor times in foreign lands.

### A.C.T.S. Women's Retreat

A.C.T.S. Retreat for Women will take place from Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March – Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March, in Castletown Co. Laois. Switch off from the outside world, take time out for yourself on a weekend of Peace, Prayer, Tranquillity and Camaraderie among a group of like-minded women. For Information or to book a place contact: Monica Colgan on 087 202 1500 or Geraldine Maher 086 108 5266.

### Eastern Environs Information Afternoon

Tom Mc Wey Business Development Office at St Canice's Credit Union will give a talk in the Day Care Centre on Wednesday 13th March at 2.30pm regarding all things Credit Union related. He will answer questions and help in any way he can. This FREE community event is open to all. Light refreshments will be served.

**Remember: No 8.00am Mass on Bank Holiday Monday**

### Stations Of The Cross In Our Parish

Please consider joining us each Wednesday of Lent in St John's Church at 7.30 p.m. as we journey The Stations of The Cross as part of or continued spiritual preparation for the Easter Celebrations.

### Trócaire

Trócaire Boxes are available in our churches for your Lenten charitable donations from you & your family during Lent to help alleviate poverty in the Third World.

### 'Citizens of Two Cities'

*Being Church*

*in the World Today*

**Speaker Dr. Fainche Ryan.**

This One Day Conference will take place on March 29<sup>th</sup> in Ballyvaloo Retreat & Conference Centre, Blackwater, Co. Wexford, 10 a.m.- 4.30 p.m. Cost: €25 (includes lunch), pay on the door. Booking essential. Call Sara/Catherina at 056 7722870.

### St Patrick's Weekend & Dancing with The Stars

Today it's Semi Final day on **Dancing With the Stars**. Kilkenny man, John-Edward Nolan and Mairead Ronan from Dublin will participate. For John and Mairead to progress tune into RTE 1 this Sunday at 6.30pm **AND TEXT** Mairead to 53125 when the voting lines open. Thank you for your support.