

Diocesan Safeguarding Sunday 2019

The Annual Safeguarding Sunday takes place this Sunday, 22nd September 2019. We take the opportunity to thank our parish Child Safeguarding Representatives and all who are appointed to assist them for their dedication to Safeguarding in the parish. If you ever have a child safeguarding concern or wish to report an allegation, please contact the Diocesan Liaison Person or one of the representatives mentioned at the bottom of this page below.

Loreto Secondary School

1st Year Enrolment for Autumn 2020

Open Night for 6th class girls will take place on Monday 23rd September at 6.30pm. 6th class girls and their parents/guardians are invited to attend. This is a ticketed event. Tickets are available by either emailing your request to: office@loretokk.ie or by calling to the school office. **The closing date for application** for a first-year place is Tuesday 8th October 2019. Application forms and our admissions policy can be obtained from our website www.loretokk.ie or the school office.

The Memory Technology Resource Rooms

The Memory Technology Resource Rooms are open every Wednesday in St Columba's Hospital Thomastown. The Rooms are run by an Occupational Therapist and showcase a variety of assistive technology equipment. They are free to attend and provides people with memory difficulties and their carers the opportunity to see and discuss the benefits of assistive technology equipment. Sample devices include: Medication Reminders, Electronic calenders/clocks, leisure activities, safety devices and simplified phones. For an appointment: Lisa Farley, 087 7201 503.

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

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

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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.

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 22nd September 2019

105th WORLD DAY of MIGRANTS & REFUGEES

“It's Not Just About Migrants”

The Church has been celebrating the World Day of Migrants and Refugees since 1914. It is always an occasion to express concern for many different vulnerable people on the move; to pray for the challenges and increase awareness about the opportunities that migration offers.

This year, the World Day will be celebrated next Sunday, **September 29th**. Pope Francis has chosen the theme “**It is not just about migrants**” to show up our blind-spots and make sure no one remains excluded from society, whether a long-time resident or someone newly-arrived.

“Dear brothers and sisters, our response to the challenges posed by contemporary migration can be summed up in four verbs: **welcome, protect, promote and integrate**. Yet these verbs do not apply only to migrants and refugees. They describe the Church's mission to all those living in the existential peripheries, who need to be welcomed, protected, promoted and integrated.

If we put those four verbs into practice, we will help build the city of God and man. We will promote the integral human development of all people. We will also help the world community to come closer to the goals of sustainable development that it has set for itself and that, lacking such an approach, will prove difficult to achieve.”

Pope Francis

BEREAVEMENTS

Recently Deceased:

Carmel Farrell, Castletown Geoghegan, Westmeath.
Pat Moore, Green Street.

Anniversaries:

Bob Murphy (6.30pm); Kathleen Tobin (10.00am); Elizabeth Brett (10.30am); Carmel Hickey (11.00am); Paddy Larkin (12.00 noon); Kathleen Maher (7.30pm); Michelle Reynolds; Hannah & Thomas Murray; Maureen Delaney; Frank Coyne; Marie Holohan; Bridget Cahill; Dom, Dick, Paddy & Margaret Tynan; Anna Beale; John Foley; Michael & Bridget Maher; Syd & Elizabeth Bluett; Marie Delaney.

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6.30pm Bridget Ahearn
8.00am Nora Webster
10.30am Jimmy Connolly
12.00noon Kay Purcell
7.30pm Anne Marie Grace
Johnswell Seán Colgan
Dunmore Philip Comerford & Esther Comerford

Eucharistic Ministers - Next Weekend: Panel 2

Weekly Envelope Collection

Last week's envelope collection: €785.

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

Eastern Environs Group

Facilitators from Kilkenny Citizens Information Centre will give a talk regarding personal rights and entitlements at 2.30pm on Wednesday 25th September in St John's Day Centre. Issues discussed will include: State Pension, Health Services, Free Travel, Household Benefits & PRSI. This will be followed by a Q&A session. This is a FREE community event and is open to all. Refreshments will be served.

A Day in Honour of Our Lady

"Calling all Families" to Our Lady's Shire on Saturday, 5th October in Knock at 3pm for Pilgrimage Mass. Mass is followed by testimony, food and music in the Rest and Care, concludes with a Holy Hour to pray for our Priests, Bishops and their Dioceses. Subsidised Bus (€10 return) from Kilkenny leaves at 8.15am. Contact 094 9375993.

Mass Intentions for the coming Week

Monday: Michelle Reynolds (10.30am).

Tuesday: Hannah & Thomas Murray (10.30am).

Wednesday: Frank Coyne (10.30am).

Saturday: Marie Holohan (10.30am).
Diarmaid Ryan (6.30pm).

Sunday: Mary Barry (8.00am).
Thomas Gormley (10.00am).
Alan Bergin (10.30am).
Michael Roche (11.00am).
Eamon Morrissey (12.00 noon).
Statia, Stephen & Bosco Buckley (7.30pm).

Pilgrimage to Knock

The Annual Legion of Mary pilgrimage to Knock takes place **Sunday 29th September**. Bus leaves the parade at 7.30am. Bookings Pat @ 056-7764783 or Kay @ 087-9428305. Fare: €20.

St Mary's Cathedral Fund Draw

The 7th Monthly Draw in aid of St Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund will take place next Wednesday 25th September at 8pm in the Chapter House. Tickets €10 per month. Tickets are available at the Parish Office or Sacristy. All are welcome to attend.

Our Sympathies To Bishop Farrell

We offer our sympathies and prayers to our Bishop, Dermot Farrell, who lost his 91 year-old-mother, Carmel, last week. May her soul rest in peace with the Lord.

Fundraising Volunteers Needed for Cois Nore

Cois Nore Cancer Support Centre recently took a difficult decision to reduce our service from five to four days. We hope this is temporary and we are working hard to increase our fundraising. We want to provide a quality support to families across Kilkenny who are affected by cancer. **WILL YOU HELP?**

If you know anyone who might have two hours to spare to support us in this way at our events planned between now and Christmas, please let them know of our need. Contact Cois Nore Cancer Support Centre at 056 7715001 for further details.

Family Carers

Our support group for Parents of Children with Disabilities is being held next **Wednesday, 25th September** at 10.30am in our Resource Centre at the Springhill Clinic, Waterford Road.

Our support group for Relatives of a Loved One with a Mental Health Issues will be meeting on **Wednesday, 2nd October** at 7pm in our Resource Centre in the Springhill Clinic, Waterford Road.

Kidney Association Church Gate Collection

A Church gate collection in aid of the Kidney Association takes place this weekend.

