

Cois Nore

Outreach Cancer Support Centre available in the following parishes from 10.00am to 12 noon:

Monday: Ballyragget – Dr. Hogan’s Rooms
Tuesday: Callan – Droichead Family Resource Centre

Wednesday: Castlecomer – Old Court House

Thursday: Thomastown – Community Centre

Friday: Urlingford – Mill Family Resource Centre

Telephone: 087 483 3941 or

Email: outreach@coisnore.ie for an appointment or drop in during the above times.

Celtic Brothers in Concert

Following a brilliant concert in the Cathedral of the Assumption, Thurles two years ago, the very popular Celtic Brothers are making a return trip and are set to light up the aisles with their unique take on many contemporary classics. Come along and enjoy an evening of great music with the Celtic Brothers starring The Willoughbys in the Cathedral, Thurles on Friday, 27th September. All proceeds to Cathedral Reroofing Project. Tickets in Thurles Parish Centre (0504 222 29), Bookworm (0504 222 57) and Holycross Abbey Shop (0504 431 24). Book early to avoid disappointment.

Anam Cara Tipperary

Anam Cara Tipperary, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding its monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Wednesday, 18th September at 7.15pm in the Horse and Jockey Hotel, Thurles. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. For more information please contact us on info@anamcara.ie or 085 288 8888

Poor Clares Galway, Monastic Experience Day for Women 18 - 35.

An opportunity to explore and experience Poor Clare life and spirituality. The event will take place from 10.00am to 5.00pm on Saturday the 21st of September.

Contact: vocations@poorclares.ie to book a place. For more information: poorclares.ie/monastic-experience-days

Youth Mini-Pilgrimage to the Poor Clares

When? Saturday, 14th September at 1.45pm. Assembly point: Galway Franciscan Abbey, Francis Street. The pilgrimage will include a stop at Galway Cathedral and continue to the Poor Clares for an afternoon of song, sharing including input from the friars and sisters, prayer, guided Holy Hour, Confessions and pizza. For more information see poorclares.ie/events.

Address: St John's Presbytery, Dublin Road, Kilkenny. R95 ND2W

Email: stjohns@ossory.ie **Website:** www.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 Raymond Dempsey: 089 497 1924.

Monsignor Michael Ryan (Retired)

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Fergal Brennan; Mary Brennan; Jo Browne; Alan Burke; Fr Dan Carroll; Claire Coogan; Fr Raymond Dempsey; Luke Leydon; Iris O'Flynn; Karena Phelan.

IF YOU HAVE A SAFEGUARDING CONCERN CONTACT

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

OUR PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES ARE:

Brenda Whitely; Marian Eardly.

Counselling Services - Towards Healing Confidential Helpline

1800 313 316 - www.towardshealing.ie

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MASS TIMES

St John's – Saturday: 6.00pm (Vigil); **Sunday:** 8.00am, 11.30am & 7.00pm.

Holy Days: 6.00pm (Vigil); 8.00am, 10.30am & 7.00pm.

Adoration: Wednesdays at 11.00am. **Weekdays:** 8.00am, 10.30am. (Sat. 10.30am only).

Johnswell - Sunday 10.00am

Dunmore - Sunday 11.00am

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - 8th September 2024



Relics of St. Bernadette

The Relics of Saint Bernadette will visit the Diocese of Ossory on Saturday, 21st and Sunday, 22nd September. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to honour the little girl from Lourdes who was visited by Our Lady in 1858. The timetable is as follows: -

Saturday, 21st September

- 12.00: Formal reception of the Relics of St. Bernadette with Mass of Saint Bernadette. Celebrant: Bishop Niall Coll.
- 15.00: Rosary. Leader: Kilkenny Dominican Rosary Group.
- 18.00: Water Gesture Ceremony. Leader: Fr. Dan Carroll, Chaplain, Group 174, Irish Pilgrimage Trust.
- 19.30: Ceremony of Light and Concluding Prayers. Leader: Very Rev. Anthony O'Connor, Director of the Ossory Lourdes Pilgrimage.

Sunday, 22nd September

- 11.00: Sunday Mass (beginning with sprinkling the congregation with Water from Lourdes). Celebrant: Very Rev. Dermot Ryan Adm.
- 15.00: Rosary. Leader: Breda Campion, Ossory Lourdes Pilgrimage Group.
- 17.30: Sunday Mass (beginning with sprinkling the congregation with Water from Lourdes). Celebrant: Fr. Anthony O'Connor, Director of the Ossory Lourdes Pilgrimage.
- 19.30: Bishop Coll leads a Farewell Ceremony involving a reading from the account given by Saint Bernadette of the apparitions followed by a Ceremony of Light.

This may well be a once-in-lifetime opportunity to honour the relics of St. Bernadette in our own City. We invite all to come and join with us in prayer.

Johnswell Road Hurling

Come and join us for our Annual Road Hurling in Johnswell which takes place on Saturday 21st September. Registration will take place at 5.00pm. Adults: €10. Children U14: €5. BBQ to follow the events. Come and join us.

Kilkenny Care Centre Looking for Volunteers

Would you have an hour spare weekly? Kilkenny Care Centre, near St John's Senior School is looking for volunteers who would be willing to befriend residents. These visits would be much appreciated and hugely beneficial for our residents, helping to retain a connection with the wider community. All volunteers are subject to Garda Vetting. For further information please contact Zoe on 056 7800004 or email activitieskilkenny@mowlamhealthcare.com.

Remembering Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

Recently Deceased: Mary O’Brien, Ossory Park Joan Browne, Fr. Murphy Square
 Mick Hoban, Loughboy John O’Donnell, Lord Edward Street
 Jim Holand, Dean’s Court Bernadette Bello, Roberts Hill

Months Mind: Maurice McCreery (6.00pm) Ann Walsh (6.00pm).
 Philomena Shiel (7.00pm).

Anniversaries: Imelda McPhilomy (6.00pm); Theresa Byrne; Martin Shelly; Michael & Michelle Reynolds (11.30am); Bernadette Hayes (7.00pm); Dick, Kit, Ann and Fr Liam Holohan; Catherine Carroll; Elizabeth O’Rourke; Anthony Murphy; Jimmy Dowd; John & Ann Breen; Maureen McKiernan; Maureen Holden; Tommy Dillon; Philomena Fahy; Joey Downey.

*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.*

Readers for Next Weekend

6.00pm Mairin Bergin
 8.00am Mary Elliott
 10.00am Seán Colgan
 11.00am Nora Guilfoyle & Fiona McGearry
 11.30am Bobbie Lahart & Rosemary McPhilips
 7.00pm Linda O’Leary



Attendance/Collections Last Weekend

Envelope Collection:		€1,300.00
Mass	Attendance	Baskets
6.00pm St. John’s	105	296.00
8.00am St. John’s	103	522.00
10.00am Johnswell	35	226.00
11.00am Dunmore	71	234.00
11.30am St. John’s	170	431.00
7.00pm St. John’s	125	364.00
	609	€2,073.00

Eastern Environs Group

The Eastern Environs Community Group will reconvene at 2.00pm next Wednesday, 11th September in the Parish Centre. New members welcome - just drop in on the afternoon.

Medjugorje - Evening of Prayer

St. Fiacre’s Church, Loughboy on Monday, 9th August at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

The Kilkenny Choir

The Kilkenny Choir, under our new Music Director Patrick Rafter, is looking for new members in each voice part. If you are interested in singing classical music, we rehearse on Wednesdays 7.30pm - 9.30pm in Presentation Primary School, Parnell Street, commencing on 11th September. Why not come along and try it out? Phone 087 982 6953 or www.thekilkennychoir.com.

Points to Ponder by Pope Francis

We all have ears, but very often we are not able to hear. Why is this? It is interior deafness, which is worse than physical deafness, because it is the deafness of the heart. Taken up with haste, by so many things to say and do, we do not find time to stop and listen to those who speak to us. We run the risk of becoming impervious to everything and not making room for those who need to be heard. I am thinking about children, young people, the elderly, the many who do not really need words and sermons, but to be heard. Let us ask ourselves: how is my capacity to listen going? Do I let myself be touched by people’s lives? Do I know how to spend time with those who are close to me in order to listen? This regards all of us, but in a special way also priests. The priest must listen to people, not in a rushed way, but listen and see how he can help, but after having listened. And all of us: first listen, then respond. Think about family life: how many times do we talk without listening first, repeating the same things, always the same things! Incapable of listening, we always say the same things, or we do not let the other person finish talking, expressing themselves, and we interrupt them. Starting a dialogue often happens not through words but silence, by not insisting, by patiently beginning anew to listen to others, hearing about their struggles and what they carry inside. The healing of the heart begins with listening.

Mass Intentions for Week Beginning 9th September

Monday: 8.00am Special Intention
 10.30am Jimmy Dowd
 Saturday: 10.30am John and Ann Breen
 6.00pm Mary Marnell
 MM Mary Power
 Sunday: 8.00am Margaret & Michael Gibbons
 11.00am Michael Roche
 Annie McEvoy
 11.30am Clare Shortall

Richard & Catherine Shortall
 Please note we may transfer an anniversary Mass on the occasion of a funeral.

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

Parish Webcam

Masses and Services in St. John’s Church are broadcast on stjohnskilkenny.com and on 106.8FM. Inform those who are unable to attend.

Weekdays
 8.00am and 10.30am.

Saturdays
 10.30am and 6.00pm.

Sundays
 8.00am, 11.30am 7.00pm.

Holy Days
 6.00pm (Eve) 8.00am,

Adult Faith Development - Faith Seeking Understanding

We were first brought to our faith, probably as infants, by our parents or guardians. On that day they professed faith on our behalf. Throughout our lifetime many of us live that faith in varying ways and often the only education we received was that which we got in school. This course aims, in a gentle fashion, to allow people the opportunity to learn, in an adult way, what it is that we believe.

Course Aims

- To help people understand key aspects of our faith.
- To be able to know what is distinctive about the Catholic faith.
- To appreciate what all faiths share in common.
- To understand our parishes and diocese.

Admission Requirements

- Baptised Catholics seeking to understand their faith.
- Applicants are asked to submit a short piece of no more than 100 words on why they want to do this course.
- Admission will be based on a short interview.

Course Duration – 2 hours per week, October 2024 – March 2025.

Venue – St Kieran’s College, College Road, Kilkenny.

Fee – This course is free to participants. All costs covered by the Diocese of Ossory. For application forms please call into the Parish Office or Sacristy or email afd@ossory.ie or telephone 056 775 3624.

The Universal Synod

Next month, Pope Francis will re-convene the universal synod. The word “synod” literally means “walking together”, and it is not very far removed from the idea of “procession.” Over the past few years Pope Francis has asked us to explore how, in the community of the Church, we can walk together more respectfully, more inclusively, and more effectively as witnesses to Jesus. Praying together... is an essential part of that Christian witness.

Being a synodal Church, however, is not limited to what happens in the Church building. It is about how we share responsibility for continuing the mission of Jesus in the world. Our prayer sends us out together to build community, to serve one another with generosity and integrity in our professional lives. As Saint James says, we are not just called to be hearers of the Word, we are called to live it in our daily lives. We are called to do that in a world where there are many opinions, but only one source of Truth. Walking together in faith involves recognising the gifts of others as well as our own... Our call to be a synodal Church is a life-long vocation. The challenge is for us to continue walking together.

(Bishop Kevin Doran)