Safeguarding Ossory has organised information meetings for all involved in various aspects of ministry in the Parish. The first of these meetings takes place on 18th September. The venue is The Dalton Day Care Centre, Gowran – opposite Gowran Abbey.

In celebration of World Alzheimer Society Month on Tuesday 18th September our Kilkenny Daycare Centre, 1 Fr Walsh Close, Coote’s Lane, Kilkenny City is holding an Open Day. All persons who wish to view our service are welcome. Come and meet the dedicated staff who will answer all questions. Everyone welcome. For more information call 0567771230

The Poor Clares in Galway are hosting a Cloister day on Saturday, September 22nd from 10am to 5pm. The day is designed to help young women between the ages of 21 and 40 to find out more about the Poor Clare way of life with a view to vocation discernment. To book a place contact: Sr. Faustina at: poorclaresgalwayvocations@gmail.com

South Kilkenny Historical Society lecture: Tales of Emigration to Canada from Ballyvoole, Haggard and Kilshannon. Speakers: Maryellen and Richard Corelli on Thursday, September 20th at 8pm in Mullinavat Parish Hall. Admission: €5.

Parishioners Weekly Prayer: We pray for all in our community, especially our local schools, St Mary’s National School and Grennan College; that each person looks with dignity and respect upon reaching out to help people who are sick, lonely or frightened.

Amoris Laetitiae – Pope Francis writes “the perfect families proposed by deceptive consumerist propaganda do not exist. In those families, no one grows old, there is no sickness, sorrow or death … Consumerist propaganda presents a fantasy that has nothing to do with the reality which must daily be faced by the heads of families. It is much healthier to be realistic about our limits, defects and imperfections, and to respond to the call to grow together, to bring life to maturity and to strengthen the union, come what may. Dialogue is essential for experiencing, expressing and fostering love in marriage and family life. This can only be the fruit of a long and demanding apprenticeship. Men and women, young people and adults, communicate differently. They speak different languages and they act in different ways. Our way of asking and responding to questions, the tone we use, our timing and any number of other factors condition how well we communicate. We need to develop certain attitudes that express love and encourage authentic dialogue.

Take time, quality time.

Develop the habit of giving real importance to the other person.

Keep an open mind.

Show affection and concern for the other person.

Acknowledge that for a worthwhile dialogue we have to have something to say.