

Restoration of the “Icon of the Mother of Perpetual Help”

An interesting link with the former church of St. John on the Dublin Road, is the painting depicting “Our Lady of Perpetual Help”, which is located inside the entrance door, on the east side aisle.

This beautiful and much loved icon was originally in the old church of St. John and was transferred to the present building, after the dedication ceremony in 1908.

More than a century of public exposure had left the Icon in need of careful and appropriate restoration. This important challenge was given to Mr Andrew Small.

Andrew, a native of Bristol, studied at Bideford School of Art. Specialising in Stained Glass Design, he later joined a team of specialists restoring Canterbury Cathedral, Kent. Involved in the restoration of Medieval Stained glass, his main contribution was the restoration of the south west transept window containing the genealogical panels. He was commissioned by the Queen of England to fashion and craft the Queen Elizabeth Silver Jubilee Cross.

Now living in Dunamaggin, we are delighted that we could avail of his skill and dedication to restore the beautiful icon in our Church.

Lourdes 2009

Lourdes 2009: May 22nd - May 27th incl. Price for ordinary pilgrims is €725 p.p.s. plus €25 for bus. Bookings are now been taken at Glenmore Parish Office, Telephone 051-880414. Opening Hours: Monday & Tuesday 10.30am - 2.30pm and Thursday and Friday 10.30am - 2.30pm. Closed Wednesdays.

Christian Brothers to leave Kilkenny

The Christian Brothers community here in Kilkenny, will cease as a religious community on the 31st January 2009. They have served the Diocese and this city for the past 149 years. They began their ministry among us in 1860.

To mark this poignant event a Mass of Thanksgiving is organised in St Mary's Cathedral on Sunday 8th February at 2.30pm. The brothers are anxious to invite the Priests of the diocese (in particular those who are past-pupils) and all past pupils to join them as they say farewell.

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 18th January 2009

St John's Parish Novena

The Parish Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour will take place from February 2nd to February 10th.

The novena will be held at 7.30am, 10.30am and 7.30pm each weekday and during the schedule of Sunday masses.

Next weekend we will welcome Fr Michael Dempsey to preach at the masses in St John's. He will be one of the preachers of the mission.

Please tell your friends – be an apostle and invite them to come along.

This was a wonderful faith filled experience last year and we look forward to a great week of prayer, song and praise again this year.

St John's School Michael Street

St John's School is accepting applications for enrolment for the school year 2009/2010 and closing date for receipt of applications is February 18th.

Deaths – Month's Minds – Anniversaries

Deaths: Pauline Hogan, St. Anthony's, Newpark Lower
Brendan Clooney, London (formerly 64 Maudlin Street)
Liam O'Connor, 88 Patrick Street
Breda Mulcahy, The Green, Ballyragget

Month's Mind: Mary Malone (10am Johnswell)

Anniversaries: Billy Murphy (Sat. 6.30pm); Michael Dowling (Sun 10.30am); The Leahy Family (11am Dunmore); Alex dewberry (Sun 12 Noon); Bridie Kinsella & Ellen Clarke (Sun 7.30pm); Peggy Clarke; Pierce Clooney; Martin Coyle; Mary Fanning; Eamon Goulding; Patrick (Gerry) Guiton; Mary Leahy; Sarah Leahy; Bridget McEvoy; Patrick (Chunky) O'Brien; Patrick Slattery;

Church Unity Week

The annual week of prayer for Christian Unity starts on Sunday next (January 18) and goes on until the following Sunday, January 25. This year's theme is focused on our becoming one through the hand of God (based on Ezekiel 37). This year's week of prayer materials are based on Ezekiel's second vision which depicts two pieces of wood, symbolizing the two kingdoms into which Israel had been divided, which are then brought together again into one (Ezekiel 37: 15-23). Maureen Lanigan will visit St John's Church bringing greetings from the Church of Ireland. Father Scriven will visit the Kilkenny Methodist Church on Sunday 25th bringing greetings from the Catholic community to the Methodists.

Table Quiz

The Annual Johnswell Badminton Club Table Quiz will take place in Johnswell Hall on January 30th. All are welcome.

Fit Walk Programme

Kilkenny Recreation and Sports Partnership is organising a Fit Walk programme in The Watershed, under the Irish Sports Council, Women in Sport, Initiative. The Fit Walk Programme is a walking based fitness programme, comprising six one hour sessions each of which will take you a step further along the way to understanding fitness walking. Between sessions you will be invited to do weekly home walks! Elements of the programme include posture, resistance, stride walking and power walking. The Fit Walk programme starts Wednesday 21st of January in The Watershed at 10am and will run for six weeks. Contact Kilkenny Recreation and Sports Partnership to book or for more details at 056 7720870 or info@krsp.ie

Evening Lectures

Trinity College Dublin and Carlow College: The Michael Slattery Lectures, 2009. 'Irish Reputations' is a series of 12 Tuesday evening lectures delivered by TCD and Carlow College examining 12 iconic names in Irish history and literature including Wolfe Tone, O'Connell, Parnell, Pearse, Joyce, Heaney. The lectures begin on Tuesday, 20 January at 6.30 pm in Carlow College – St Patrick's with Dr Micheal Ó Siochru of TCD History speaking on 'Oliver Cromwell and Ireland' the subject of his recent RTE1 TV series. Inquiries email info@carlowcollege.ie or phone Carlow College 059-9153200.

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8.00 a.m. Mass	John Joe Bergin
10.30 a.m.	Jimmy Connolly/Bernie Dermody
12.00 noon	Peter Dwyer
7.30 p.m.	Ann Fitzpatrick
Johnswell 10.00 a.m.	Sean Colgan/Marie Clare Walsh
Dunmore 11.00 a.m.	Fiona McGearry/Nora Guilfoyle

O'Loughlin Gaels Lotto Results

Numbers: 2,5,10,18. Bonus No. 9. No Winner. Next Week's Prize Fund: €8,400.

Johnswell

It's been decided to discontinue Mon night Adoration in Johnswell Church.

Getting Married in 2009

Pre-Marriage Course can be booked with Accord at St Mary's Centre, James Street, Kilkenny (056 7722674 or email: accord@ossory.ie). The dates of the courses are available in the Church Porch.