

### ***Questions people ask***

Q. What would you recommend me to do for Lent?

A. The gospel mentions three areas of life, prayer (God), fasting (self) and almsgiving (others). Make more time for God each day, time for prayer, Mass, reading scripture, availing of a retreat or good lecture. By fasting we discipline our appetites. Lent is a great time to motivate ourselves to cut back on anything harmful to health like smoking or too much drink. Almsgiving is a call to be more responsive to the cries of the hungry and needy. A collection box at home or in the place of work can be a daily reminder that even to give a little can help a lot.

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### **Trocaire**

Trocaire will launch their annual Lenten campaign during this coming week. This year's campaign focuses on people who have been forced from their home because of war. Trocaire is committed to working with local organisations in over thirty countries to rebuild the lives of the people worst affected. Donating to Trocaire can give people the support they need to recover from conflict and reclaim their lives.

The Trocaire envelope and boxes will be available at the back of the church for anyone who wishes to take one home and use it throughout Lent. Every contribution, great and small are equally welcome – it is generosity of heart that counts, not just the amount given.

### **Library News**

Call to our stand in McDonagh Junction from 10am - 4pm on Saturday 28th February. Meet library staff, enter into the free draw and see a selection of materials.

All branches have dedicated large print and Audio book collections, which cover a wide variety of genres, along with traditional books, music CD's, newspapers, magazines, and language courses.

Do you have difficulty reading letters, bills and other correspondence? Call into your local library, and staff will assist you in use of a computer programme called Zoomtext, which increases the size of the text to make it readable for those who prefer larger print.

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## **Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time 22nd February 2009**

### **Ash Wednesday**

Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. Masses in St John's at 8.00am, 10.30am and 7.30pm.

### **Lent**

The annual Lenten Season is the fitting time to climb the holy mountain of Easter. The Lenten season has a double character. Firstly it is the special time of preparation for those who wish to become members of the Church. It is the final weeks of intense preparation before their baptism on Holy Saturday night. Secondly, Lent is a time when all the faithful are invited to be more attentive to the word of God and prayer to prepare for the renewal of our baptismal promises during the Easter Vigil.

### **Lenten Stations**

The Lenten Station envelopes are available for distribution this weekend. Distributors are asked to pick up their envelopes from the Presbytery.

## Deaths – Month’s Minds – Anniversaries

**Deaths:** Nora O’Reilly, St. Mary’s Crescent  
Ellen (Nel) Mulhall, 10 Golf Link Road, Newpark. Funeral on  
Sunday at 12.00. Burial in St Kieran’s Cemetery.

**Month’s Mind:** Richie Grace (Sun 7.30pm);

**Anniversaries:** Joe Maher (Sat 6.30pm); Jim Tobin (Johnswell 10am);  
Paddy Brennan (Sun Dunmore 11am); Martin Coogan (Sun 10.30am);  
Patrick Fitzpatrick (Sun 12 Noon); Michael Brennan; Sean Brennan;  
Christina Connolly; Martin Dermody; Martin Dooley; Annie Dowling;  
John Jackman; Stan Landers; Catherine Neary; Christina O’Connor;  
Patsy Purcell; James Shortall.

## Eucharistic Ministers For Next Weekend – Panel 1

### Readers for Next Weekend – P68

8.00 a.m. Mass	Ann Noonan
10.30 a.m.	Louis Feeley/Kathleen Ferguson
12.00 noon	Caroline Mullins
7.30 p.m.	Marie Fogarty
Johnswell 10.00 a.m.	Louise Whitely/Fiona Whitely
Dunmore 11.00 a.m.	Christy Murray/Catrina McDermott

## O’Loughlin Gaels Lotto Results

Numbers: 6; 7; 12; 19. Bonus No.21. No Winner. Next Week’s Prize Fund:  
€10,400.00.

## St John’s Parish Pastoral Council

The monthly meeting of the Parish Council took place on Wednesday night in the Presbytery. A review of the Novena took place and plans were put in place to continue the visitation of the parish. It is hoped that O’Loughlin Court, Hebron Park, St Kieran’s Crescent, Ashwood and Millennium Park will be visited before Easter. In all nearly 300 homes will be visited by members of the Parish Pastoral Council.

## St. Joseph’s Young Priests Society

A meeting of St. Joseph’s Young Priests Society will be held on Tuesday will be held Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm in St. John’s Presbytery.

## Kilkenny Medjugorje Youth Group

Kilkenny Medjugorje Youth group present David Parkes' Prayer Through Song, in Concert. St. Mary's Cathedral. Friday 27th February '09 at 8pm. Tickets €10 / youth €7. on the door or Tel: 0863128838.

## Lourdes 2009

Lourdes 2009: May 22<sup>nd</sup> - May 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Church Gate Collection

The School of the Holy Spirit, Gaol Road, Kilkenny (special school for children with Autism and Special Needs), will hold their Annual Church Gate collection on **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February and Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2009.**

## Ossory Guide 2009

The Diocese of Ossory has published the Ossory Guide 2009. This very useful book is a directory of parish and all services provided by the Church in Ossory. The Guide is on sale in the Parish Office.