

## Pilgrimage to Lourdes

The Ossory Pilgrimage to Lourdes 22 to 27th May 2009. To book phone 051 880414 (10.30 a.m. / 2.30 daily excluding Wednesday.)  
Fare €725 pps

## 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.

## Peace in Christ Retreat House

### Lenten Evenings

Lectio Divina – Praying the Scriptures: March 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, commencing at 8pm. For further information please contact 7721054.

## Coffee Morning

Headway – the national organization for people with Brain Injury is holding a coffee morning in Days Hotel on the Ring Road on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March from 11am to 1pm. The aim is to raise awareness and to provide information on the services available to people with brain injuries and their families. For further information please contact Catherine O'Hare at 7786240.

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## First Sunday of Lent 1<sup>st</sup> March 2009

## Trócaire

Bishop John Kirby, Chairman of Trócaire, invites you to consider how your parish might engage with Trócaire's Lenten campaign as you journey towards Easter.

As we enter the season of Lent we are met with uncertain economic times here at home. But we must remember the impact of the global economic crisis on the world's poorest people where rises in food prices and reductions in development aid from donor countries means the lot of the poorest is worsening. While our support and solidarity is needed now more than ever, this is also a difficult time for Trócaire.

I urge you all to make a special effort this Lent to ensure a successful campaign. Trócaire's Lenten Campaign gives us an opportunity to reflect on our values as a society at a time when we are being challenged to do so. The 2009 campaign highlights the plight of the 26 million people worldwide who have been forced to flee their homes as a result of armed conflict, violence and violation of their human rights.

## Deaths – Month's Minds – Anniversaries

**Deaths:** Elizabeth Trait, Park, Ballyfoyle  
Josephine Brennan, Birmingham  
Josie Lennon, New York (late of Rhue, Johnswell)  
Bridget Guilfoyle, Dunmore House, Dunmore –  
(Funeral Mass Sunday at 11.00 a.m.)

**Anniversaries:** Tony Comerford (Sat 6.30pm); Catherine Dowling (Johnswell 10am); Hugh Meany (Sun 10.30am); Fintan Brennan (Sun 12 Noon); Ann Marie Treacy (Sun 7.30pm); May Stobo; Kitty Byrne; Joe Delaney; Michael O'Brien; Bridget & John O'Rourke; John Purcell; Sheila Selvaratman; Nell Walsh; Martin Trehy; Paddy Hogan; Anastasia Wixted.

## Eucharistic Ministers For Next Weekend – Panel 2

### Readers for Next Weekend – P71

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.	First Communion Group
Dunmore 11.00 a.m.	Jim Kavanagh/Colette Brennan

## O'Loughlin Gaels Lotto Results

Numbers: 2; 10; 15; 24. Bonus No.5. No Winner. Next Week's Prize Fund: €10,800.00.

## St. John's Prayer Group

St. John's Prayer Group Mass will be held in the Day Care Centre at 8.15pm on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March. All are welcome.

## Monthly Rosary

The Monthly Rosary on the First Sunday in James Green at the Statue of Our Lady of Kilkenny continues this Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 3pm.

## First Friday

Friday next is the First Friday of March. The sick and housebound will be visited at the usual times.

## Vocations 2009

**“Christ suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God.”**

Is He prompting you to suffer with Him, bringing others to God as a priest,? Talk to your Priest or contact Fr. Willie Purcell vocations director: [ossoryvocdir@gmail.com](mailto:ossoryvocdir@gmail.com).

## 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 this weekend.

## Westcourt News

The March Mass for the canonisation of Blessed Edmund Rice will be celebrated in Westcourt on Monday March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7.30pm. The members of Callan Bereavement Group are preparing the liturgy for this Mass. All are cordially invited to join in this special celebration.

## Johnswell Active Retirement Group

A meeting of Johnswell Active Retirement Group will take place in Johnswell Hall on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm. Anyone interested in our outing to Scotland on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2009 can obtain information on the night.

## World Day of Prayer

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March is World Day of Prayer which will be held in St. John's Day Care Centre at 8pm. All are welcome

## Coffee Morning

A Coffee Morning will be held in memory of Mary Glennon, late of Glendine Heights in the Conservatory at Eamon Langton's, Johns Street on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 11.30am (following 10.30am mass in St. John's Church). All proceeds will go to the Susie Long Hospice Fund. All are welcome.