

Drugs Awareness & Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Due to the St Patrick's weekend break, the Confirmation Program that the Candidates are currently attending is taking a break this Monday night.

It will resume the following Monday, 23rd March.

Macra Na Feirmne

Interested in Meeting new people, Nights out, Debating, Public Speaking, Indoor Soccer, Basketball & lots more, are between 17-35 years old, then why not join the local Macra Club.

Contact: Brigid 086 0822038

Loreto School

Loreto Leaving Cert Students 1983 – 26 years on!

An informal get-together is being held on Saturday 21st March 2009 in Langton's. All are welcome.

Please confirm by calling or texting (087) 6863243.

Vocations – Lent 2009

“We proclaim Christ crucified...the power and wisdom of God.”
Could Jesus be calling you to proclaim His life, death and resurrection as a priest?

Talk to your Priest or contact Fr. Willie Purcell vocations director: ossoryvocdir@gmail.com

Did you know???

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Third Sunday of Lent 15th March 2009

Beannachtaí na Féile Pádraig ar ár léitheóiri uile!

Mass Times on St Patrick's Day:

St John's: Vigil Mon 6.30 pm; Tues – 8.00 & 10.30 am, 12 noon & 7.30 pm.

Johnswell: 10.00 am; **Dunmore:** 11.00 am; **St Canice's Hosp.** 11.30 am.

St Patrick was born very probably in the early years of the 5th century in Britain. He was taken captive at the age of 16 and brought to Ireland where he worked as a slave.

His captivity had a very positive effect on his spiritual life. He escaped back home at the age of 22. It was obvious to him that God was calling him to return to convert the Irish. He studied, probably in France, returned to Ireland c. 457 and made a great number of converts. He died in 491.

Lenten Stations

Thanks to all who handed in your Station Offerings. If you've forgotten, you may still drop them in at your convenience. Thanks also to all our distributors.

Deaths – Month's Minds – Anniversaries

Deaths: Jim Taylor, "Caomhnu", Kilcreene (formerly Ossory Hill)
Bernadette Murray, Dublin

Anniversaries: Thomas Long (Sat 6.30pm); Tommy O'Brien (Sun 10.30am); John & Agnes Stapleton (Dunmore 11am); Patrick Guidera (Sun 12 Noon); Sr. Maura Lanigan (Sun 7.30pm); William & Nora Lacey (Mon 6.30pm); Ellen Audoire; Mary Browne; Séan Byrne; Patrick Canavan, James Doheny; Andy & Maureen Ennis; Liam Holland; Bríd Mallon; James Murphy (Snr); James Murphy (Jr); Catherine Murphy (Snr); Catherine Murphy (Jr); Peg Murphy; Lou McCarthy; Michael McCauley; Michael McGrath; Elizabeth Tynan.

Eucharistic Ministers For Next Weekend – Panel 2

Readers for Next Weekend – P76

8.00 a.m. Mass	
10.30 a.m.	Paula Rodgers/Seamus Mahony
12.00 noon	Anne Marie Walsh
7.30 p.m.	Marie Fogarty
Johnswell 10.00 a.m.	Tom Lawlor/Collette Scarrif Lawler
Dunmore 11.00 a.m.	Fiona McGeary/Nora Guilfoyle

O'Loughlin Gaels Lotto Results

Numbers: 9; 12; 14; 23. Bonus No.7. No Winner. Next Week's Prize Fund: €11,600.00.

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.

CEART

Cabaret in aid of CEART (Rehabilitation Services Callan) at the Village Inn Patrick St Kilkenny on the 16th March 2009, 9pm Tickets €5

Johnswell Development Committee

A meeting of the Johnswell Development Committee will take place Thursday 19th March at 8.30pm in Johnswell Hall.

Johnswell Choir Practice

Choir practice for Holy Week will take place in the church on Friday 20th March at 8.00pm. All are welcome to come along... young and old.

St John's Children's' Liturgy Group

The young people from the Children's' Liturgy Group have prepared some book marks and prayer cards for St Patrick's Day. All donations will go to charities which the young people have chosen: National Children's Hospital Tallagh; St Patrick's Special School Kells Road; ISPCCK Kilkenny Branch and Cradle. Please note there will be no meeting of the Childrens' Group on Tuesday 17th March.

Songs of Healing

A performance with Darren Holden (High Kings), Kilkenny Gospel Choir and other guest performers will take place in St. Mary's Cathedral on Friday March 20th at 8pm. Master of Ceremonies: Edwina Grace. Collection in Aid of the Homecare Team.

World Book Day report:

Congratulations to Aleksandra Karabin, winner of our World Book Day hamper. The most overdue book returned during our recent amnesty was due back in February 1977!

Daffodil Day

Daffodil Day Coffee morning will be held in City Library, John's Quay on Friday 20th March from 10 -12.30pm. All are welcome, as are cakes and bakes! Merchandise is also on sale in the library.

Fitwalk

A Fitwalk programme, introducing the technique of Nordic Walking and explaining how to get the best health benefits from walking will take place in The Watershed for four mornings, starting on Wednesday 18th at 10am. For more information, contact Kilkenny Recreation and Sports Partnership at 056 7720870.