

Knights of St. Columbanus Retreat

A day long retreat will be held in Peace in Christ, Sion Road, Kilkenny on Sunday 10th May 2009 commencing at 10.30am.

The theme is *The Most Sacred Mystery of the Eucharist*. It will comprise of three modules exploring the different parts of the Liturgy of the Mass. Spiritual Directors for the day are Fr. F. Kelly O.P., Kilkenny, Fr. Pat Cooney P.P. St. Benildus', Waterford and Fr. Con O'Connell M.S.C. Places are limited and the fee is €40 including Sunday lunch. Please book through Louis at 056-7722595 or Paul at 087-9043071.

Lá na gClub

O'Loughlin Gaels GAA Club are holding a Family Fun Day on Sunday 10th May at 3pm as part of 125 years of GAA. We invite every past, present and future members of O'Loughlin Gaels to come and join in the fun. We will be hitting a sliothar from O'Loughlin Gaels to Hayes Hotel on the Main Pitch. There will also be a barbeque, face painting, tea, coffee and cakes. Camogie, handball and football events on the day.

Calendars

There are some copies of the St John's 2009 calendar available in the sacristy. Packed with information about the parish the reverse has the details of masses in all of the city churches.

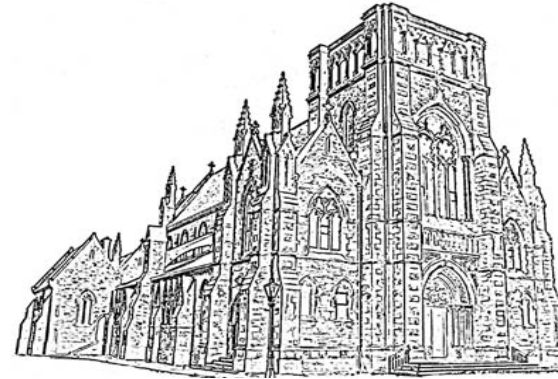
Official Opening of The Happe House Community

We congratulate all involved in the Happy House Community in Hebron Park. The house will be officially opened at 22 Hebron Park on Monday. The House will provide Parent and Toddler group, computer courses for all ages, a Women's Group, active retirement activities, and youth related activities.

Blessed Edmund Rice

Tuesday 5th May was the feast of Blessed Edmund Rice. Born in Callan in 1762 Blessed Edmund founded the Irish Christian Brothers. He opened his first school in Waterford and from there spread worldwide. There are two Christian Brothers schools in our diocese: Callan and Kilkenny.

ST JOHN'S PARISH – KILKENNY



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Fifth Sunday of Easter 10th May 2009

First Communion

Next Saturday First Communion will be celebrated in our parish. First Communion will take place at the 10.30am mass on Saturday for St John's Junior School and six boys and girls from the Model School. First Communion will take place in Johnswell on Sunday morning at the 10.00am mass. We thank all who have prepared the boys and girls in our schools. We congratulate all from our parish who receive First Communion this year and we wish God's blessing upon them in this their special year.

Catholic Newspaper

The Irish Catholic is available in the St John's Sacristy every Sunday. Priced at €1.30 it reports on Church matters both nationally and internationally.

Johnswell and Dunmore Churches

Painting and decorating of Johnswell and Dunmore Churches commenced during the week. Thanks to all who have been part of the 'painting consulting process'.

Deaths – Month's Minds – Anniversaries

Anniversaries: Sean Byrne (Sat 6.30pm); Jim Byrne (Sun 10.30am); Morris Nolan (Dunmore 11am); Jim Kelly (Sun 12 Noon); Moira Bergin (Sun 7.30pm); Eileen & Patrick Brennan; Stephen Loudon Brown; Anne & Martin Cahill; Alice & Nicholas Cleere; Margaret & Matt Deegan; Pauline Delaney; Margaret & Patrick Doran; Josie Doran; Sheila Drohan; Michael Hayes; Maurice Herlihy; Margaret McCauley; Aggie Mc Cormack; John Millea; Luke Murphy; James O'Leary; John & Elizabeth Prendergast; Enid & Michael Shortall.

Eucharistic Ministers For Next Weekend – Panel 2 Readers for Next Weekend – 136

8.00 a.m. Mass	
10.30 a.m.	Seamus Brennan/Mary Hanafin
12.00 noon	Kay Purcell
7.30 p.m.	Ann Marie Grace
Johnswell 10.00 a.m.	First Holy Communion
Dunmore 11.00 a.m.	Fiona McGeary/Nora Guilfoyle

O'Loughlin Gaels Lotto Results

Numbers: 4; 12; 14; 16. Bonus: 19. No Winner. 10 x €40. Next Week's Prize Fund: €6,800.00.

St. John's Senior School

Parents who wish to enrol their children in St. John's Senior School, Ballybough Street for the school year 2009/2010 should do so as soon as possible. Enrolment forms are available at the school.

Enable Ireland

Enable Ireland, Kilkenny would like to invite you to join them on their sponsored walk of Croagh Patrick on the Saturday 23rd May. Sponsorship cards and further information are available from the Enable Ireland, O'Neill Centre. Telephone 056 7762326 or 087 947212.

Divine Mercy

There will be an hour of Prayer and adoration in St. Mary's Cathedral on Sunday May 10th from 3pm to 4pm. All are welcome.

St. Vincent de Paul

The monthly collection for St. Vincent de Paul will take place next weekend 16th/17th May. Many thanks for your continued support.

Lourdes

We are delighted that Kevin Brannigan from St John's Parish is going to Lourdes as part of the youth section of our Diocesan pilgrimage. In recent years the numbers of young people travelling to Lourdes has grown significantly and they play an important part in the pilgrimage helping at the processions and in the hospital. There will be 53 young people with 7 helpers on the pilgrimage this year. Kevin will be delighted to bring petitions from parishioners to place them at the grotto. Please use the leaflets at the back of the church and drop them in a sealed envelope clearly marked LOURDES to the presbytery before May 20th (Do not put money in the envelopes). 350 people will travel with the diocese this year. There are still a few places remaining, May 22 to 27th. @ €725 pps. Further information from Very Rev O'Connor, 051 880414.

Johnswell School

The official opening and blessing of Johnswell School will take place on the 22nd June. For this occasion the school would like to assemble old photos from yester-year of school life and teachers and pupils. If you have any would you please bring them to the school who, after scanning, will return them safely. More details about the opening and blessing ceremony later.

Annual Cemetery Masses

The annual mass in St Kieran's Cemetery will take place on Friday 26th June at 7.30pm. There will be mass in Johnswell and Dunmore cemeteries on July 3rd.