

Prayer For Students Sitting Examinations

*Lord pour out your Spirit of wisdom
on these students;*

*help them to remain calm,
to attend carefully to the questions asked,
to think clearly, to remember accurately,
and to express themselves well.*

*We commend their studies to your
powerful protection.*

*We implore you to grant them a quick
understanding,
a safe judgement and a faithful memory.*

*Grant that they may reflect
the best of work they have done
and the best of the teaching they have received.*

*Accept their best efforts in these examinations
and in the great test of life on earth.*

*May your love be upon them O Lord,
as they place all their trust in you.*

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

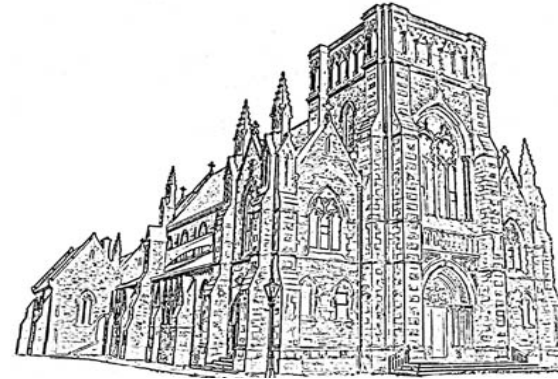
Amen.

Dominican Vision Group

The next meeting of the Dominican Vision Group will take place at the Black Abbey on Thursday June 4th at 8pm. The topic for reflection will be "Study in the Dominican Tradition".

It will be introduced by Linda Rainsberry. Linda is currently Kilkenny Area Coordinator for the Dominican Priory Institute in Tallaght which runs distance learning courses in Theology.

ST JOHN'S PARISH – KILKENNY



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Ascension of The Lord 24th May 2009

Adoration Group Meeting

A meeting of all those who volunteer to worship in the Adoration Chapel in St John's are requested to attend a meeting on **Wednesday evening in the church (front, left hand side) from 7.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m.**

The purpose of this meeting is to review the rotas and fill in any gaps that may be present for some of the hours and to sort out any other difficulties.

Eucharistic Ministers Meeting

All Ministers of The Eucharistic are requested to attend a meeting on **Thursday evening in the church (front, left hand side) from 7.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m.**

As in the case of the Adoration Group's meeting above, the purpose of this meeting is to review the rotas and fill in any gaps that may be present for some of the Masses and to sort out any other difficulties.

Deaths – Month's Minds – Anniversaries

Deaths: Frank Brennan, 19 Thomas Square
Margaret Byrne, Waterford

Anniversaries: Ann Coffey (Sat 6.30pm); Mary & Patrick Campion (Johnswell 10am); Nan, Willie & Noel Meany (Sun 10.30am); Ken Hogan (Dunmore 11am); Martin Brennan (Sun 12 Noon); James O'Leary (Sun 7.30pm); Bridget Culleton; Agnes Dermody; Kathleen Dillon; Mary & Turlough Hoban; Jim Carew; Bridget & Michael Long; Jim O'Hara; Frank & Margaret Wall.

Eucharistic Ministers For Next Weekend – Panel 2 Readers for Next Weekend – 26

8.00 a.m. Mass	
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 Claire Walsh
Dunmore 11.00 a.m.	Pierce Lennon/Liam Maddock

O'Loughlin Gaels Lotto Results

Numbers: 2; 4; 11; 12. Bonus: 22. No Jackpot winner. Next Week's Prize Fund: €6,000.00 (Jackpot plus €4,000.00 bonus).

Richard Quirke Support Fund

The Committee of the *Richard Quirke Support Fund* would like to thank you for your generosity in respect of the recent concert St. John's Church.

Coffee Morning

The Presentation Associates invite you to a coffee morning in St. Mary's Day Care Centre, Haughney Green on Friday May 29th from 10.30am to 12 noon. Proceeds in aid of the Presentation Sisters Mission in the Philippines. Bring a friend – your support would be very much appreciated.

Charitable Donations

We request that any outstanding PAYE documentation under the scheme for *Donations To Eligible Charities* would be returned this week. Thank you for your generous support and your cooperation in this matter.

Forum Pastoral Council

The first meeting of the Middle Deanery Pastoral Council of the Forum took place in Peace in Christ on Wednesday, 13th May. This meeting was chaired by Canon Patrick Dalton, Vicar Forane.

Bishop Freeman gave a very inspiring address about the reason for the Forum and its role in the Diocese. The meeting was attended by Mary O'Hanlon, the Parish Representative from this Parish, and by one of the Deanery priest representatives, and a religious representative.

The next meeting of this DPC will take place on 10th June.

Johnswell Active Retirement

Johnswell Active Retirement Day Trip will take place Wednesday May 27th from Ballyfoyle Church at 8.30am sharp to Wexford. Phone 7761161 after 7pm for bookings.

Story of a Dream, Ray Cleere

This is a publication to mark the 150th anniversary of St. Mary's Cathedral on sale at Watergate, Rothe House and at Kilkenny Book Shops. €10.00. All proceeds going to the Cystic Fibrosis Association of Ireland.

Questions people ask

Q. What does the Ascension add to the Resurrection of Jesus? Surely it means something more than his body floating up into the sky?

A. Forty days in the Bible is a block of time when something important is happening. These days from Easter to Ascension were an important transition period for the disciples. Jesus was no longer physically present with them but in various appearances he showed that he had not deserted them, and he prepared them to continue his mission. The Ascension, on the fortieth day, marks the closure of this period of transition. After some days of prayerful preparation they would receive the power of the Holy Spirit to commence their new mission.

Fr Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap