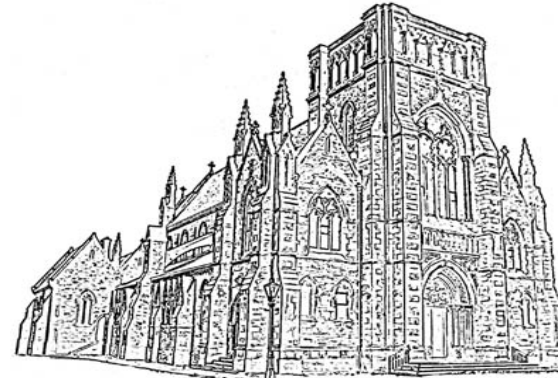


## Some Facts Regarding the Eucharistic Congress

Up to the 1920s the Eucharistic Congresses focussed primarily on the Eucharist itself (liturgy, adoration, real presence, frequent communion etc.).

- From the 1920s on there was a change of emphasis. While the Sacrament of the Eucharist and the Sacrifice of the Mass remained central to the Congress, there was also a growing emphasis on what it meant to be a Eucharistic people in the particular context of place and time.
- The last two Congresses were held in: 2004 - Guadalajara (Mexico); 2008 - Quebec City (Canada).
- The 2012 Congress in Dublin will be the 50th International Eucharistic Congress will mark the 50th anniversary of the inauguration of the Second Vatican Council.
- The Pope decides the theme for each Eucharistic Congress, taking into account the recommendations of the theological commission established by the Bishop of the host diocese.
- Once the theme for the Congress has been decided, a theological commission appointed by Archbishop Diarmuid Martin in consultation with the Episcopal conference, will prepare the conference document. This will be a short booklet, which will explore the theme and suggest ways in which it can be developed in the programme of evangelisation and catechesis which will take place in each diocese in Ireland, and further afield.
- A Congress logo will be designed and a Congress 'hymn' will be prepared to give expression to the theme.
- Events at the last International Eucharistic Congress in Quebec included:
  - A daily celebration of the Eucharist
  - Talks, reflections and workshops on the meaning of the Eucharist and its implications for Christian living
  - A packed lunch shared by 13,000 participants.
  - Choral concerts and plays
  - Dedicated venues for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.
  - A gathering place for young people
  - A Blessed Sacrament procession through the streets of Quebec City.
  - A closing Mass with a telecast from Pope Benedict.

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## **Pentecost Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2009**

### **Eucharistic Congress will take place in Ireland in 2012**

The Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, announced last June that the next International Eucharistic Congress will take place in Ireland in 2012. The Congress will be hosted in Dublin.

While the main events will take place in Dublin, the Congress is intended to provide the whole Church, both here in Ireland and further afield, with an opportunity to deepen our faith in the Eucharist and our understanding of its implications for our daily living.

With this in mind it is envisaged that a programme of evangelisation, catechesis, solidarity and celebration will take place in every diocese in the country in the two-year period running up to the Congress.

The Irish Episcopal Conference has agreed to the holding of a *special collection in every Church in Ireland on the Feast of Corpus Christi*, which falls this year on Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> June.

(see back page for facts re. Eucharistic Congress)

## Deaths – Month's Minds – Anniversaries

**Deaths:** Nancy Cummins, 13 O'Loughlin Road  
Anthony Brennan, Ballyragget Road, Dunmore  
Peggy Ward, late of Dublin and Dundalk

**Anniversaries:** Ian Kirwan (Sat 6.30pm); Thomas Comerford (Johnswell 10am); John & Margaret Nolan (Sun 10.30am); Patrick Mahoney (Sun 12 Noon); Loughlin O'Keeffe (Sun 7.30pm); Mary Allen; Patrick Bambrick; Sarah & Sheila Cleary; Stephen, Mary-Ellen & James Comerford; Jack Cullen; William Deegan; Anne & Eddie Hogan; John Kimmins; Joseph Maher; Charlie Mallon; Bridget McEvoy; Elizabeth Meehan; James & Mary O'Brien; Pat Smyth.

## Eucharistic Ministers For Next Weekend – Panel 1

### Readers for Next Weekend – 30

8.00 a.m. Mass	Ann Noonan
10.30 a.m.	Peggy Wall/Declan Wall
12.00 noon	Tony Dalton
7.30 p.m.	Ann Marie Grace
Johnswell 10.00 a.m.	Paul McKiernan
Dunmore 11.00 a.m.	Niamh Holohan/Liz O'Gorman

## O'Loughlin Gaels Lotto Results

Numbers: 4; 7; 14; 15. Bonus: 10. No Jackpot winner. Next Week's Prize Fund: €6,800.00 (Jackpot plus €4,000.00 bonus).

## St. John's Prayer Group

St. John's Prayer Group Mass will be held in the Day care Centre on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June. All are welcome to attend.

## Adorers for Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament

Very soon, we will be canvassing for extra people to commit themselves to doing one hour's adoration each week.  
See next week's newsletter for details.

## Reminder: Cemetery Masses

### Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June

→ 7.30 p.m. St Kieran's Cemetery Mass.

### Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> July

→ 7.30 p.m. Dunmore & Johnswell Cemetery Masses.

## Pilgrimage to Knock

The Annual Mill Hill Missionaries Pilgrimage to Knock will take place Saturday June 13<sup>th</sup>. For further information please contact 056-7721482.

## Annual Church Gate Collection

The Annual Church Door Collection for the children with special educational needs in Ossory will be taken up at all Masses next weekend. The money collected each year is targeted for special needs projects which require additional funding to be raised locally. These projects are for children attending Special Needs Schools and availing of support services in the Diocese. Last year we supported projects for 71 children with mild learning disabilities. Please support generously.

## Aware Information & Support

A confidential Aware Information & Support group meeting for relatives of those with depression will take place on Wednesday June 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 8 pm in St. Mary's Centre, Haughney Green, Kilkenny. For more information contact Fran at Aware on 086 8200938

## Westcourt News

The June Mass for the canonisation of Blessed Edmund Rice will be celebrated in Westcourt on Monday June 1<sup>st</sup> at 8pm. The members of Comhaltas Ceolteoir Eireann are preparing the liturgy for this Mass. All are cordially invited to join in this special celebration.