

YOUTH NEWS - HAVE YOUR SAY!
ST JOHN'S PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL WANTS TO
HEAR FROM YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 14-15
AND WHAT'S MORE WE WANT TO DO SOMETHING
ABOUT IT!
IF YOU WANT TO GET INVOLVED MORE DETAILS ARE
AVAILABLE AT ST JOHN'S CHURCH, OR
COME AND MEET OTHER YOUNG PEOPLE
THIS THURSDAY, 11TH JUNE, FROM 6-8 PM
AT ST JOHN'S DAY-CARE CENTRE

An Unholy Distance

The heavenly honorific of today's feast puts me in mind of the teacher who told her six-year-olds to write to God and ask him a question. I'm sure he smiled at Jeannie's. She wrote, 'Dear God, in bible times did they really talk that fancy?'

Jesus never spoke 'fancy' about his Father. So, why should we? Two possibilities come to mind. First, we want to be reverential. The problem here, however, is that the language we use when 'reverential' can be all head and no heart. Consequently, we put God at a distance he neither wants nor observes. Love draws, it doesn't repel. So, if we call God a trinity, how can we call love an abstraction?

Second, we don't have a clue who, or what, God is. This may be truer than we feel comfortable admitting. So we resort to abstraction. Now for some peculiar reason the more abstractly you present something the more profound some people think you are. I tend to think the opposite. It's only when you know something inside out that you can describe it simply. Profundity and simplicity go hand-in-hand, not profundity and abstraction – unless, of course, God can be reduced to a mathematical equation.

So how then to talk of God? Well if the purpose is to reveal God in some way, talk is not the best way to go about it. Example is. Just as surely as talk of love can never replace the real thing, so 'trinity' can never replace the simplicity of Father, Son and the Love between them.

ST JOHN'S PARISH – KILKENNY



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The Most Holy Trinity 7th June 2009

Questions People Ask

Q: Would it make any difference if I believed in one God without the complications of three divine persons?

A: It would matter hugely.

By neglecting the doctrine of the Blessed Trinity you would miss the revelation of the inner life of God as revealed in the teaching of Jesus, far advanced beyond the Old Testament.

Nor could one understand the divinity of Jesus, nor the sacrifice of Jesus in offering himself freely to the Father, nor the sending of the Holy Spirit, nor the movement of the Mass which is going to the Father, in and through the Son, by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Deaths – Month's Minds – Anniversaries

Deaths: Mary Keogh, 86 The Fairways
Sr. Mary Annette Corkery, Longford (formerly Peace in Christ)
Angela Delaney, 15 Newpark Close

Anniversaries: Michael Owens (Sat 6.30pm); John Kimmins (Sun 8.00am); Patrick & Katherine Brennan (Sun 10.30am); Patrick Fogarty (Sun 12 Noon); Fr. Willie Meany (Sun 7.30pm); Nora Barcoe; Patrick & Hannah Dineen; Bridget, Sheila, Maureen & Michael Dowling; Jimmy Hogan; Sean Kelly; Maura Kehoe; Nora Kinsella; Mary Lanigan; Tom Murphy; Ellen Rowe; Michael & John Barry.

Eucharistic Ministers For Next Weekend – Panel 2 Readers for Next Weekend – 32

8.00 a.m. Mass	
10.30 a.m.	Paula Rodgers/Seamus Mahony
12.00 noon	Ann Marie Walsh/Carol McEnery
7.30 p.m.	Marie Fogarty
Johnswell 10.00 a.m.	Betsy Rice/Teresa Dowling
Dunmore 11.00 a.m.	Edie Holohan/Liz Holohan

Eucharistic Ministers

Rotas for Eucharistic Ministers can be collected in the sacristy after all masses.

Monthly Rosary

The Monthly Rosary on the first Sunday in James Green at the Statue of our Lady of Kilkenny continues this Sunday 7th June at 3pm. All are welcome.

Irish Red Cross

The Annual Collection for the Kilkenny City Branch of the Irish Red Cross will take place this weekend. Please support generously.

Adoration Chapel in St John's

We are urgently seeking volunteers to sign-up for **one hour's Adoration** in the Adoration Room in St John's.

The Blessed Sacrament is exposed Tuesday to Friday from 8.00 a.m. to 10.00 p.m. each day.

We thank all the many volunteers who are signed-up to worship for their specific hour. Some hours during the week are not signed-up for adequately.

Next Sunday you will have the opportunity to commit yourself to one specific hour each week by signing your name in the volunteers book as you leave church after all masses. We look forward to a generous response and commitment from our parishioners.

Second Collection

As announced last week the Second Collection at all Masses throughout the country next weekend will be the Eucharistic Congress 2012.

Pastoral Council

A meeting of Pastoral Councils of all city parishes will take place on Monday week (15th June) in St Patrick's Parish Centre in Loughboy at 7.30 p.m.

Pilgrimage to Knock

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

Table Quiz

A table quiz in aid of Our Lady's Hospital for Sick Children will take place in Ryans of Friary St on Monday June 8th at 9.30 PM. All are welcome.

Cemetery Masses

Friday 26th June

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

Friday, 3rd July

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