

The Year Of The Priest

Pope Benedict XVI has dedicated a *Year for Priests* which will commence on the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on the **19th June**, concluding with the celebration of the same Feast on the **11th June 2010**.

By having such a Year as this the Holy Father has sought to “*encourage the striving for spiritual perfection of priests, on which, above all, the effectiveness of their ministry depends*”, it is noteworthy that the occasion coincides with the 150th anniversary of the death of the saintly Curé of Ars.

In choosing to declare St. John Mary Vianney as “*patron of all the priests of the world*”, the Holy Father invites us to reflect upon the terrain of his spiritual life and his teaching, conveying them in such a way that every priest will look to him as an older brother and an intercessor, one who also shared the burden of the day as well as the joy of responding with generosity to Him who chose him for the service of the Gospel and of his contemporaries.

The Holy Father will preside at the celebration of Vespers at St. Peter’s Basilica on the 19th June next, in the presence of the reliquary of the heart of the Curé of Ars

From ancient times people have found consolation in visiting the tombs of their deceased loved ones, and Christians have gone on pilgrimage to venerate the Saints at the sanctuaries dedicated to them.

This year, the *Ossory Vocations Team* have organised a pilgrimage to Ars – the shrine of St John Vianny, Patron Saint of Priests. Pilgrimage tour will take in the following:

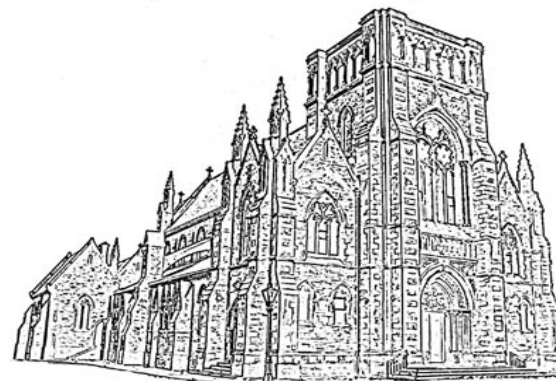
- Taize – the centre of Reconciliation and Chants;
- Paray La Monial – shrine of St Margaret Mary & Basilica of the Sacred Heart;
- La Salette – site of the Apparition of Our Lady;
- Cluny – centre of Monastic Prayer.

Total for Flights, Hotel, Tours is €75.

Priests Directors: Frs Willie Purcell, Raymond Dempsey & Tom Corcoran.

Booking: Fr Willie Purcell, 087-628 6858 or Manning Travel, High Street, Kilkenny 056-772 2950.

ST JOHN’S PARISH – KILKENNY



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The Body and Blood of Christ – “Corpus Christi” 14th June 2009

Adoration Chapel in St John’s

As we informed you last week, 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 in this room from Tuesday to Friday , 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.

This weekend we invite you to avail of 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.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter and we look forward to a generous response and commitment from our parishioners.

Deaths – Month's Minds – Anniversaries

Deaths: Frances Kearney, Kells Road
Kathleen Curran, 18 De La Salle Place
Seamus Dowling, Fr. Murphy Square
Jim Langton, late of Fr. Sheridan Place
Agnes Whelan, 75 Beechwood Park, Carlow -
(formerly Knockadreen Castlewarren)

Anniversaries: Frank & Nellie Malone (Sat 6.30pm); Greta & Simon Brennan (Sun 10am Johnswell); Martha & Patrick Grace (Sun 10.30am); Mary Gilmartin (Sun 12 Noon); Michael Brett (Sun 7.30pm); Margaret Anderson; Mary Connery; Patricia Corr; Kit Daly; Catherine & John Dwyer; Mary Harris; Dom Malone; Martin Rowe.

Eucharistic Ministers For Next Weekend – Panel 1

Readers for Next Weekend – 43

8.00 a.m. Mass	Ann Noonan
10.30 a.m.	Awele Onelum
12.00 Noon	Bobbie Lahart
7.30 p.m.	Ann Fitzpatrick
Johnswell 10.00 a.m.	First Communion Group
Dunmore 11.00 a.m.	Christy Murray/Catriona McDermott

O'Loughlin Gaels Lotto Results

Numbers: 7; 9; 14; 18. Bonus: 22. No Jackpot winner. 10 x \$40 winners.
Next Week's Prize Fund: €7,600.00 (Jackpot plus €4,000.00 bonus).

Divine Mercy

There will be an hour of prayer and adoration in honour of Divine Mercy in St. Mary's Cathedral on Sunday 14th from 3pm to 4pm. All are welcome.

Second Collection

The Second Collection at all Masses throughout the country this weekend is in aid of the Eucharistic Congress 2012 to be held in Ireland. This is the first of three collections to be taken for this purpose on Corpus Christi in 2009, 2010 and 2011.

Pastoral Council

A meeting of Pastoral Councils of all city parishes will take place this Monday in St Patrick's Parish Centre in Loughboy at 7.30 p.m.

Lourdes Invalid Fund

The second collection at all Masses next weekend will go to the Ossory Lourdes Invalid Fund.

St. John's Parish Outing

St. John's Parish Outing will take place on Wednesday 8th July. Buses will leave from O'Loughlin Gaels Club House at 11am. Tickets will be available from Lil: 7721126; Carmel: 7767825; Billie: 7764321; Pat 087-127 9306; Tom:7722858; Martin:7765701.

HSE Drugs/HIV Helpline

The HSE Drugs/HIV Helpline- 1800 459 459 offers free and confidential support, information, guidance and referral to anyone with a question or concern related to drug or alcohol use and/or HIV.

The Helpline is non-directive and offers callers a space to explore their situation and their needs and formulate a plan towards improving that. The Helpline is available from Monday to Friday between 10am and 5pm.

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.

Watergate Theatre

A concert will take place on Friday 19th June at 8pm in the Watergate Theatre featuring Alva with special guests – The Kilkenny Gospel Choir & The Black Abbey Girls Choir. This promises to be a great night out. Tickets €20 or €18 for groups, OAPS, and unwaged. All tickets and CD profits will be donated to the Kilkenny Gospel Choir Outreach Fund.