

Saints of July

During the month of July here in Ireland we celebrate the feasts of St Oliver Plunkett, St Kilian and St Declan. St Oliver Plunkett (July 1st) was from Irish nobility whose family supported King Charles 1. Ordained in Rome in 1654 he was appointed Archbishop of Armagh in 1669. He was arrested and tried in 1679 for conspiring against the state. Found guilty of high treason for promoting the catholic faith he was condemned to a gruesome death at Tyburn on 1 July 1681. He was the last Catholic to die for his faith at Tyburn and the first Irish martyr to be beatified. St Kilian (8th July) left Ireland with eleven companions and became apostle of Thuringia and Eastern Franconia. With two others in was put to death c 688. St Declan (24th July) was of noble blood and was baptised by Colman. He studied and was ordained priest in Europe and returned to Ardmore and evangelised the Decies country.

John's Quay Library News

Kilkenny 400 historic quiz runs throughout the month of July. Question sheets will be available from 1st July - 31st July in the City Library, John's Quay, and on www.kilkennylibrary.ie. Closing date for entries: Friday 7th August. Prize: €50. Family Story time with Mary Cradock will take place Saturday 11th July 11.30-12pm. All are welcome.

'**Ability Matters**' -A Free information morning on mobility aids for daily living will be held in Loughboy Library from 11-1pm on Monday 22nd June. All are welcome.

'**Blast off with Books**' Summer Reading challenge for children begins 29th June in all libraries. Call to the desk for a card.

'**Kilkenny et Al**' photographic exhibition by Noel Mealy continues in City Library, John's Quay until 27th June. The exhibition includes a stunning limited edition piece created specially to commemorate the Kilkenny 400 celebrations. Call in during opening hours.

Vita

Vita (formerly Refugee Trust International) is an Irish Charity working in Africa with families affected by hunger and climate change. Vita will be holding a Flag Day in Kilkenny City on Thursday 9th July 2009.

Vita was established in 1989 by Frs. Kevin Doheny and Norman Fitzgerald. Kilkenny has always shown strong support for Vita's work and the Vita Charity Shop is located on Parliament Street.

ST JOHN'S PARISH – KILKENNY



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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 5th July 2009

Comboni Missionaries Visit Our Parish

Born at Limone on Lake Garda in present-day northern Italy, Blessed Daniel Comboni (1831 – 1881) was consumed by an ardent love for 'the poorest and most abandoned of the earth'.

He founded his Congregation of missionary priests, brothers and sisters in Verona, Italy for the sole purpose of bringing the light of the gospel to those who did not yet know Jesus.

This weekend, with diocesan approval, two *Comboni Missionaries* (a.k.a. *Verona Fathers*), Fr Patrick Burns and Fr Rinaldo Ronzani, are visiting the parish churches and addressing the congregation at all masses. We welcome them and assure them of our support in whatever way possible.

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.

Deaths – Month's Minds – Anniversaries

Death's: Ann Comerford, 41 Marble Crest
Moira Christopher, Parnell Street
Martin Kehoe, Newtown, New Orchard and Clonmel

Month's Mind: Ann Cummins (Sun 12 Noon)

Anniversaries: Patrick Shortt (Sat 6.30pm); Bridie Rowe (Sun 8am); John Dowling (Johnswell Sun 10am); Christopher Pratt (Sun 10.30am); Nancy Murphy (Dunmore Sun 11am); Liam & Patsy Davitt (Sun 7.30pm); Richard Dunne; Harry Emery; Marie Loli Mazon; Richard McEvoy; John Purcell; Josie Purcell; Peg Rowe; Edward Kennedy; Alice Gallagher; Kathleen Mulhall.

Eucharistic Ministers For Next Weekend – Panel 2 Readers for Next Weekend – 50

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.	Louise Whitely/Fiona Whitely
Dunmore 11.00 a.m.	Fiona McGeary/Nora Guilfoyle

O'Loughlin Gaels Lotto Results

Numbers: 3; 12; 20; 27. Bonus: 5. No Jackpot winner. 10 x \$40 winners.
Next Week's Prize Fund: €8,800.00 (Jackpot plus €4,000.00 bonus).

Monthly Rosary

The Monthly Rosary on the First Sunday in James Green at the Statue of Our Lady continues this Sunday 5th July at 3pm. All are welcome.

Sacrament of Reconciliation for Polish Community

Thursday: 5.30pm – 6.30pm

Sunday: 6.30pm 7.30pm

Sakrament Spowiedzi Sw. po polsku w parafii St. John:

(w okresie od 28.06-16.08.2009)

Czwartek 5.30-6.30 p.m.

Niedziela 6.30-7.30 p.m.

W kazdym innym przypadku prosze o indywidualny kontakt:

tel. 056-772 1072,

badz w urzedzie parafialnym.

Thanks

Thanks to all who helped prepare Dunmore and Johnswell Cemeteries for the annual Graveyard Masses. It was great to see so many families present for this annual Mass for those buried in these two parish cemeteries.

School Holidays

We wish all from our parish schools a pleasant, safe and restful holiday. Thanks to all who work so hard in our schools to lead and guide our young people. We hope you enjoy the weeks of rest and relaxation and return full of energy and enthusiasm in September.

Lough Derg

Buggy's Coached 57th Anniversary Pilgrimage to Lough Derg will leave Kilkenny on Sun. 19th July, departing at 7am from the Parade and returning Tues. 21st July. Booking before July 14th – for further details and pick up points contact 056-774441264 or 087-253 5989 – denis@buggy.ie

St Vincent de Paul Kilkenny

The Vincent de Paul Society are urgently seeking suitable volunteers to assist in their charity shop Fred's Fashions, Butt's Green, during the holiday period. Experience in retail not. If you have a minimum of three hours a week and would like to join our team contact the shop on 056 770 2637.

Knock Shrine

Bus to Knock Shrine, Thur. 23rd July leaving EBS, Patrick Street, at 7.30 a.m. Fare €20. Call Pauline 7765540; Eileen 7763259; Marian 7762247.