

Order Of Malta

The Order Of Malta will hold their annual church gate collection next weekend.

Knock Summer Youth Festival 2009

To date 22 young people from the Diocese will be travelling to Knock for the Youth Festival. I will meet with them at the weekend and at our Diocesan gathering on Sunday in Knock. It is hoped that these young people will now form part of the Young Adult Faith Ministry in our Diocese. Please keep the Knock Youth Festival and the young people from our Diocese in your prayers and the prayers of your congregations this weekend. Who knows with Gods help this weekend might bring more vocations to our Diocese. Thank you for your prayers and support. Fr. Willie Purcell. Knock Youth Festival - Ossory Director.

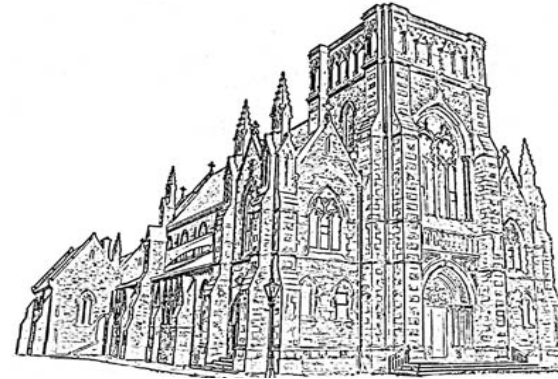
Ossory Youth

Ossory Youth are currently recruiting young people for their annual summer outdoor adventure programme for 12-14 years olds. The programme comprises six days of land and water based outdoor activities running from Mon Aug 10th to Tues Aug 25th and including an overnight trip to Carlingford Adventure Centre, Co. Louth. The programme cost is €120.00. For booking or more information contact Patrick Bookle, Ossory Youth at 056 7761200 or 087 2129006 or pbookle@ossoryyouth.com.

Monastic Experience

Weekend for Women
Carmelite Monastery, Delgany, Co. Wicklow.
Single women interested in finding out more about A Carmelite Monastic Vocation are invited to join in our life of prayer, liturgy and work for the weekend 28th - 30th August. preferred age 25 – 45.
For more information visit our website:
www.carmelitemonasterydelgany.ie
email: contact@carmelitemonasterydelgany.ie
or write to:
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Johnswell to host Kilkenny Arts Festival exhibition

As part of this year's Kilkenny Arts Festival programme there will be an exhibition from August 8th – 16th in Johnswell Hall. The exhibition is called "Townlands" and is an exploration of the history and landscape of the Civil Parish of Rathcoole. This exhibition is part of an ongoing community-based project led by local artists Alan Counihan and Gypsy Ray. The project will gather local field-names and folklore and give them creative expression. Community participation will be central to its success. For more details or to track this project visit : <http://Townlands1.wordpress.com>
Exhibition details: Venue :Johnswell Community Hall. Time: 11am – 6 pm

Foulkstown Cemetery Mass

The annual Cemetery Mass in Foulkstown will be celebrated at 7.30 p.m. this Thursday.

Deaths – Month’s Minds – Anniversaries

Recently Decd: Clare Drennan, Skeoughvosteen.

Anniversaries: Peter Daly (Sat 6.30pm); James Gilmartin (Sun 10.30am); Tony McEvoy (Dunmore Sun 11am); Richard White (Sun 12 Noon); Maureen O’Brien (Sun 7.30pm); Michael McEvoy (Sat 10.30am); Susan Bergin; Martin Brophy; Milo Butler; Larry Connery; Catherine, James & Patrick Fogarty; Margaret & Ellen Fogarty; Martin & Bridget Keane; Paddy Kirwan; Mary & Edward Kealy; Catherine Moriarty; Linda Reade; Doreen Tallent; Mary Tobin.

Eucharistic Ministers For Next Weekend – Panel 1

Readers for Next Weekend – 56

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.	Tom Lawlor/Collette Scarrif Lawlor
Dunmore 11.00 a.m.	Niamh Holohan/Liz O’Gorman

O’Loughlin Gaels Lotto Results

Numbers: 5; 8; 16; 28. Bonus: 6. No Jackpot winner. 10 x \$40 winners.
Next Week’s Prize Fund: €10,000.00. (Jackpot plus €4,000.00 bonus).

Clonmacnois Youth 2000 Summer Festival

Festival will take place near the ancient ruins of the Clonmacnois monastic site in Co Offaly. It’s for young people age 16-35, and will take place the weekend of Thursday 13th – Sunday 16th August. This is a donation-only retreat. Free buses are available throughout the country.

Sad To Say . . .

It’s sad to say that there’s a need once again to remind you to be very careful about parking your car in our car parks during church services. This applies to all three churches in St John’s Parish.

Please be aware that occasionally there may be ‘have-a-go’ thieves roaming through our car parks during church services who have no conscience in breaking a window if they see an opportunity of grabbing something of value. Never leave valuables of any kind on view. Use the boot to conceal items. Lock all doors and activate the alarm.

John's Quay Library News

Kilkenny 400 historic quiz continues until 31st July.. Question sheets are available in the City Library, John's Quay, and on www.kilkennylibrary.ie. Closing date for entries: Friday 7th August. Prize: €50.

In Need of Friends

Someone once pointed out that the best time to make friends is before you need them. Paul’s passionate plea for unity in today’s Second Reading (Eph 4:1-6) is a reminder of that fact. Paul, of course, doesn’t package his plea in such self-serving terms. However, in its own street-wise fashion the remark is true. Unity is good, disunity is not. It’s as simple as that.

Paul uses language here that many people, particularly men perhaps, may find difficult to identify with in terms of relating to others. He pleads for ‘humility’, ‘gentleness’, ‘patience’ and that awful thing called ‘love’. In an age when, in the name of so-called entertainment, we are bombarded with images of just the opposite of these – anger, hate, violence and abuse – we might be pardoned for wondering which is the norm in life: humility or arrogance, gentleness or aggression, patience or frenzy, love or hate. A constant diet of grim actors on TV, and on the big screen, aping antisocial antics as if life consisted of never-ending rows fuelled by mindless jealousy can result in a build-up of bile.

So, whether we suffer from indigestion or not is up to us. Which do we want: to be hurtful or helpful, coarse or courteous, aggressive or friendly? Those who feed on anger, hate and violence are no strangers to fear. These take more out of us than they give. It’s the caring, the friendship and the love that makes life pleasant and fulfilling.

Ask any angry, jealous and friendless role model you can find.