

**HERE WE GO
FOR
FOUR IN A ROW!**

With all due regard to our Tipperary friends, we wish Kilkenny's Minor and Senior Teams the very best of luck in this weekend's All Ireland Hurling Finals. Our special good wishes go to our parish's O'Loughlin Gaels GAA Club players – Martin Comerford and Brian Hogan.

Come on lads, make it the "Four In A Row."

Fr Richard – High Nelly – Pat Shortis

Now, there's a combination!

By the time you read this, we hope all eleven "High Nelly" cyclists will have safely (albeit a little sorely!) reached their destination in Dublin.

This is part of the *King Of The Castle* election fundraiser, where local celebrity, Mr Pat Shortis, is representing our O'Loughlin's GAA Club and vying for the accolade of Kingship.

The peleton is one of the main elements of the O'Loughlin's fundraising efforts. On Saturday morning at 8.00 a.m. they set off on their 7 – 8 hour journey.

The group was led by Andy Comerford, accompanied by his brother, Jimmy, Paddy and Rick Leydon, Dinny Tyrell, John Joe Cullen, Joe Nolan, Liam Leydon, Alan O'Meara, Anthony Bergin, and of course, our own Fr Richard Scriven.

After reaching Joels on the Naas Road, they hope to make RTE studios in time for Up For The Match later on in the evening. Congratulations and well done to all concerned.

Dochas Nasamu - Our Irish Run Orphanage

... are holding a used clothing appeal of ladies, gents and children's clothes, shoes, household linens, on Thursday (10th) at St John's Church (inside wall to left of main gates). Please contact Marie at 087 6890995.

Kilkenny Citizens Information Centre

Kilkenny Citizens Information Centre provides a free and confidential information service to anyone who needs it. We are currently seeking *Volunteer Information Givers* to help with this work.

This would involve a commitment of about three hours a week and a commitment of a period of at least two years.

Please contact our Development Manager at 056-7752676 for more details.

ST JOHN'S PARISH – KILKENNY



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**Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
6th September 2009**

Silver Jubilee

We all join in congratulating Fr Richard Scriven on the Silver Jubilee of his Ordination to the Priesthood. In doing so, we wish him many more years of health, energy and commitment in his priestly ministry.

Some months ago, the Parish Pastoral Council had decided that Parish Celebration of Fr Richard's Jubilee would be on Saturday, August 22nd at the 6.30 p.m. Mass.

However, the parish was approached and requested to postpone this plan, as his family and friends were planning a private surprise celebration to take place the following day, Sunday 23rd.

In deference to this, and out of respect and courtesy for his family and friends, the Pastoral Council agreed to change the date to Saturday, October 17th.

Hence, the Silver Jubilee Parish Celebration will take place on that date at the 6.30 p.m. with concelebrated Mass. His family will be present as our special guests. After Mass, there will be an informal reception in the Parish Day Centre. There is an open invitation for the whole parish to attend both the Mass and the Reception.

Deaths – Month's Minds – Anniversaries

Recently Decd: Natasha Keating, Thomastown;
Eddie Canavan, Swindon, England; formerly 4 Middle
Knock, Dublin Road;

Anniversaries: Joe Doheny (Sat 6.30pm); John Fitzpatrick (Sun 10.00am
Johnswell); William Lanigan (Sun 12 Noon); John & Mary Dunne;
Bridget Kelly; Nan Chatburn; John Buggy; Jack Murphy; Terry Kelly;
Paddy Ryan; George Dowling; Thomas McEvoy; Bridget & James
Geoghegan; Catherine Dwyer; Vincent Nolan; Bernard Doyle;
Jane, Richard & Seamus Shortall; Louise Kealy; Elizabeth O'Rourke;
Owen McDonagh.

Eucharistic Ministers For Next Weekend – Panel

Readers for Next Weekend – 69

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.	Louise & Fiona Whitely
Dunmore 11.00 a.m.	Phil & Esther Comerford

O'Loughlin Gaels Lotto Results

Numbers: 3, 5, 11, 24. Bonus: 12. No Jackpot winner. 10 x Piltown Draw
Tickets or €40.

Next Week's Prize Fund: €12,400. (Jackpot plus €4,000.00 bonus).

Monthly Rosary

At the statue of Our Lady, James Green, this Sunday at 3.00 p.m.

Johnswell

A meeting of Johnswell Active Retirement group will take place in
Johnswell Hall on Wednesday (9th) at 8.00 p.m. All are welcome.

St John's Community Playschool

St John's Community Playschool, one of the longest established pre-school
services in Kilkenny, where qualified, experienced staff cater for 3 – 5 year
olds, have places available for ECCE Government Scheme commencing in
January 2010. Please contact Noreen at 087-6750126 or 056-7761929 to
register.

Ladies Friendship Club

Meetings of Kilkenny Ladies Friendship Club will resume on Wednesday
(9th) at 8.00 p.m. in the Social Services Centre, Waterford Road. Old and
new members will be most welcome.

Castlecomer Community School

Computer night classes will begin in Castlecomer Community School in
September. Classes run for two to two and half hours per night, one night
per week. Contact 086-8230888 for booking information.

Family Communications

The Health Promotion Dept. Of the HSE South are currently planning to
run Family Communications & Self Esteem parenting courses at Dean
Street, Kilkenny, starting Monday 14th September. This 10 week evening
course is designed to help parents explore how to communicate with their
children, to support in the good job they are already doing and provide an
opportunity to talk to other parents.

The course is free and is intended for parents of 9 – 16 year olds.

Kilkenny Archaeological Society

The Kilkenny Archaeological Society will run a Seminar to mark the
centenary of Francis Mac Manus at Rothe House on Saturday, September
12th. Registration at 10.00 a.m., with the concluding session beginning at
2.00 p.m. Seminar fee: €15.