

First Holy Communion – Do this in Memory

We welcome the young people from our schools to mass this weekend for the first of the masses of preparation for the celebration of First Penance and First Holy Communion in our parish. This programme – Do This in Memory – is written by Fr Martin Delaney and Ms Meave Mahon and brings together the school, the home and the parish in the work of preparing for the sacraments. We look forward to the celebrations each month with the young people and we invite you to pray for them as they prepare for this very important and sacred celebration.

Monthly Rosary

The Monthly Rosary on the first Sunday in James Green at the Statue of Our Lady continues this Sunday 4th October at 3pm.

Johnswell Youth Club

Registration for Johnswell Youth Club will take place on Friday 9th October at 9pm. Registration fee €20. Parents must attend for registration and membership is open to 6th Class and secondary school pupils.

Westcourt News

The October Mass for the blessing of Edmund Rice on our lives and for his canonisation will be celebrated in Westcourt on Monday October 5th at 8pm. The members of the Kilkenny Catholic Nurses Guild are preparing the liturgy.

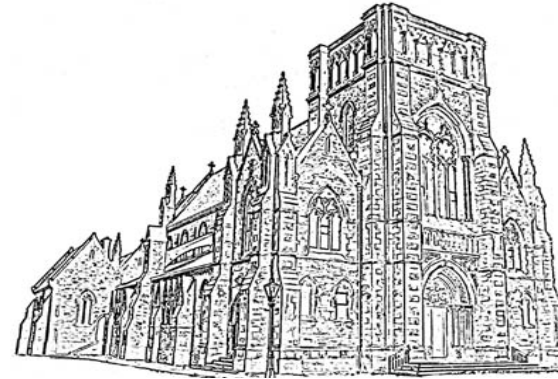
Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of CBS Parents Council will be held Thursday 8th October at 7.30pm at the School in James Street. At 8pm Dr. Vincent Maloney, Child Psychiatrist will give a talk on “Rearing Teenagers – 10 Golden Rules” – All are welcome.

Kilkenny Social Services

The Annual Church Gate Collection for Ossory Social Services will take place 10th/11th October. Your support is needed again to help us to continue to provide a wide range of services to the people of Kilkenny and Diocese of Ossory. During 2008 we supported disadvantaged families, elderly, lone adults without dependants and tried to enhance their coping capabilities. We endeavoured to work closely with all Community Care Services. The Counselling & Support Services worked with pupils at second level, their parents and teachers and is now at full capacity. We support community based groups with both day and night time access to our various facilities which remain fully booked out. Your generosity is much appreciated.

ST JOHN'S PARISH – KILKENNY



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Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time 4th October 2009

Day for Life

The **Day for Life** was initiated by the late Pope John Paul II, to encourage the Catholic Church worldwide to celebrate a day dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. ‘You are precious in my sight’ is the theme for 2009 with a focus on suicide, particularly the pastoral dimensions of this difficult and sensitive subject. There are around 6,000 deaths by suicide in Ireland and the UK each year. In recent years this figure has been falling, except in Northern Ireland and Wales. Building upon last year’s theme of mental health, this year’s Day for Life aims to raise awareness of the vital role to be played by families and supportive parish communities in sustaining those who may be struggling to cope. The Day also aims to help reduce the number of myths associated with mental illness, depression and suicide. It emphasises the importance of encouraging people to seek professional help if they are troubled by persistent suicidal feelings.

Please take a leaflet from the back of the church.

Deaths – Month’s Minds – Anniversaries

Recently Decd: Joe Cleere, 21 Newpark. Funeral Prayers on Monday morning at 10.30am. Removal to St John’s Church for Requiem Mass at 11.30am. Burial in St Kieran’s Cemetery.

John Casey, 4 The Old School Yard, Patrick Street
Kevin Dowling, 34 St. Fiacre’s Place

Anniversaries: Willie Drennan (Sat 6.30pm); Philip Walsh (Sun. 8.00a.m); Mary Murphy (Sun 10.30am); Kathleen Maher (Sun 12 Noon); Alan Bergin (Sun 7.30p.m); Eileen Barry; Mary Delaney; Paul Doheny; Bill Dullard; Christine Egan; Martin Grace; William Flowers; Bridget Mc Kenna; Liam O’Gorman; Philomena O’Hanlon; Ellen O’Neill.

Eucharistic Ministers For Next Weekend – Panel 1

Readers for Next Weekend – 78

8.00 a.m. Mass	Ann Noonan
10.30 a.m.	Peggy Wall/Declan Wall
12.00 Noon	Tony Dalton
7.30 p.m.	Ann Fitzpatrick
Johnswell 10.00 a.m.	Sean Colgan/Marie Clare Walsh
Dunmore 11.00 a.m.	Christy Murray/Catriona Mc Dermott

O’Loughlin Gaels Lotto Results

Numbers: 7; 8; 19; 24. No Jackpot winner. 10 x Piltown Draw Tickets or €40. Next Weeks Prize Fund €14,000.

St. John’s Prayer Group

St. John’s Prayer Group Mass will be held in the Day Care Centre at 8.15pm Wednesday 7th October – all are welcome.

St John’s Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council will meet in St John’s Presbytery on Thursday 8th October at 8.00pm.

Choir Practice

There will be a meeting of musicians in the Church on Wednesday evening at 8.00pm. If you play an instrument and would like to participate in the liturgy to celebrate Fr Scriven’s Silver Jubilee mass on Saturday 17th October you are invited to come along. The next choir practice will be on Tuesday 13th October at 8.00pm.

Johnswell Active Retirement Group

The next meeting of Johnswell Active Retirement Group will take place in Johnswell Hall on Wednesday 7th October at 8pm.

Loreto Secondary School

Applications for enrolment in Loreto Secondary School, Kilkenny for the academic year 2010/2011 should be made between 1st/14th October 2009. Application forms may be obtained from the school office.

Past pupils of Loreto Secondary School, Kilkenny are invited to attend a special mass to celebrate 400 years of Loreto Education in the May Ward tradition. This mass will be celebrated by Bishop Seamus Freeman in St. Mary’s Cathedral on Sunday 11th October at 3pm.

“Be still and know that I am God” – Psalm 46

Christian Meditation will resume in Peace in Christ Retreat House, Sion Road every Wednesday at 4pm commencing Wednesday 7th October 2009. New members very welcome.

King of the Castle

Events for the King of the Castle during this coming week are: Saturday and Sunday after Masses there will be a coffee morning in St John’s Day Centre. Sunday 4th October. Don’t miss the spectacular PIG RACE on John Street on Sunday October 4th. Great family day promised. 144 pigs are for sale at €20 each. Contact O’Loughlin’s for more details. You nominate the name of the pig and the jockey! PS Pigs cost €20, but you can’t bring ‘em home!