

Legion of Mary

The Rosary will be recited at the Grotto on the Callan Road each Sunday during October at 3p.m. All are welcome.

Middle Deanery Pastoral Council

At the third meeting of the Middle Deanery Pastoral Council of the Forum (MDPC) which took place in Peace in Christ in September. There was a lively discussion about how the MDPC can help and support parishes in the Deanery. The process to choose the Chairperson, Coordinator and Secretary for the group was begun and hopefully will be completed at the next meeting on 21st October.

Self Management Programme

Is chronic illness part of your life? Are you a carer or do you have a health condition? Have you, or a family member, experienced, pain, tiredness, stress, loss of mobility, fear for the future, anxiety, depression, low self-esteem, low self-confidence, isolation or any of the many other consequences of long-term and enduring ill-health or disability? Would a Self-Management Programme help?

Self management is about using simple skills to take control of the way you think and feel about your health condition/your caring situation and how you cope in everyday life.

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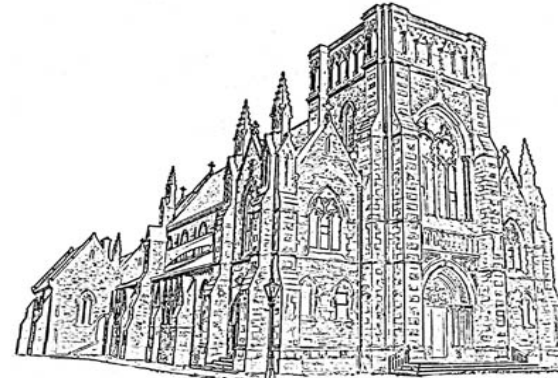
week courses will begin:

- 1) Tuesday 3rd Nov. 10-12.30 Citizens Information Centre. The Parade, Kilkenny.
 - 2) Saturday 7th Nov. 10-12.30 Irish Wheelchair Association Kilkenny
- Further information available from Anne Cody 0879028534 or check the website www.ceartpatientwise.ie

Saint Damien De Veuster (1840-1889)

A saint is one who doesn't put themselves at the center, but rather chooses to go against the grain and live according to the Gospel, said Benedict XVI at the canonisation ceremony in the Vatican on Sunday 11th October. Pope Benedict declared Father Damien, who worked with the lepers on the island of Molakai, a saint of the church. Father Damien, born in Holland, went to Hawaii in 1864 and was ordained priest to work in the diocese of Honolulu. In 1873 he dedicated himself to live and work on the island of Molakai, an island where lepers were sent for life because of their disease. Pope Benedict remarked that Fr Damien continues to challenge us today: "He invites us to open our eyes to the lepers that disfigure the humanity of our brothers and today still calls, more than for our generosity, for the charity of our serving presence." St Damien died on the island of Molakai in 1889.

ST JOHN'S PARISH – KILKENNY



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Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time 18th October 2009

Mission Sunday

Today is Mission Sunday. Each year we are asked by the Church to keep this Sunday as a special day of prayer for the missionary activity of the Church of bringing the message of Christ in all its richness to the ends of the earth. The second collection at mass this weekend is the annual collection for Mission Sunday.

October Envelopes

Thanks to all distributors who have delivered the October and November envelopes in these past few weeks. Thanks to all who have returned the October envelopes. This collection is the parishioners contribution to the support of the bishop and the clergy in the parish.

First Communion Mass

The First Communion children will attend the 6.30pm mass next Saturday in St John's and in Johnswell on Sunday.

Deaths – Month’s Minds – Anniversaries

Recently Decd: Jimmy Bateman, Lilac Lodge, Waterford Road
Jim Gillespie, James Green
Nicola Conway, 6 Burgess Court, Kells
Teresa Cooney, 12 Golf Links Road
Hugh Henebry, Stephen Street
Nora Sweeney, Granges Road
Pat Carpenter, Raheen, Old Leighlin. Funeral Prayers on Sunday evening at 7.30pm in Carpenter Brothers’ Funeral Home, Carlow. Removal to St Lazarian’s Church, Leighlin Bridge. Funeral Mass on Monday at 11.00am.

Anniversaries: Michael Hayden & Thomas Bateman (Sun 10.30am); May Malone (Sun 12 Noon); Michael Cahill & Billy Walsh (Sun 7.30pm); Margaret & Bridget Brennan; John Jack Carroll; May Cummins; John Cunningham; Mary Delaney Sr. & Mary Delaney Jr.; Richard Moore; John & Gertie Murphy; Johnny & Jimmy Purcell; Jack and Peg Robinson; Jack & Vera Shortall.

Eucharistic Ministers For Next Weekend – Panel 1 Readers for Next Weekend – 82

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 Mass
Dunmore 11.00 a.m.	Bernard O’Gorman/Claire Hanrick

O’Loughlin Gaels Lotto Results

Numbers: 4; 6; 9; 17. Bonus No: 18. No Jackpot winner. 10 x Piltown Draw Tickets or €40. Next Weeks Prize Fund €14,800.00.

Retired Teachers Mass

The Annual Mass for retired teachers will take place on Wednesday 21st October in St. Fiacre’s Church at 10.30am. All are welcome – tea, coffee and chat in the adjoining Coffee Dock. All newly retired are invited to attend.

Getting Married

Accord run the Pre Marriage course on behalf of the Diocese of Ossory. Details from their office at St Mary’s Centre, James Street: 056 7722674

Youth 2000 Retreat, St. Kieran’s College

Youth 2000 will be hosting a youth retreat in St. Kieran’s College, from Friday 23rd to Sunday 25th October. All young people aged 16-35 are very welcome to this donation only event. Under 18s must have parental consent – forms available from website below. The weekend will consist of a programme covering Youth Masses, talks, music, workshops, games, etc.. Residential – so please bring a sleeping bag! For more information contact James Mahon on 085-735 1210. Check out www.youth2000.ie.

King of the Castle

Events for the King of the Castle for the week ahead: Sunday 18th – Monster Bingo, O’Loughlin Gaels GAA Club. Monday 19th – Table Quiz in Ryan’s, Friary Street. Tuesday 19th – Variety Concert at the Watergate Theatre, Parliament Street. Don’t forget to support Pat – tickets for the final night €10.00.

Flower Exhibition

Don't miss an exhibition of floral art by Kilkenny Flower Club in St. Lachtain's Church, Freshford next Sat. 24th and Sun. 25th from 10 a.m to 6 p.m. This is conjunction with Freshford Conker Festival.

St. Vincent de Paul Concert

A concert in aid St. Vincent de Paul Society will take place on Sunday 25th of October 2009 at 7.30 pm in St. Mary's Cathedral, Kilkenny. A lively night is assured as music will be provided by St. Patrick's Brass and Reed Band, Kilkenny Gospel Choir and Castlebar Concert Band and friends. Admission is FREE - donations if desired. Everybody welcome.