

Dates for your Diary

Solemn Novena: February 2nd – February 10th

Confirmation: Saturday 25th April

First Holy Communion (St John's): Saturday 16th May

First Holy Communion (Johnswell): Sunday May 17th

Ossory Pilgrimage to Lourdes: May 22nd - 27th

Cemetery Mass – St Kieran's Cemetery: Friday June 26th

Cemetery Mass – Dunmore and Johnswell: Friday July 2nd

Ordinary Time

Today is the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord and on this day begins the period of Ordinary Time in the Church. These are the weeks outside of the major celebrations of the year (Lent, Eastertide, Advent and Christmastide). During this year we will read the Gospel of Mark. There were 110 baptisms in the parish last year and we will remember all of them during the masses of this weekend.

Gifts at the Crib

Thanks to all who left gifts at the crib during Christmas this year. These gifts will be gifted to young people with special needs in an orphanage in Zagreb, Croatia. A local group of young people in Zagreb work with this school and orphanage and are also part of an international pilgrimage to Lourdes at Easter. The Irish Pilgrimage Trust will bring the gifts to Lourdes on Easter Sunday and the Croatian group will bring them on the final leg of their journey by bus to Zagreb.

Calendar

There are still some St John's Parish Calendars available. This parish production has lots of details and contact names and numbers for the parish. It has an accurate up-to-date listing of the masses in all the city churches.

Getting Married in 2009

Pre-Marriage Course can be booked with Accord at St Mary's Centre, James Street, Kilkenny (056 7722674 or email: accord@ossory.ie)

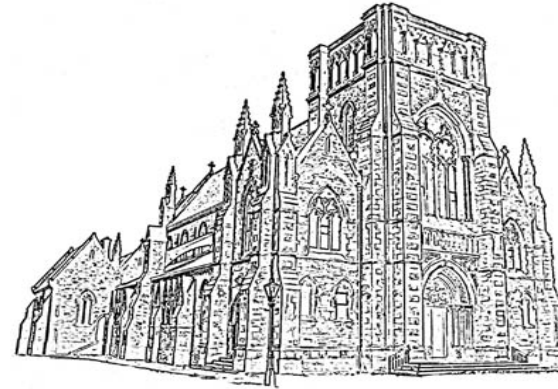
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The Baptism of the Lord 11th January 2009

Be A 'Prayer Friend'

As the Sacrament of Confirmation approaches (April 25th), we are encouraged to keep all the Candidates for Confirmation in our prayers that they receive the Gifts of The Holy Spirit and that these Gifts will bear fruit in the lives of these young people.

The Candidates for Confirmation will be in attendance at the 10.30 a.m. mass this Monday. The congregation will be invited to come forward after the Gospel and 'adopt' a Candidate by taking a Candidate's name and a sample prayer from a basket and undertake to pray daily for that girl or boy until the day of Confirmation itself.

As well as the usual 10.30 a.m. congregation, we invite many more to join in this special occasion, especially parents and sponsors who will undertake to be part of this process which is an important part of the spiritual preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Deaths – Month’s Minds – Anniversaries

Deaths: Eileen Middleton-Carroll, 37 O’Loughlin Court
Catherine Kehoe, Newtown, New Orchard
Michael Shortall, Luton, England (formerly Maudlin Street)
Noel Dowling, Walkin Street
Rita Bourke, 84 Larchfield
Tom Halpin, Stephens Street

Month’s Mind: Marian Tennyson (Sun 7.30pm)

Anniversaries: William, Tess & Joan Murphy (Sat. 6.30pm);
John Joe Nolan (Sun 10.30am); Jim & Mary Doyle (11am Dunmore);
Kate Gaule (Sun 11.30am); Seamus Parsons (Sun 12 Noon); Mike Breen;
Johnny Brennan; John, Mamie & Terry Brett; Jerry Davis; ; Dennis
Guilfoyle; Patrick Holohan; Joe Kavanagh; John Lanigan; Peggy &
Martin Leahy; Michael & Ellen McEvoy; May Murphy; John Nolan;
Christy Purcell; Denis & Mary Purcell; Fintan O’Byrne; Bernard
O’Gorman; Martin Phelan; Richard Whyte.

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8.00 a.m. Mass	Ann Noonan
10.30 a.m.	Louis Feeley/Kathleen Ferguson
12.00 noon	Caroline Mullins
7.30 p.m.	Marie Fogarty
Johnswell 10.00 a.m.	Stephanie Meany
Dunmore 11.00 a.m.	Bernard O’Gorman/Claire Hanrick

Weekly Envelope Collection

Last week’s envelope collection amounted to €495.00. Many thanks.

Irish Wheelchair Association

The Church Gate Collection this weekend is in aid of the Irish Wheelchair Association. Please support generously.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The monthly collection for the St. Vincent de Paul will take place next weekend 17/18th January. Many thanks for your contributions at Christmas which was very generous.

Hour of Adoration

There will be an hour of prayer and adoration in honour of Divine Mercy in St. Mary’s Cathedral on Sunday 11th January from 3 – 4pm. All are welcome.

Irish Blood Transfusion Service

This week the opportunity to give blood will arise at the Rivercourt Hotel on the following dates:

Sunday 11th January from 11.30am to 3.30pm

Monday 12th to Thursday 15th January from 4.30pm to 8.30pm

Please support.

Table Quiz

The Annual Johnswell Badminton Club Table Quiz will take place in Johnswell Hall on January 30th. All are welcome.

St John’s Parish Novena

We are delighted to welcome to the parish again this year the Redemptorist Order who will lead us in the Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour. The novena will take place from February 2nd to February 10th. This was a wonderful faith filled experience last year and we look forward to a eight days of prayer, song and praise again this year. The novena will be held at 7.30am, 10.30am and 7.30pm each weekday and during the schedule of Sunday masses. Please tell your friends – be an apostle and invite them to come along.