

Statement of Bishop Séamus Freeman, SAC., Bishop of Ossory, in response to the publication of the Report of the Commission of Investigation into the sexual abuse of children by priests in the Archdiocese of Dublin.

I take the opportunity to welcome the publication of the Report of the Commission of Investigation into the sexual abuse of children by priests in the Archdiocese of Dublin, published yesterday. This Report will help all of us to face up to our responsibilities in being transparent in all dealings with reports and complaints of child abuse. I personally want to apologise to all who have suffered in any way from the effects of this tragic abuse of trust and subsequent cover-up.

I also want to assure the people of the Diocese of Ossory that our Diocesan Safeguarding Children Policy is fully compliant with the current Statutory and Church Guidelines and we welcome the on-going monitoring of the National Board for Safeguarding Children in the Catholic Church.

It is with great shame and deep shock that I have come to know the extent of this tragic abuse, and I pledge every effort possible and necessary to avoid any such tragedy in the future.

The Diocesan policies can be downloaded at www.ossory.ie

Vita (Refugee Trust)

The Church Gate collection next weekend is in aid of Vita (Refugee Trust) which was founded by the late Fr. Kevin Doheny. Vita supports Women and families in Eritrea & Ethiopia. Please support generously.

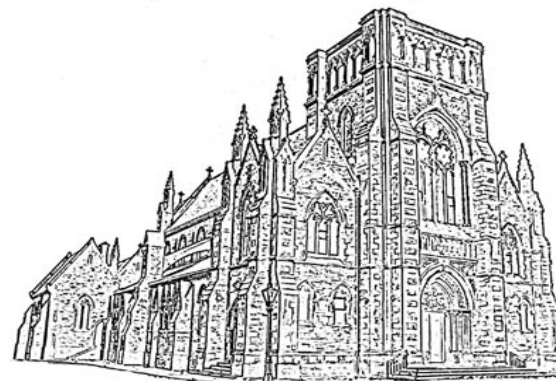
Christmas Youth 2000 Retreat

A National Youth 2000 Christmas Retreat for Young People aged 16 – 35 takes place at Newbridge College, Newbridge, Co Kildare from Friday 18th to Sunday 20th December. An opportunity not to be missed to experience the Catholic faith and meet many new friends! Contact Youth 2000 office at 01-6753690 or 086-302 5442 for further information (Website: www.youth2000.ie) No charge – donation only. Special buses available from some locations.

St. John's Community Playschool

St. John's Community Playschool Ltd., are offering places now for the Free ECCE Childcare Scheme commencing in January 2010. We would strongly encourage you to register your child as soon as possible to avail of these places. Further information contact 087-675 0126 or 056-7761929.

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First Sunday Of Advent 29th November 2009

Christmas Cards

St John's Parish Christmas Cards are available this weekend, and at all masses next weekend – in good time for foreign mailing. With photographs of our three refurbished parish churches, they come in pack of six at the same cost as former years, €5. Cards available at the sacristy or the Presbytery during office hours.

Annual Parish Social

You are all invited as a parish community to support St John's Parish Social on Sunday of this weekend, Nov. 29th, in Langton House Hotel. Tickets (€10) are available in the Sacristy, Presbytery, or from members of the Parish Pastoral Council. All involved in the various ministries in our parish will receive an invite to this evening. In particular this year on this evening we as a parish will mark publically the tremendous work over 23 years of John Joe Bergin as sacristan in St John's. A great night is promised to all: a raffle with great prizes, dancing to El Paso.

Deaths – Month’s Minds – Anniversaries

Recently Decd: Bernadette Clancy, London.
Michael Shields, Freshford Rd.
Maureen Nolan, Fr Murphy Sq. 11 Mass Sun. St Mary’s.
Breda Power, Grove Cuffesgrange. Mass Mon. 11.30.
Johanna Maher, 13 Maudlin St. Prayers in Johnsons
Funeral home on Monday evening at 6.15pm. Removal
to St John’s Church. Funeral Mass on Tuesday morning
at 10.30pm. Burial immediately afterwards in St
Kieran’s Cemetery.

Anniversaries: John Murphy (Sat 6.30pm); Louis & Katie Brennan (Sun 10.00am Johnswell); Nicholas Brennan (Sun 8am); Kitty & Jack Hennessy (Sun 10.30am); Helen Purcell (Sun 11am Dunmore); Oliver Bergin (Sun 12 Noon); Nichola Hayes (Sun 7.30pm); Eileen Barry; Josephine Cummins; Catherine Farrell; Joe & Mary Glennon; Sam & Anna Johnston; Martin Lalor; Mark Lynch; Thomas O’Neill; Martin Phelan; Joseph Emery;

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8.00 a.m. Mass	Ann Noonan
10.30 a.m.	Awele Onelum
12.00 Noon	Bobbie Laharte
7.30 p.m.	Ann Fitzpatrick
Johnswell 10.00 a.m.	Tom Lawlor/Collette Scarrif Lawlor
Dunmore 11.00 a.m.	Christy Murray/Catriona McDermott

O’Loughlin Gaels Lotto Results

Numbers: 12; 22; 26; 27. Bonus No: 18. No Jackpot winner. 10 x Piltown Draw Tickets or €40. Next Weeks Prize Fund €17,200.00.

First Friday

Friday 4th December is the First Friday of December. The sick and the housebound will be visited at the usual times.

Annual Cake Sale

The Annual Cake Sale in Dunmore will be held in the hall after 11am mass this Sunday. Bake a cake or donate a prize for the raffle and join us for a cuppa and a chat. All are welcome.

From ‘dot net’ to ‘dot com’ Parish Website Re-launched

To coincide with the First Sunday of Advent, the beginning of the new Church Calendar Year, St John’s Parish Website has been redesigned and re-launched.

It was found necessary to change from the old address, ‘stjohnskilkenny.net’, to ‘stjohnskilkenny.com’. Please remember this as you add our new address to ‘Favourites’ on your browser’s toolbar. From its ‘Home Page’ you can easily find lots of information that usually prompts many to visit parish sites in the first instance: e.g., current and previous newsletters, local and city mass times, baptismal schedule, parish events calendar, etc.

By using the drop down menus you will find a store of information which we hope will expand and develop in time.

Thanks all who contributed time, hard work and material to this exciting new site. We hope that you will find it interesting, useful and easy to navigate.

Parish Liturgy Group

A meeting of the Parish Liturgy Group will take place in the Presbytery on Thursday of this week at 7.30 p.m. to prepare for the Christmas liturgies. New members with an interest in liturgy are very welcome.

St Fiacre’s Choir CD

The 6.15pm Choir in St Fiacre’s Church are launching their CD called "Moments of Joy and Inspiration" on Tuesday 3rd December. All are welcome. Admission free. CD €10. An ideal Christmas gift.