

Catholic Schools Week 2010

Catholic Schools Week 2010 is celebrated from 31st January until the 7th February. This is an annual celebration that acknowledges the valued place that our Catholic schools have in our parishes and communities. The theme this year is **'The Catholic School – A light for every generation'**. In promoting Catholic Schools Week this year Bishop Freeman expresses sincere thanks to all who give of themselves generously in the service of Catholic Education: *to parents who continually entrust the formation of their children academically, spiritually, and as good human beings to our Catholic Schools; to principals and teachers who day after day are involved in the formation of children and young people; to all who serve on boards of management and parent's councils; those who act as special needs assistants, people who work as secretaries and all who are involved in the cleaning and maintenance of our schools. During this year of the Priest a special word of thanks for the commitment of our priests who through their involvement in boards of management, visitation of the classroom, and through encouraging teachers and parents in the ways of faith fulfil their mission given at ordination to be educators of the faith.* Cardinal Sean Brady, in launching Catholic Schools Week, also emphasised the important contribution that Catholic Schools make to our society, said on the launch day: *In an increasingly diverse culture, the future lies in ensuring that our schools become more authentically Catholic, both in terms of the authentic Catholic doctrine they teach and the Christian environment which they create.*

Korepetycje z języka polskiego

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St. John's Junior School

St. John's Junior School, Michael Street, is currently accepting enrolments for the school year 2010/2011. Application forms are available in the school. Closing date for receipt of applications is Wednesday 17th February 2010.

Westcourt News

The February Mass for the blessings of Edmund Rice on our lives and for his canonisation will be celebrated in Westcourt on Monday, February 1st at 7.30p.m. The Callan Heritage Society are preparing the liturgy for this Mass.

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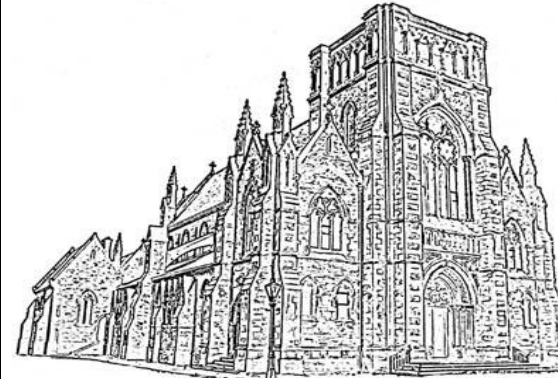
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Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time 31st January 2010

Haiti Earthquake Relief Collection

The second collection at all masses next weekend will go towards the Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated.

St Bridgid's Day

*Anois teacht an Earraigh beidh an lá dúl chun shíneadh,
Is tar eis na féil Bríde ardóigh mé mo sheol.....*

The poem by Antaine Ó Reachtabhra reminds us of the coming of Spring with the arrival of **St Bridgid's Day**, February 1st. Bridgid is co-patron of Ireland with St Patrick. The feast of **The Presentation of the Lord** (Candlemas Day) is on Tuesday and candles will be blessed at the 10.30am mass. Wednesday is the feast of **St Blaise** and throats will be blessed at each of the masses.

Celebration of Mass of Consecrated Life

Bishop Freeman will celebrate Mass of Consecrated Life in St. Mary's Cathedral on Tuesday, 2nd February 2010 at 7.30 p.m. on World Day for Consecrated Life. All are welcome.

Deaths – Month’s Minds – Anniversaries

Deaths: Maureen Teehan, Ballyfoyle
Harry Butler, Coon and formerly Ossory Park

(Johnswell Only – 10.00 a.m. Bridget Corr)

Anniversaries: Philip Larkin (6.30p.m.); Elizabeth White (10.30a.m.); Leahy Family (11.00a.m. Dunmore); Elizabeth Kavanagh (12 Noon); James Brennan (7.30p.m.); May Morris Allen; Peggy Brennan; Jimmy Browne; Peter Browne; Mary & Jack Bourke; Margaret Carroll; Anne Dalton; Mary & Joe Daly; Anne Delaney; Mary & Chris Downey; Maura Gaffney; Michael & Margaret Lennon; Edward McDonald; Séan Maloney; Christina Murphy; Denis & Mary Purcell.

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8.00 a.m. Mass	
10.30 a.m.	Jimmy Connolly/Bernie Dermody
12.00 noon	Peter Dwyer
7.30 p.m.	Ann Marie Grace
Johnswell 10.00 a.m.	Tom Lawlor/Collete Scarrif-Lawlor
Dunmore 11.00 a.m.	Fiona McGeary/Nora Guilfoyle

O’Loughlin Gaels Club Lotto

Numbers: 2; 12; 19; 21; Bonus No. 3. No Jackpot Winner. 10 x Piltown Draw Tickets or €40. Next Weeks Prize Fund: €6,800.00

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stjohnskilkenny.com

Parish Finance Committee

A meeting of the Parish Finance Committee will take place on Thursday at 7.30p.m. in the Presbytery. All members are invited to attend.

Parish Novena 2010

Fr John Hanna, a Redemptorist based in Limerick travelled to St John’s on Wednesday last to discuss plans for the Parish Novena. He will lead the team for the nine days of prayer here in St John’s and will be accompanied by Fr Kieran Brady and Fr Tony Rice. Fr Hanna will visit the parish the weekend of the 13th/14th February to speak at all masses and the team will arrive in the Parish on Sunday 21st February. Please pray for the success of the Novena.

Fire Service

The number for *Fire Service & Emergency services* is as on the Parish Calendar: **999 or 112**. Please ignore the specific number “7722292” given for the Fire Service as this is no longer valid.

O’Loughlin Gaels Mass for Deceased Members

A Mass for the deceased members and benefactors of O’Loughlin Gaels G.A.A. Club will be held in the G.A.A. Club rooms on Monday 1st February at 8.00p.m. All are welcome.

Concert of Hope for Haiti

The Kilkenny Gospel Choir will host a concert for Haiti in St. Mary's Cathedral on Feb 1st at 8 pm. The Concert will include Darren Holden, Don Mescall and a host of other local and national artists. All money raised from the Concert will go to The Sisters of Cluny whose three primary schools have been destroyed in Haiti. As a result of the Earthquake many of their pupils are either dead or orphaned. Sr. Maeve Guinan, Provincial leader of the Sisters of Cluny will speak on the night having just returned from Haiti on Tuesday. All money raised will go directly to Haiti without any over heads or administrative costs. Further information in the Church porch.

St. John’s Prayer Group

St. John’s Prayer Group invites you to a Lecture Series for Lent at St. John’s Day Centre (8pm – 9.30pm). Each meeting will consist of Worship and Praise followed by a Lecture by Fr. Joe Delaney.