

Confirmation 2010

We welcome all who are preparing for Confirmation to Mass this weekend. Preparations are well under way for the celebration of the sacrament on Saturday 29th May at 11.00am. Please pray for who are preparing for the sacrament and we thank all who have taken a candidate in their prayers as *Prayer Friends* during this year.

Fred's Fashions

The St. Vincent de Paul Society are now receiving good quality First Communion Dresses and second hand clothes at their Shop Fred's Fashions, Butts Green. Also if you have 3 hours a week to become a volunteer your service would be greatly appreciated for this greatly rewarding work. Please contact the shop on 770 2637.

Thomastown Lenten Talks

Wednesday 24th February Thomastown Parish will welcome Sr Veronica Mangan, the founder of Aislinn Centre in Ballyragget, to speak on the theme: An Invitation for Change. Talk will be at 7.30pm and all are welcome.

Parent and Toddler Groups

Parent and toddler groups for babies and toddlers up to 5 years of age are being run from 10.30am – 12.30p.m. in the following centres: Fr. McGrath Centre – Mondays; O'Loughlin Community Centre – Wednesdays; Newpark Close Family Resource Centre – Thursdays; Loughboy Area Resource Centre – Fridays. The cost is €2.00 per session. For further information contact Emma on 056-772 3309.

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.

Bible Study

Sr. De Lourdes Sheridan will give a Bible Study course on Tuesday 2nd; 9th; 16th and 23rd March in St. Patrick's Parish Centre, Loughboy from 10a.m. (cup of tea included). For further information contact Kathleen @ 087-246 8443.

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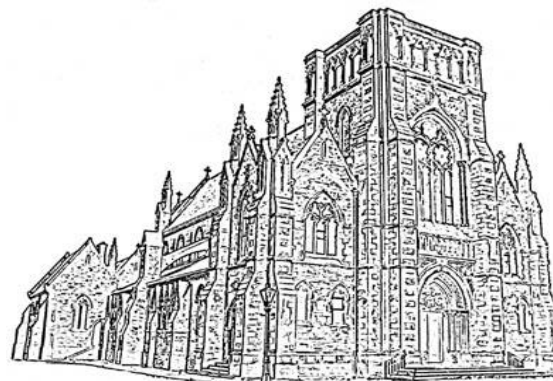
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1st Sunday of Lent
21st February 2010

Novena 2010

After weeks of preparation and prayer we welcome Fr John Hanna and Fr Kieran Brady to St John's this weekend for our novena. There are three sessions each day (7.30am, 10.30am and 7.30pm) and there will be a single theme each day. On Thursday we will celebrate the sacrament of the Penance; on Friday we will welcome all our school going children to the 10.30am session; on Saturday we will celebrate the Sacrament of the Sick at the 10.30am session. On the final day the priests will bless all religious objects that people will be invited to bring to church that day. Take a promotional leaflet from the back of the Church; take a few and give them to your friends. All are welcome.

Lunchtime Theology

Lent allows us to follow and reflect on the most significant days in the life of Jesus. Maybe it also offers us an opportune time to reflect on what is significant in our own lives or more specifically in our lives of faith. This lent we hope to explore our faith journey as Christians. Why not join in an informal and relaxed manner, for 45 minutes over a cup of soup and a sandwich, to reflect on some of the stages of our lives of faith. **Friday 26th February 1pm;** Speaker: Fr. Dermot Ryan.

A Beginning - The Community Life: What should it be like?

Venue: Hole in the Wall 17 High Street.

Deaths – Month's Minds – Anniversaries

Deaths: Chris Hoban - 8 O'Loughlin Road
Michael Coogan – Galway and late of 31 Green St.
Sean O'Connor – Dublin
May Davis – 59 St Fiacre's Place
Seamus Brennan - Larchfield

Anniversaries: Tony Comerford (6.30p.m.); Lizzie Trait (10.00a.m. Johnswell); Christopher & Julie Bergin (10.30a.m.); Paddy Brennan (11.00a.m. Dunmore); Patsy Purcell (12 Noon); Martin Coogan (7.30p.m.); Kathleen & Charles Bartholomew; Michael Brennan; Martin Dermody; Martin Dooley; Annie Dowling; Stan Landers; Ellen Lanigan; Timothy Maher, James Shortall.

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8.00 a.m. Mass	
10.30 a.m.	Awele Onelum
12.00 noon	Bobbie Lahart
7.30 p.m.	Eileen Kinane
Johnswell 10.00 a.m.	Paul McKiernan
Dunmore 11.00 a.m.	Niamh Holohan/Liz O'Gorman

O'Loughlin Gaels Club Lotto

Numbers: 2; 7; 14; 26. Bonus No. 3. No Jackpot Winner. 10 x Piltown Draw Tickets or €40. Next Weeks Prize Fund: €8,000.00

Dunmore

Eucharistic Hour every Tuesday night at 6.30p.m. All are welcome.

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stjohnskilkenny.com

Lent

Last Wednesday we entered the season of Lent: a season of prayer, almsgiving and fasting. These are the three important aspects of Lent and our preparation for the celebration of Easter. Pope Benedict spoke at the first mass of Lent in Rome about the distribution and wearing of ashes: *"With the distribution of ashes we renew our commitment to follow Jesus, letting ourselves be transformed by his paschal mystery so that we may conquer evil and do good, so that we can let our 'old selves', tied to sin, die and let the 'new person' be born, transformed by the grace of God"*. May these days lead us to the Risen Christ renewed in body and spirit. Thanks to all who assisted with the distribution of ashes during this past week. For the first time the four city parishes visited McDonagh Junction and Market Cross to distribute ashes. An outreach that was hugely successful and a great encounter for many many people who availed of the opportunity to receive ashes. Thanks to all who made this possible.

St. Vincent De Paul

The monthly collection for St. Vincent De Paul will take place this weekend. We thank you sincerely for your continued support.

Vocations Promotion in the Diocese of Ossory

What tempts us away from the reign of God? Try this week to live as an example for the young people in your life. Let them see the rewards of living by the Good Spirit. Encourage them in their discernment with your prayers and support. If you are considering a vocation to priesthood, contact the Vocations Director Fr. Willie Purcell 0876286858 or ossoryvocations.blogspot.com.

Kilkenny Christian Churches for Haiti 2010

During Lent and Easter this year the four main Christian Churches in Kilkenny have joined together in a fund raising project in aid of Concern's appeal for the earthquake victims in Haiti. Church/parish/ youth/sporting groups are invited to hold fund-raising events with the proceeds going to the appeal. In order to facilitate collection of funds, an account is being opened in St Canice's Credit Union, Kilkenny in the name of the project which is titled Kilkenny Christian Churches for Haiti (KCCH). Any person or group wishing to contribute to the fund may wish to call Paul McKiernan, telephone 087 9043071 or 087 1216481. The principal fund-raising event will be a united Christian concert in St. Canice's Cathedral on Sunday 21st March, to include choral pieces from choirs individually and jointly, reflections, readings, psalms, and prayer. A collection will be taken up during the concert for Concern.