

Lunchtime Theology

Lunchtime Theology continues on Friday next in The Hole in the Wall at 17 High Street. Topics: *A Struggle - The Moral Life: Can we really live it?*
All are welcome. Soup and Sandwiches will be served.

Strictly Come Dancing

Classes start Thursday 11th March – 7-8p.m. Children's starter class (first time learners). 8-9p.m. Adults beginners class. 9-10p.m. Adult Class (for anyone who previously danced). Only €65 for 6 week course. Contact: John Edward Nolan at 085-138 4771. Dragons Lair Martial Arts and Fitness Centre, Unit 24A Hebron Industrial Estate.

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). Contact Kathleen @ 087-246 8443.

Concert in Castle

A concert in aid of Our Lady's Hospital for Sick Children Crumlin will take place in the Parade Tower of Kilkenny Castle on Friday 12th of March at 8pm. Featured artists on the night will be Quintessenz a group of musicians from the Black Forest area of Germany accompanied by our very own St. Patrick's Brass and Reed Band. Admission €10. Tickets available from Book Centre High Street, on the door. Any queries to 087 212 0201.

Kilkenny Flower Club

The next meeting of Kilkenny Flower Club in Butler House on Thursday 11th at 8p.m. is a work night. That means we will participate in making either an arrangement called "Spring Contrast" or "Parallel Texture". It will be a most interesting and informative evening. For further information please look up the website: www.kilkennyflowerclub.wordpress.com or phone 086-807 2040. All welcome.

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Third Sunday of Lent 7th March 2010

Parish Novena

We take this opportunity to thank the Redemptorist Team who conducted our Parish Novena which concluded last Tuesday evening. It was, by any standards, a great success with hundreds coming out each day, including the schools, to avail of the graces and blessings associated with the event. Thank you all for your attendance and participation.

We also thank the many volunteers who prepared the way beforehand, and all those who were working at each of the three daily sessions. It was fantastic to witness such motivation and cooperation.

Finally, we thank our Bishop and the many priests for their assisting at The Sacrament of Reconciliation and The Sacrament of The Sick. It was all very much appreciated.

Trocaire

During Lent we are asked to remember those who are in great need. Trocaire gives us a wonderful opportunity to do so. Every house is invited to take a Trocaire Box and use it at this time. They are still available at the back of the Church.

Deaths – Month’s Minds – Anniversaries

Deaths: Ann Lalor, Friary Street
Margaret Dollard, Late of Michael Street, who died in England
Julia Walsh, Late of Ossory Park & England
Rita Kennedy, Talbots Inch

Anniversaries: John McEnery (6.30p.m.); Ellen Walsh (8.00a.m.); Michael Manning (10.00a.m. Johnswell); Patrick Burke (10.30a.m.); Fintan Brennan (12 Noon); Nancy Dowling (7.30p.m.); John & Kitty Cleere; Michael Comerford; Joe & Nell Delaney; Michael Dowling; Patrick Hogan; Ellen Kelly; Peg Murphy; Michael O’Brien; Patrick & Julia Parsons; John Purcell; Bridget Taylor; Ollie Walsh.

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8.00 a.m. Mass	
10.30 a.m.	Louis Feeley/Kathleen Ferguson
12.00 noon	Caroline Mullins
7.30 p.m.	Marie Fogarty
Johnswell 10.00 a.m.	Betsy Rice/Teresa Dowling
Dunmore 11.00 a.m.	Christy Murray/Caitriona McDermott

O’Loughlin Gaels Club Lotto

Numbers:.. Bonus No.. One Jackpot Winner. 10 x Piltown Draw Tickets or €40.
Next Weeks Prize Fund:

Monthly Rosary

The Monthly Rosary on the First Sunday in James’ Green at the Statue of Our Lady of Kilkenny continues this Sunday at 3.00p.m.

Fred’s Fashions

The St. Vincent de Paul Society now have brand new top quality First Communion Dresses and Suits for sale in their shop Fred’s Fashions, Butts Green. Come on down and you won’t be disappointed. All donations of clean good quality clothes graciously received. For further information contact 056-770 2637.

First Confession Johnswell

First Confession will take place in Johnswell on Wednesday 10th at 7.30p.m. Congratulations to all who received the sacrament in St John’s last Thursday night. Thanks to all in our schools who prepare the children so well for the sacraments.

Drugs Awareness & The Gifts of The Holy Spirit

On Monday evening, from 8.00 – 9.00 p.m. in St John’s Senior School, the first session of the *pre-Confirmation program* will take place for the Confirmation classes of the Senior School, Johnswell school and The Model School. We look forward to meeting everyone – especially the young volunteers who have prepared for so long, with Ossory Youth, to deliver this program. We ask the parents to have the Confirmation Candidates there on time (7.50 p.m. at the latest) and to collect them at 9.00 p.m. when the program will finish punctually.

Novena to St. Joseph

Novena to St. Joseph begins on March 11th and finishes on March 19th. Novena Mass and prayers each evening at 8.00p.m. in Mill Hill Missionaries Chapel, St. Joseph’s, Waterford Road. Bishop Seamus Freeman will be with us for the closing Mass, on the Feast of St. Joseph, Friday March 19th, at 8.00p.m.

Kilkenny Christian Churches for Haiti 2010

The four main Christian Churches in Kilkenny have joined together in a fund raising project in aid of Concern's appeal for the victims in Haiti. Church/parish/youth/sporting groups are invited to hold fund-raising events with the proceeds going to the appeal. 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 (KCCCH). Those wishing to contribute may 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. A collection will be taken up during the concert for Concern.

Kilkenny City Harriers

Our Junior Ladies team has been selected by the Athletic Association of Ireland to represent the country at the European Junior Club Champions Cup in Portugal in September. The cost involved will be quite significant. As part of our fund raising programme we have organised a FUN RUN “The St. Patrick’s Day Dash. 5K for adults, 2K for juveniles with registration at The Watershed from 10a.m. on St. Patrick’s morning. “The Dash” starts at 11.00a.m.