

An Evening of Prayer and Reflection for Readers and Eucharistic Ministers

Conscious that so many people volunteer to work as Readers and Eucharistic ministers throughout the diocese, the *Ossory Adult Faith Development Committee* have decided to offer an evening of prayer and reflection for those who work in these areas. It is hoped that these evenings will provide an opportunity for our Readers and Eucharistic ministers to reflect upon, and deepen their understanding of, their contribution to our parish community.

We would like to invite all of our **Readers** and **Eucharistic** ministers to avail of this opportunity. Our parish is invited to attend on Tuesday 16th March in St. Fiacre's Parish Centre, Loughboy, from 7.30pm to 9.30pm. If you are a Reader or Eucharistic minister why not consider making this part of your Lenten journey?

Lunchtime Theology

Lunchtime Theology continues on Friday next in The Hole in the Wall at 17 High Street. Topic: *The Sainly Life: An ideal beyond our grasp?* Speaker: **Fr. Dan Bollard**. All are welcome. Soup and Sandwiches will be served.

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

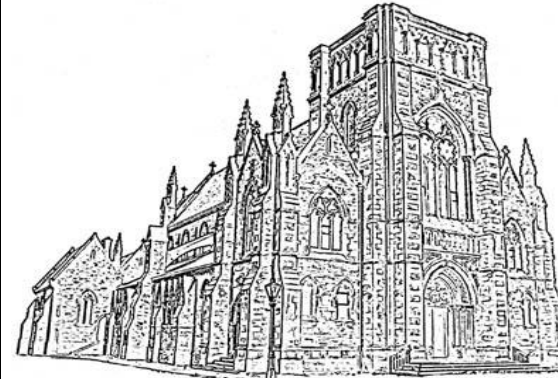
Sr. De Lourdes Sheridan will give a Bible Study course on Tuesday 16th and 23rd March in St. Patrick's Parish Centre, Loughboy from 10a.m. (cup of tea included). Contact Kathleen @ 087-246 8443.

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Fourth Sunday of Lent
14th March 2010

***Beannachtaí na Féile Pádraig
ar ár léitheóiri uile!***

Mass Times on St Patrick's Day:

St John's: Vigil Tues: 6.30pm; Wed: 8.00 & 10.30am, 12 noon & 7.30pm.
Johnswell: 10.00 am; **Dunmore:** 11.00 am; **St Canice's Hosp.** 11.30 am.

St Patrick was born very probably in the early years of the 5th century in Britain. He was taken captive at the age of 16 and brought to Ireland where he worked as a slave. His captivity had a very positive effect on his spiritual life. He escaped back home at the age of 22. It was obvious to him that God was calling him to return to convert the Irish. He studied, probably in France, returned to Ireland c. 457 and made a great number of converts. He died in 491.

Mothers' Day

We wish a very happy Mothers' Day to all mothers this Sunday. We salute you for all your work, dedication and sacrifice in the growth and formation of your children.

In recognition of all this, may you be suitably 'spoilt' by your children today!

Deaths – Month’s Minds – Anniversaries

Deaths: Seamus Phelan, 12 Bishop Birch Place, Funeral Mass Mon at 11a.m. in St. Canice’s followed by burial in St. Kieran’s. Patrick Ryan, “Brook Villa” Circular Rd. Andy Henderson, Mayfield, Kells Rd. Liam Anthony Phelan, Dean’s Court, Kilkenny.

Anniversaries: Mary Cahill (6.30p.m.); Edel Cullen (10.30a.m.) Bridget Guilfoyle (11.00a.m. Dunmore); Patrick Guidera (12 Noon); Tommy O’Brien (7.30p.m.); Dolly Blanch; Maureen Burke; Sean Byrne; Billy Connick; John Hodge; Liam Holland; Patrick Kealy; Nora & William Lacey; Lou McCarthy; Michael McCauley; Esther McDonald; Larry McDonald; Michael McGrath; Brigid Mallon; Paul Murray; John O’Neill.

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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 Fitzpatrick
Johnswell 10.00 a.m.	Mary Murphy/Josie Manning
Dunmore 11.00 a.m.	Jim Kavanagh/Colette Brennan

O’Loughlin Gaels Club Lotto

Numbers: 1; 8; 10; 28. Bonus No. 24. No Jackpot Winner. 10 x Piltown Draw Tickets or €40. Next Weeks Prize Fund: €6,800.00

English Literature – 10 Week Course

This course will take place at the Kilkenny Campus, NUI Maynooth, on Tuesdays from 7 – 9p.m.. The course will commence on 13th April and run until the 15th June. Cost: €150.00. Closing date for applications is the 26th March. For further information and an application form please contact Lisa at 777 5910/087-263 0999. Email: kilkenny.campus@nuim.ie.

Lenten Stations

Thanks to all who handed in your Station Offerings. If you’ve forgotten, you may still drop them in at your convenience.

Lourdes

Those wishing to travel on the diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes, May 22 to May 27th. inc. should now contact Eleanor on 051 880414 weekdays (excluding Wednesday) 10.30 a.m. to 2.30 p.m.

O’Loughlin Gaels

Annual Registration Day takes place this year on Sunday 21st March, at 11a.m. for existing and new members living in St. John’s Parish (which includes Johnswell and Dunmore areas). Boys & girls from aged 6 – 12 years are most welcome. In addition, all parents are encouraged to apply for membership and to become actively involved in helping O’Loughlin Gaels. There are many parents involved in helping out with training and coaching but as numbers continue to grow all additional help would be much appreciated.

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. 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 for Concern.

Hour of Adoration

There will be an hour of adoration and prayer in the Friary Church on Sunday from 3pm – 4pm. Please come.

Choral Concert

Choral Concert will take place on Tuesday 16th March at 7.30p.m. in St. Kieran’s College Chapel. The concert will feature Pittsburgh State University College Choir (USA); The Unity Singers; Kilkenny Male Voice Choir; St. Kieran’s College Pupils. Donation to include light refreshments €15. Proceeds in aid of the restoration of St. Kieran’s College Chapel Pipe Organ.

Cabaret in Aid of Ceart Health Partnership

Cabaret will be held on March 16th from 9.30p.m. Music by Johnny Hillman and Guests. Tickets €5.00 – available at the door or at the Ceart Centre, Callan.