

## Questions people ask

*Why isn't there a set date for Easter as for Christmas? Wouldn't it be much more practical for arranging school terms, holidays, etc.?*

We celebrate Easter on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the Spring Equinox, that is, 21st March.

This ancient tradition developed from the Jewish Passover.

By taking account of the cycle of the sun and the phase of the moon, the resurrection is connected to the entire universe.

It points to the exalted position of Jesus Christ, the Beginning and the End, to whom all time belongs and all creation.

Having a set date for Easter might be practical, but we need reminders that there is more to life and religion than practical planning.

## Surfing in the Highest

According to The Times newspaper, millions of young people in Britain are lonely despite having hundreds of so-called 'friends' on social networking sites. Presumably Britain is not alone in this. Those who seek friends at arms-length are bound to be unhappy. Friendship is intended to be right up close and personal. Virtual reality can't substitute for the real thing.

Surfing the Net may seem cool, bright and breezy, even exciting; but it's well to remember that it's not called the 'net' for nothing. Being trapped by virtual friendships that may well be just illusionary, if not downright predatory, won't fill the void within an individual.

The survey of more than 2,000 adults found that loneliness was a major worry for 21 per cent of people aged 18-24, compared with only 8 per cent of those aged 55 and over.

Easter Sunday is the Church's most important celebration. It may seem a bit of virtual reality to some, but not to those of faith. Jesus came right up close and personal to bring us resurrection. Today's Second Reading (Col 3:1-4) tells us what we should be '*surfing*' for: the things that are above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. The '*catch*', if you want to call it that, is that resurrection can't be found in virtual reality. You won't find it outside daily living with those you like and dislike.

Resurrection is rising through reality – even because of reality – to the glory God has in store for those who value real friends in real life.

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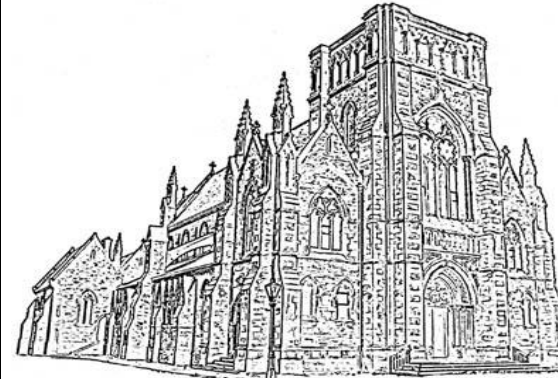
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**Easter Sunday**  
**4<sup>th</sup> April 2010**

## A Happy & Holy Easter To All

Greetings and every blessing to all our parishioners and visitors this Eastertide. Many thanks to all who attended and celebrated the Easter Ceremonies in our parish churches. Special thanks to all those who participated in any specific or active way.

We are very grateful to all our choirs, sacristans, servers, lectors, ministers of the Eucharist, collectors, flower arrangers, church decorators, and so on. Your help and cooperation is always very much appreciated.

## Masses this week in St John's

During the coming week there will be 10.30 a.m. Mass each morning in St John's, from Easter Monday to Easter Saturday, inclusive. There will be no 8.00 a.m. Mass this week.

## Lenten Stations and Trócaire

We take this opportunity to express our thanks to all of you who have returned you Lenten Stations and Trócaire donations this Easter. They are very much appreciated. If you have forgotten to do so to date, you may hand them in at your own convenience.

## Deaths – Month’s Minds – Anniversaries

**Deaths:** Patrick Burke, 6 Kells Road  
Eileen Martin, 62 Newpark. Funeral Mass on Sunday at 12.00 noon. Interment in St Kieran’s Cemetery.

**Anniversaries:** Margaret Lambe (10.00a.m. Johnswell); Joan & William Dunne (10.30a.m.); John & Agnes Stapleton (11.00a.m. Dunmore); Nancy Bateman (12 Noon); Ann Martin (7.30p.m.); Bridget & Mary Buggy; Annie & Dick Burke; Paddy & Billy Cleere; Patrick Coleman; Mary Dowling; John Dwyer; Kay Kelleher; Marie Kiely; Michael Long; Peter Long; Pierce Malone; James Nolan; Fr. Thomas Power; Kathleen Ryan; Michael Slattery; Paddy Slattery; Ann & Joe Walsh; Ellen & Edward Delaney

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8.00 a.m. Mass	
10.30 a.m.	Awele Onelum
12.00 noon	Bobbie Lahars
7.30 p.m.	Marie Fogarty
Johnswell 10.00 a.m.	Tom Lawlor/Collete Scarrif Lawlor
Dunmore 11.00 a.m.	Phil Comerford/Esther Comerford

## O’Loughlin Gaels Club Lotto

### Lourdes

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

## Kilkenny Youth Orchestra – 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Concert

The Kilkenny Youth Orchestra will perform a free concert in St. John’s Church this Sunday afternoon at 4.00p.m.

## Knock Summer Festival 2010 – “Walk By Faith”

The Knock Summer Festival is for people between the ages of 18-35 on the 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> June. There will be talks, workshops, drum, dance, prayer, music and reflection. It is a great opportunity to step out of the busyness of life to question, explore, ignite and celebrate your faith. Cost: €70 which includes food, accommodation and access to all that’s happening. Info: 094-938 8100 or 087-692 7850 [www.knock-shrine.ie/youthfestival](http://www.knock-shrine.ie/youthfestival)

## Wheelchair Cars Ireland

Wheelchair Cars Ireland are holding an exhibition in the Hub at Cillin Hill, on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> April, from 10.00am – 5.00pm. This exhibition is for the benefit of the elderly, the disabled, parents, carers, and anyone with restricted mobility. Admission is free and it will provide a rare opportunity to view and test drive a large selection of new and used wheelchair accessible vehicles for both disabled passengers and disabled drivers in one venue.

## Breast Check

From April 2010 until Winter 2010 BreastCheck will invite women from Kilkenny for their free mammograms. Women will be screened at the BreastCheck mobile digital screening unit in the grounds of Lourdes Orthopaedic Hospital, Kilcreen, Kilkenny. Eligible women will receive an appointment by post to attend for screening. Should the appointment time not suit any woman, this can be re-arranged if she rings the phone number provided with her appointment letter. We would encourage all women aged 50-64 to check that their name is on the BreastCheck register by calling Freephone 1800 45 45 55 or by checking online on the BreastCheck website [www.breastcheck.ie](http://www.breastcheck.ie)

## Monthly Rosary

The monthly rosary on the First Sunday in James Green at the Statue of Our Lady of Kilkenny, continues this Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 3.00p.m. Come celebrate the risen Christ.