

A Message To You From The Polish Ambassador

I would like to sincerely thank you for books of Condolences and your kind words of solidarity and support extended to us in such a difficult time of mourning and sadness for the entire Polish nation.

We feel united in grief with the Irish nation and I extremely appreciate all the support that you and so many Irish people have given us on this sad occasion of the tragic death of the President of Poland, Lech Kaczynski, his spouse and other invaluable personalities of Polish public life on 10 April 2010 near Smolensk.

Thank you. Yours sincerely,

Dr Tadeusz Szumowski.

Ambassador of Poland to Ireland.

Ossory Diocesan Policy on Safeguarding Children

In accordance with *Safeguarding Children: Standards and Guidance document for the Catholic Church in Ireland*, all parish staff and volunteers who have access to children in the course of parish work will very soon be issued with **Volunteer Application Forms** and **Garda Vetting Forms**.

This is an essential process in our compliance with procedure and the law, and should not be intimidating in any way. Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Celebrate Africa Day in Kilkenny

May 30th Rugby Grounds, Waterford Road, commences at 2.30. A fun family day open to the whole community and free to attend. Tag rugby and hurling workshop, drumming, music, storytelling, face painting etc. African BBQ.

Also Educational & Research opportunities in Africa. St. Kieran's College Kilkenny Wed. 26th May 7-9pm. Information from Dochas Office phone 0567789915

M.S. Society of Ireland

The M.S. Society of Ireland cordially invites you to the official launch of the new S.E. Directory of Services for people with M.S. and a celebration of world M.S. Day by Kilkenny Hurling Manager Brian Cody. The launch will take place on 28th May at 8.00p.m. in The Set Theatre, Langtons. Speakers include Mayor Malcolm Noonan and Ian Coulter CIB. All welcome. Refreshments and entertainment on the night.

Forthcoming Collections

Next weekend: Annual Collection in aid of The *Lourdes Invalid Fund*.

The Episcopal Conference has recommended, in order to help finance the Eucharistic Congress 2012, that each diocese make a collection at Masses on *Corpus Christi, Sunday 6th June*.

ST JOHN'S PARISH – KILKENNY



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Pentecost Sunday

23rd May 2010

Confirmations – Ceremony of Light

Next Saturday, at 11.00 a.m., our parish Confirmations will take place in St John's Church. There will be a Mass, incorporating The Ceremony of Light, this Monday, 7.30 p.m. Your prayers for all those preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation is greatly appreciated.

Cemetery Masses

The annual Cemetery Masses are just around the corner. With only five or six weeks to go, you are invited to pay special attention to your family plots by way of preparation. The Mass in St Kieran's Cemetery will be on Friday, June 25th, at 7.30 p.m., and Mass will be celebrated in Dunmore and Johnswell Cemeteries on Friday, July 2nd at 7.30 p.m.

Welcome

We welcome the Senior Infants and First Class from St John's Junior School to Mass on Friday morning at 10.30am. They boys and girls will read the readings and the prayers and will sing their songs at this mass.

Deaths – Month’s Minds – Anniversaries

Deaths: Mary Deegan 18, Archers Court, Loughboy
Jim Lanigan St. Fiacre’s Place

Anniversaries: Ian Kirwan (6.30p.m.); Doreen McCabe (8.00a.m.); Brian Mahoney (10.30a.m.); Ann Coffey, Bridie & Michael Long (12 Noon); Nancy Cummins (7.30p.m.); Martin Brennan; Des Hehir; Mary & Thurlough Hoban; Mickey Kirwan; Michael Smyth; Pat Smyth.

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10.30 a.m.	Seamus Brennan/Mary Hanafin
12.00 noon	Carol McEnery
7.30 p.m.	Ann Marie Grace
Johnswell 10.00 a.m.	Mary Murphy/Josie Manning
Dunmore 11.00 a.m.	Christy Murray/Caitriona McDermott

O’Loughlin Gaels Club Lotto

Numbers:. Bonus No.. No Jackpot Winner. 10 x Piltown Draw Tickets or €40.00.

Eucharistic Ministers

The new rota for Eucharistic Ministers is now available in the Sacristy.

St. Canice’s Cathedral

Sunday May 23rd, in St. Canice’s Cathedral, at 8p.m. Kilkenny Choir presents the magnificent and dramatic Mendelssohn’s Elijah. Adm. €20/€15.

Johnswell School

Enrolment forms are available from Johnswell School for September 2010.

Please contact the school: 056 775 9895

Irish Autism Society

Concert in aid of the Kilkenny Branch of the Irish Autism Society will be held in St Mary’s Cathedral Thur. 27th 8pm. Adm. free, voluntary subscriptions welcome.

Coffee Morning

You are invited to a coffee morning in St. Mary’s Day Care Centre on Friday 28th May – 10.30am to 12 noon hosted by The Presentation Associates.

Mill Hill Missionaries

Mill Hill Missionaries have their Pilgrimage to Knock on Sat. 14th June.

Tax Rebate Scheme

If you are a PAYE worker and have received a “Chy2” form from the parish, please fill it in where required and return it to the Presbytery as soon as possible. If you have received a “self assessed” receipt, please give it to your accountant or whoever handles your accounts, and you are requested to increase your donation to the parish this year by the amount of the refund you receive back on the strength of that receipt.

Thanks to all who contribute in any way towards the day-to-day maintenance of parish property and staff.

Johnswell Active Retirement Group

A meeting of the Johnswell Active Retirement Group will take place in Johnswell Hall on Wednesday 26th May at 7.30p.m. A speaker from the Citizens Information Centre will give a talk. Everyone is welcome.

Family Fun Charity Walk

A Family Fun Charity Walk led by the Liam McCarthy Cup to the top of Slievenamon in aid of Our Lady’s Hospital for Sick Children Crumlin, will take place on Sunday 30th May departing the village of Kilcash at 1p.m. All Welcome. Contact Liam on 087-212 0201.

Listening Sessions

The ten meetings in the diocese of Ossory concluded this week. Bishop Freeman attended the ten meetings and over 800 people gather to speak, to listen and to be heard. At each meeting secretaries recorded what was said and this material will be gathered and in the near future will be published. Thanks to all who took part in these meetings.

Trócaire’s door-to-door Fundraising

Although you have probably been generous to their Lenten Campaign – and if you have, this notice probably doesn’t apply to you. However, this is a new initiative that the agency has undertaken and has asked us to make it known: Trócaire’s door-to-door fundraisers will be in the parish for a couple of days over the week commencing May 25th and the week after (June 2nd).

The fundraisers are clearly identifiable as they will be wearing a navy Trócaire jacket over a navy Trócaire polo shirt. Also, each fundraiser will be carrying photo ID.

The purpose of their visit to the parish is to ask if people would like to support Trócaire with a monthly donation through your bank.

Trócaire works with some of the poorest families and communities in over 26 countries across the world helping to build a better future.

Please support this campaign if you can.