

**Johnswell National School
&
Barnstorm Theatre Company**

As part of the ongoing Townlands project which has been gathering field names and folklore within the parish over the past twelve months a 'play' developed by the pupils of Johnswell National School and Barnstorm Theatre Company will be performed in Johnswell Hall on June 24th at 7.30pm.

The pupils have used some of the four hundred field names gathered to date in their play along with some of the folk tales gathered by pupils of the same school from people from the locality.

The bridging of the years and celebration of the local should be great fun and all are welcome to this celebration on the St John's Day.

Soft Touch

A gribble is a sea worm, 1-4 mm long, and a pest. The scourge of seafarers, gribbles bore into ships' planks and wreck them. Digesting their cellulose, they cause much destruction to marine timber structures such as jetties and piers. But, they're peerless when it comes to recycling driftwood.

Researchers have found that the enzymes gribbles use to break down woody cellulose and turn it into energy-rich sugars could convert wood and straw to liquid biofuel. So today's pest may become tomorrow's pet. By doing a-what-comes-naturally they help the environment.

The woman in today's Gospel reading is also doing-a-what-comes-naturally (Luke 7:36-8:3). While it seems outrageous to the Pharisee that Jesus should be at ease with a woman of her type touching him, it really is a case of both her and Jesus doing a-what-comes-naturally: she, a sinner approaching him for forgiveness, and he, the Saviour, accepting the sinner graciously. The only one feeling discomfort is the Pharisee on the sideline.

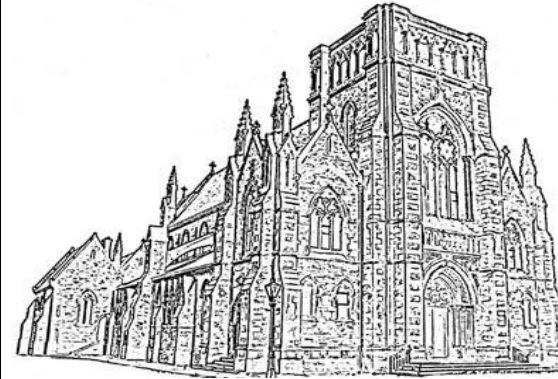
Despite any appearance to the contrary that can prove an uncomfortable place to be, at least for Christians, the self-righteous and hypocrites.

Jesus is open to all people, particularly those to whom society is closed.

But he's more than open. He doesn't wait in the wings for them to approach him. He seeks them out and brings them centre stage.

Just as researchers have discovered that the grubby little gribble has something worthwhile to offer society, so too do we discover that those whom society considers grubby have much to offer when we regard them as Jesus does.

ST JOHN'S PARISH – KILKENNY



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**Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
13th June 2010**

A Church Centenary

Following a long period of painstaking research, editing and hard work, the 'Publications' group of the Centenary Committee have completed a major work for publication, simply entitled: *A Church Centenary*, and subtitled: *O'Loughlin Memorial Church of St John The Evangelist 1908 – 2008*.

This publication, consisting of more than 300 pages, will be of very significant historical value and importance.

It is currently gone to print and it is envisaged to be launched in **The Set** theatre towards the end of this month or early next month.

School Fete

Enjoy an afternoon of fun and games this (Sunday) afternoon at St Canice's National School's Fete in James' Park, beginning at 2.00 p.m.

Parish Pastoral Council

A meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will take place at 8.00 p.m. on Wednesday in the Presbytery. All members are requested to attend.

Final reminder: Please return remaining "Chy2" Tax Forms!

Deaths – Month's Minds – Anniversaries

Anniversaries: Kathleen Curran (6.30pm); Fr. William Meany (10.30am); Mary Gilmartin (12 Noon); Sally Loughman (7.30pm); Margaret Anderson: Richard Bergin; Mary Connery; Mick Dunne; Catherine Dwyer; John Dwyer; Paddy & Martha Grace; Mary Harris; Stephen & Catherine Hennessy; Edmond Holohan; Jack & Ciss Mahoney; John & Margaret Nolan; Martin Rowe.

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10.30 a.m.	Peggy Wall/Declan Wall
12.00 noon	Tony Dalton
7.30 p.m.	Eileen Kinane
Johnswell 10.00 a.m.	First Communion
Dunmore 11.00 a.m.	Fiona McGeary/Nora Guilfoyle

O'Loughlin Gaels Club Lotto

Numbers: 3; 7; 9; 16. Bonus No: 8. One Jackpot Winner. 10 x Piltown Draw Tickets or €40.00. Next Weeks Prize Fund €6,000.00.

Johnswell School

Enrolment forms are available from Johnswell School for September 2010. Please contact the school: 056 775 9895

Adoration

There will be an hour of adoration and prayer in the Friary Church this Sunday from 3pm – 4pm, in honour of Divine Mercy. Please come.

Cemetery Masses

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.

Did You Know . . ?

There is an evening mass at 6.15 in St Mary's Cathedral everyday from Monday to Friday, inclusive. This mass is celebrated to cater for the needs of all the city parishes.

Come and Worship

Castlecomer Parish have launched a CD "Come and Worship" in conjunction with the Novena Life in the Spirit Seminars.

The CD is a collection of songs of praise that were sung at the Healing Masses. The CD is available locally in the following locations:

- Local shops in Castlecomer
- The Friary Office, Kilkenny
- St. Patrick's Parish Centre, Loughboy

Youth 2000 Summer Festival – Clonmacnois, Co. Offaly

Youth 2000 Summer Festival, Clonmacnois, Co. Offaly, Thursday 12th to Sunday 15th August 2010. For young people aged 16 – 35, an opportunity not to be missed to experience the Catholic faith and meet many new friends. Donation only. Free buses available from around the country. For more information, contact 086-302 5442 or 01-675 3690, or check our website: www.youth2000.ie

Self Help Africa

Self Help Africa will hold a Church Gate Collection on 19th and 20th June. The funds that are raised each year from the church gate collections are vital to Self Help, and are invested in cost effective ways to continue the implementations of our development programmes amongst some of Africa's poorest communities. During 2010 we will be working to support people in Ethiopia, Eritrea, Malawi, Kenya and Uganda – so that they can increase their food production, have better access to health and education, have an opportunity to generate additional household income, and can take vital steps necessary for them to break the cycle of need and dependence.