

A CHURCH CENTENARY

Popular TV and Radio sports commentator, Mr Micheál O'Muircheartaigh, along with Bishop Séamus Freeman, SAC, will launch our centenary book

A Church Centenary, O'Loughlin Memorial Church of St John The Evangelist 1908 – 2008

in the *Set* theatre, Langtons, on Wednesday July 7th at 8.00 p.m.

You will have the opportunity purchasing copies of this book on the night – reasonably priced at €15 for the paperback, and €25 for the hardback edition. This publication, consisting of more than 300 pages, will be of very significant historical value and importance for many years to come..

Testy Times

It used to be the terrible teens. Now it's the terrible tots. Crèches in Britain are suspending up to fourteen young children a day, aged five and younger, for physical assault. Incidents where testy tots use violence against classmates and teachers rose six per cent in a year.

I wonder what sort of tots the two disciples were in today's Gospel reading (Luke 9:51-62). If they weren't testy as tots they're certainly testy as adults. Inflated with importance they assume a power to 'command fire to come down from heaven' (v. 54) and torch to death the inhabitants of a Samaritan village. Not very Christian that now, is it?

Though close to Jesus physically as his followers they aren't yet close enough to him spiritually to recognise what sort of person and what sort of messiah he is. It seems there's baggage blocking the way: religious baggage that inflates their sense of election, of being God's own people to the exclusion of others; political baggage that expects a freedom-fighter messiah to liberate the Jews from Roman tyranny; and social baggage that cultivates an elitist mentality that seduces them into thinking they can ride rough-shod over people like the Samaritans whom they despise.

Some ancient authorities add, 'as Elijah did' to v. 54 about commanding fire from heaven. In response to this hankering for former ways and attitudes Jesus rebukes them.

I wonder does he have any such rebuke for us today as we carry our baggage, whether it be personal, social or institutional in these testy and testing times?

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Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time 27th June 2010

Thank You

We wish to express our gratitude to all who helped at, and attended, Friday night's cemetery mass in St Kieran's Cemetery. We thank God for the lovely weather, and we thank all those who undertook various tasks that helped the celebrations run reverently and smoothly. It was a very fitting and prayerful tribute to all our departed loved ones.

Welcome Fr Tomasz

This week we welcome Fr Tomasz Blazejowski to our parish for the months of July and August. He, like Fr Krzysztof last year, is a priest of the Archdiocese of Krakow and is currently doing postgraduate studies in Rome. We know you will make him welcome, as his help in the parish will be most welcome!

Knock Youth Festival

The Knock Youth Festival will begin on this coming Friday June 25th to Sunday June 27th. This year's theme is 'Walking by Faith' Please keep the festival in your prayers and the young people who will travel from our Diocese. **Further information from Fr. Willie Purcell 0876286858.**

Deaths – Month's Minds – Anniversaries

Deaths: Mike Burke, Dunmore

Month's Minds: Philip Morrissey (7.30p.m.)

Anniversaries: Patrick Shortt (6.30p.m.); Christy Doheny (10.30a.m.); Malachy Daly (12 Noon); Dixie Bateman; Ciarán Burke; Larry Connery; Maggie Conroy; Conor Doheny; Patrick Doheny; Edmond & Mary Donovan; John Fitzgerald; Ken Foley; Bridget Grace; Daniel J. Herlihy; Mary & Michael Manning; Milly Murphy; Thomas Ryan; Thomas Sullivan; Daniel & Nancy Dunne.

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10.30 a.m.	Awele Onelum
12.00 noon	Bobbie Lahart
7.30 p.m.	Marie Fogarty
Johnswell 10.00 a.m.	Robert Butler/Patrick Rice
Dunmore 11.00 a.m.	Pierce Lennon/Liam Maddock

O'Loughlin Gaels Club Lotto

Numbers: 1; 19; 24; 25. Bonus No: 20. No Jackpot Winner. 10 x Piltown Draw Tickets or €40.00. Next Weeks Prize Fund €6,800.00.

Irish Wheelchair Association

The Irish Wheelchair Association will hold a Church Gate Collection this weekend. The funds raised by this collection will help our association to continue and expand on a wide range of essential services for people with physical disabilities in Co. Kilkenny.

Cemetery Mass – Dunmore & Johnswell

Dunmore and Johnswell Cemetery Masses will be celebrated next Friday, July 2nd, at 7.30 p.m.

Foulkstown Cemetery Mass

The Foulkstown Cemetery Mass will be celebrated on Thursday 29th July at 7.30p.m.

First Friday

Next Friday is the First Friday of July. Holy Communion will be taken to the housebound at the usual times. Please inform the parish staff if you know a family relative or a neighbour who is unable to get out and who would like to be included on the First Friday list.

Save The African Children's Association

Save the African Children's Association presents John B. Keane's Sharon's Grave at the Watergate Theatre, on Friday 9th July at 8.00p.m. Admission €10.00. Door prize and raffle on the night.

All proceeds from this event will go to rescue orphans misplaced by recent war in Kenya.

Emmaus Retreat & Conference Centre, Swords, Co. Dublin

The Emmaus Retreat Centre have launched there Autumn Programme, the following are some programmes that will be running in September:

9th – 12th September: A Wisdom Retreat. Facilitator: Denis Gleeson cfc. Times: 7p.m. Thursday to 2.30p.m. Sunday. Cost: €260 Residential.

11th September: Intergenerational Healing: Facilitator: Fr. Jim Cogley. Times: 10.30a.m. – 4.30p.m. Cost: €65.00.

15th September: Tai Chi – 8 Morning Sessions: Facilitator Mary Hayes. Times: 10.30a.m. – 12.00p.m. Cost: €80.00 in total for 8 weeks.

For further information on any of the above, or about the Emmaus Centre, telephone: 01-870 0050. Email: emmauscentre@emmauscentre.ie.

Website: www.emmauscentre.ie.

Rally for Life

Rally for Life takes place this year in Belfast on Saturday, 3rd July 2010. Bus from Kilkenny. Further details and bookings at 056 7721495.