

Child Protection Policies in the Diocese of Ossory

All volunteers in our parish who have contact or potential contact with young people will be issued with two forms in the coming days: A Volunteer Form and a Garda Vetting Form. These forms will be returned to Ms Eilis Brophy who is the Safeguarding Children Coordinator for the diocese of Ossory. At a later stage an evening of training will be provided. This process is for the safety of our young people and also for those who provide a vital and important ministry in our parish

One Day Paediatric First Aid Course

A one day Paediatric First Aid Course will take place on Saturday 17th July. This course is suitable for parents and carers of babies and young children, covers all childhood medical emergencies including Disorders of Breathing, CPR, wounds, burns, broken bones, fractures, etc... Class size is limited so booking is essential. For further information, please contact Maureen at 086-898 2812 or www.tots2teens.ie.

Questions & Answers

Q. Who was St Swithin and why is his feastday associated with prediction of the weather?

A. Swithin was Bishop of Winchester, England, in the ninth century. He was a great lover of nature and wished to be buried outdoors where the light of the sun and the sweet rain of heaven might fall on his grave. However, contrary to his wishes, he was buried inside the cathedral. Guess what? It rained cats and dogs for forty days until they decided to transfer his remains outdoors. It may be a nice story but weather records don't back up the myth!

Seeing Your Life Through The Lens Of The Gospels

Today's Gospel brings us right to the heart of what a Christian life involves: love of God and of neighbour. Jesus tells us that having life both now and in the future is the fruit of living in a spirit of love. How have you experienced the power of love given and received to be a source of life and vitality?

With media today we are brought face to face with suffering, poverty and hunger so vast that it can engender a feeling of helplessness and hopelessness. What the parable challenges us about is how we react when we come face to face with a person in need. We may sometimes try to avoid getting involved. Recall when you overcame this reaction and reached out to help. What did that do for you, and for the other person?

Bring to mind the people who have been an inspiration to you by the care and attention they have given to others.

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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
11th July 2010

Centenary Book Launch

Despite some counterattractions in terms of GAA and World Cup games, there was a very creditable gathering in the *Set* theatre at Langtons on Wednesday last for the launch of our centenary book *A Church Centenary*. Mr Micheál O'Muircheartaigh and Bishop Séamus Freeman, SAC were the guests of honour and, in launching the publication, did justice to the occasion. Check out a new local website www.32.ie for report and video. The book is an excellent gathering of civic, social and religious history surrounding St John's parish and Kilkenny city and environs. Great attention, of course, is paid to our benefactors, the O'Loughlin Family, and the lead-up to the building of The O'Loughlin Memorial Church of St John The Evangelist. It is lavishly sprinkled with great photographs, old and new, which makes the publication all the more interesting and a beautiful gift for a friend or a loved one, at home or away.

This 'memorial' book, *A Church Centenary*, is priced at €15 for paperback, and €25 for the hardback edition. It is available in *Stone House Books*, MacDonagh Junction; in the *Church* after weekend masses; and in the *Presbytery* on weekdays during office hours.

Deaths – Month's Minds – Anniversaries

Deceased: Mary Egan, Parkmore, Callan Road
Margaret Delaney, Stephen Street

Month's Mind: Patrick O'Brien (7.30p.m.)

Anniversaries: Peggy Lanigan & Michael Tosh O'Connor (6.30p.m.);
Martin Manning (10.00a.m. Johnswell); Paddy Bergin (10.30a.m.);
Dick Hennessy (11.00a.m. Dunmore); Kevin & Anna Gaffney (12 Noon);
Nuala Bourke; Dermot Delaney; Gina Fleming; Mary Fry;
Alice Gallagher; Nicholas Kavanagh; Ann Kenny; Edward Kennedy;
James & Kate Murphy; Bridget Ward; Bridie Walsh.

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10.30 a.m.	Louis Feeley/Kathleen Ferguson
12.00 noon	Caroline Mullins
7.30 p.m.	Eileen Kinane
Johnswell 10.00 a.m.	Sean Colgan/Marie Clare Walsh
Dunmore 11.00 a.m.	Eddie Holohan/Liz Holohan

O'Loughlin Gaels Club Lotto

Numbers: 4; 14; 21; 22. Bonus No: 10. No Jackpot or Bonus Winner. 10 x Piltown Draw Tickets or €40.00. Next Weeks Prize Fund €7,600.00

St. John's Committee for the Elderly

A meeting of the Committee for the Elderly will take place on Monday 12th July at 7.30p.m. in the Presbytery.

St. John's Prayer Group Mass

St John's Prayer Group Mass will be held in the Day Centre at 8.15p.m. on Wednesday 14th July. All are welcome.

St. Vincent de Paul

The monthly collection for the St. Vincent de Paul Society will take place next weekend the 17th/18th July at all masses. Our grateful thanks for your previous generous contributions.

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.

Ossory Youth Outdoor Adventure Programme 2010

Ossory Youth are currently recruiting young people for their annual summer outdoor adventure programme for 13-16 year olds. The programme comprises of six days of land and water based outdoor activities including surfing, hill walking, canoeing and coasteering, running from Thursday August 5th to Friday August 20th, and including an overnight trip to Carlingford Adventure Centre, Co. Louth. Programme cost €120.00 per person. For booking or more information contact Patrick Bookle, Ossory Youth at 056-776 1200 or 087-212 9006 or pbookle@ossoryyouth.com.

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