

Clutter

Laptops are turning lecture halls into private cinemas and even online casinos. Once considered valuable aides to learning, they're no longer the apple of a teacher's eye.

An increasing number of lecturers just don't want them in the classroom anymore. The reason? Students use them less for learning and more for entertaining. Themselves, that is. Not only are those who use them distracted, but so too are those nearby them. Not surprising when laptop use in class becomes networking in Facebook, watching movies, waging World War III virtually and playing poker actually, online. Instead of focusing on teacher talking, students focus on their laptop calling.

So, the teacher strikes back, banning them from the classroom. This is a clear example of how something good: the amazing laptop, can get in the way of something better: the desired education.

Today's Gospel reading (Luke 10:38-42) gives another example of the same thing. Jesus visits Martha and Mary. The good here – Martha's attention to guests – gets in the way of something better: her attention to God's word.

Mary, on the other hand, just sits absorbed by what Jesus is saying. She's free of clutter in her life and so can focus on what's important. Activity is fine, but it shouldn't push contemplation from our lives.

Cycling for Bóthar

Fr. Gerard Byrne from Corby in England will cycle through the 32 counties of Ireland in support of the development aid agency, Bóthar. Fr. Gerard will cover the route around Ireland in a counter clockwise direction starting in Wicklow on 16th July. He will clock up 1,100 miles over the following 10 day period before crossing his finish line in Dublin.

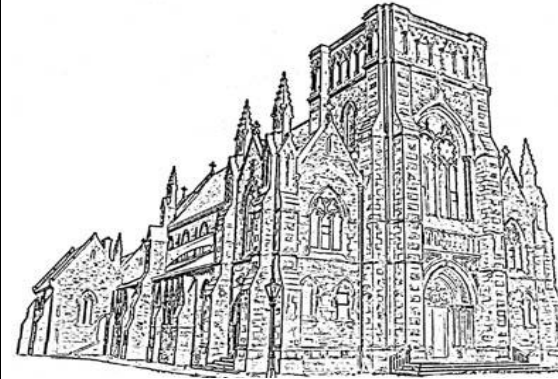
Bóthar use livestock to help poor families to reach and maintain better living conditions.

If you would like to support Fr. Gerard's efforts and make a donation to Bóthar, you can do so through the following bank account; Ulster Bank Limerick. Sort Code 98-60-20. A/c Number 28225049. Mark donation '32 County Cycle'. Alternatively, donations can be mailed to Bóthar, Fundraising Projects Office, Tubbercurry, Co Sligo.

St. Oliver Plunkett

To celebrate the 90th Anniversary of his Beatification a first class relic of St. Oliver Plunkett will be arriving at St. Patrick's Church, Kilkenny on Saturday 24th July. Evening Prayer and Benediction will follow at 3.30pm with public veneration of the relic.

ST JOHN'S PARISH – KILKENNY



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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
18th July 2010

A Church Centenary

Our parish's recently published book, *A Church Centenary*, is now available in *Stone House Books*, MacDonagh Junction; *The Book Centre*, High Street; in the *Church* after weekend masses; and in the *Presbytery* on weekdays during office hours. It is priced at €15 for paperback, and €25 for the hardback edition.

St. John's Parish Outing

St. John's Parish Outing for Senior Citizens will take place on Wednesday 28th July. Bus leaves O'Loughlin Gaels at 10.00a.m. Subscription €25.00.

Newsletter takes a break for August

Next weekend will be the last weekend before the Parish Newsletter takes its usual August break. Please note that during August the only notices that will be announced will be deaths, month's minds and anniversaries.

Deaths – Month’s Minds – Anniversaries

Deceased: John Redmond, Dublin
Fr. Edward Rhatigan, Castletown
Brendan O'Rourke, Ballyou skill
Mary Slattery, Willow Close, Ardnore. Funeral mass today,
Sunday, at 12.00 noon in St Fiacre’s Church, Loughboy.

Month’s Mind:
Mike Burke (11.00a.m. Dunmore)
David Murphy (7.30p.m.)

Anniversaries: P.J. Mealy (10.30a.m.); Liam & Patsy Davitt (12 Noon);
Christy & Kate Burke; Myra Burke; Joe Byrne; Clare Drennan; Jimmy
Fahey; Mary Fitzpatrick; Mary Fry; Danny Galvin; Andy Geoghegan; John
Grogan; Kathleen Lanigan; Thomas Lanigan; John Seehan; Patrick
Slattery.

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10.30 a.m.	Jimmy Connolly/Bernie Dermody
12.00 noon	Peter Dwyer
7.30 p.m.	Ann Marie Grace
Johnswell 10.00 a.m.	Paul McKiernan
Dunmore 11.00 a.m.	Christy Murray/Caitriona McDermott

O’Loughlin Gaels Club Lotto

Numbers: 1; 17; 18; 28. Bonus No: 26. No Jackpot or Bonus Winner. 10 x
Piltown Draw Tickets or €40.00. Next Weeks Prize Fund €8,000.00

St. Vincent de Paul

The monthly collection for the St. Vincent de Paul Society will take place
this weekend the at all masses. Thanks for all your generous contributions.

Bus to Knock Shrine

A bus to Knock Shrine on Thursday 29th July. Leaving the EBS (Patrick
St.) at 7.30a.m. sharp! Fare: (on booking) €20.00. Contact: Pauline at 056-
776 5540; Eileen at 056-776 3259; Marian at 056-776 2247.

Kilkenny – Age Friendly County

Invitation to the Public Consultation Active Listening Workshop and
Social. This is your chance to have your say in shaping Kilkenny as an Age
Friendly County.

Workshop & Social will take place on Tuesday, July 20th, at The Ormonde
Hotel 11.00 to 2.00 p.m. A light lunch provided. MC for the day Mr.
Nickey Brennan. Presentation by Dr. Emer Ahern Community Consultant
Geriatrician, St. Luke’s Hospital.

You are also invited to attend Hotel Kilkenny 2.00 -3.30 p.m. The Garda
Band will be playing.

National Learning Network

Rehabilitative Training – the course aims to provide participants with the
training needed to develop their potential skills and plan their own futures.
This programme enables students to sample a range of work experience
placements providing them with confidence and skills for further training
and options in the community.

Training takes place in a supportive environment within a small group.
Anybody 16 or over with a genuine desire to be trained and develop new
skills. For further information contact: Rosemary Watchorn/Elizabeth
Wright at 056-779 7500. Mobile: 087-126 0592.

Catholic Television in Your Home

Live Daily Mass. Live coverage of Papal events from the Vatican and
Abroad. Documentaries and Teaching series. Children’s Programmes.
Concerts. Global Catholic News and much, much more. **Eternal Word
Television Network (EWTN)** can now be watched on **SKY (channel 589)**
as well as on **Chorus/UPC (channel 815)** also free to air with a dish and
receiver.