

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.

Volunteers Needed

MOOD Moving On Overcoming Depression are looking for volunteers to train as facilitators for their Support Groups in Kilkenny and Clonmel. If you are interested and can give two hours a week please contact Mick on 087 9498100 or email moodsupport@hotmail.com The Kilkenny Group meets on Monday at 8pm in St. Marys Centre Haughney Green, Kilkenny.

Volunteers needed to help young people to avoid drug use

Over the past two years St. John's Parish has been involved in an initiative to try and show the confirmation candidates of the parish that their faith and the gifts of the spirit received in the sacrament of confirmation can be a reality in helping them to avoid drug use. It is developed in co-operation with Ossory Youth, the diocesan youth service. We are now looking for adult volunteers who are interested in working on this initiative. Ideally we would like someone with experience of working with young people or someone with experience of drugs education, but maybe someone is planning a career change and would like to gain experience working with young people. Or maybe someone would simply like to help the young people of the parish. The initiative runs every Monday night for about 18 weeks between October and March each year. Volunteers would be provided with training and support necessary by Ossory Youth Kilkenny City Drugs Initiative. Please contact Mel Bay of Ossory Youth on 087-984 5019 or mbay@ossoryyouth.com.

Fashion Show

A Fashion Show in aid of St. Patrick's Brass & Reed Band building fund will be held in Langton's on Wednesday 20th October at 8.30pm. The show will be presented by FAITH AMOND – please support this worthy cause.

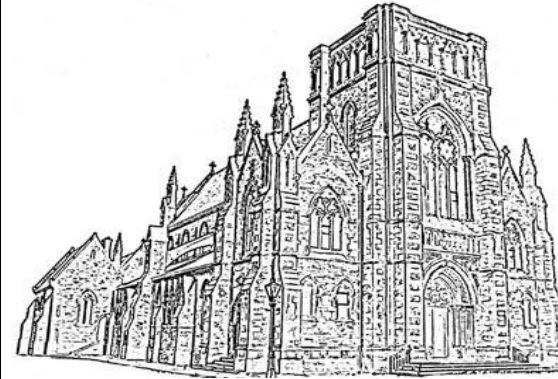
Good Shepherd Centre

The Good Shepherd Centre would like to sincerely thank the collectors and all who contributed to the recent Church Gate Collection which raised €3,199.00.

Irish Blood Bank

The Irish Blood Bank will be in The River Court Hotel on Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th from 5.00pm to 8.30pm. Blood Donors are always needed.

ST JOHN'S PARISH – KILKENNY



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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
26th September 2010

First Communion Meeting

There will be a meeting for parents of First Communion children on Thursday 7.30p.m. in St John's Day Centre. This meeting will outline the programme Do This in Memory. This first communion programme has been prepared by Fr Martin Delaney (Ossory) and Meave Mahon (Kildare and Leighlin) and is used extensively throughout Ireland to involve parish, school and home in the preparation for First Holy Communion. A new book has been prepared for the programme this year and this will help the young people to learn about the mass, understand the readings and know the responses. Please pray for all who will begin the journey towards First Holy Communion next Saturday night when we will have the Enrolment Ceremony at the 6.30pm mass.

Missionary Sisters – Servants of the Holy Spirit

This weekend we welcome Sr Carmen of the Servants of the Holy Spirit to our Parish. Sr Carmen and her community are visiting the diocese of Ossory this year to speak about their work and to ask our assistance.

Patsy Cline Tribute Night

Great night promised in The Set Theatre this Sunday night, 26th at 8.00pm. Proceeds to St John's Parish.

Deaths – Month’s Minds – Anniversaries

Deceased: Sheila Bergin, 65 Newpark
Sr. Mary Clifford, St. John of God Convent, Kilkenny
Anne Shortall, Shellumsrath, Callan Road
Daniel Butler, Kilmogar
Denis Curtis, Wexford

Anniversaries: Elizabeth Brett (Sat 6.30p.m.); Kathleen Maher (Sun 10.30a.m.);
Statia & Stephen Buckely (Sun 7.30p. m.); Eleanor Molly & John Parker;
Elizabeth Connick; Molly Browne; Terry Kelly; Margaret Morris;
Larry Morrissey; Kathleen Murphy; Stephen O’Connor; Tom & Molly
O’Connor; Michael Phelan; Patrick Traynor.

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10.30 a.m.	Seamus Brennan/Mary Hanafin
12.00 noon	Carol McEnery
7.30 p.m.	Ann Fitzpatrick
Johnswell 10.00 a.m.	Sean Colgan/Marie Clare Walsh
Dunmore 11.00 a.m.	Bernard O’Gorman/Claire Hanrick

O’Loughlin Gaels Club Lotto

Numbers: 4; 8; 12; 13. Bonus No.14. No Jackpot or Bonus winner. 10 x Piltown
Draw Tickets of €40. Next Weeks Prize Fund €12,000.00.

10.30 Mass

We welcome back the 10.30 mass choir after their Summer recess. We
thank the choir for their commitment and contribution to the celebration of
10.30 mass each weekend. New members are welcome. Please contact

First Friday

Next Friday is the first Friday of October. The sick and the housebound
will be visited at the usual times.

“Be still and know that I am God” – Psalm 46

Christian Meditation has now resumed in Peace in Christ Retreat House,
Sion Road every Wednesday at 4pm. New members very welcome.

The Irish Catholic

The Catholic newspaper **The Irish Catholic** is published each week. Packed with
news about the faith in Ireland and abroad, articles on aspects of our faith,
interviews with different groups it is always worth a read. The Irish Catholic is
published each Thursday and is available in the Sacristy at a cost of €1.30.

St John’s Children’s Liturgy Group

**St. John’s Children’s Liturgy Group will commence their fourteenth year on
Tuesday evening 28th September, in the Basement of St. John’s Church,
from 5.45pm to 7.00pm**

For those who are not familiar with the group, this group meet every Tuesday
evening and practice to celebrate a family mass in St. John’s on certain Saturday
evenings at 6.30pm. This mass is a special family mass at which the children are
actively involved in various ways. There are simplified versions of the readings,
song, drama, mime etc. This helps the mass to become more alive for the
children. The group spend a lot of time also engaged in a number of other
worthwhile projects to help different children’s charities. The group is confined
to school going children and is open to all children irrespective of what school
they attend. If you or anyone you know would like to join please do come along,
we look forward to seeing you.

Understanding & Protecting Your Families Mental Health

A two hour education programme entitled “Understanding and Protecting Your
Families Mental Health” will be presented by Dr. Fergus Heffernan on
Wednesday 29th Sept and Thursday 30th September (10am to 12 Noon or 8pm to
10pm). For further information please contact Dr. Fergus Heffernan at 087-927
7479 and www.rdconsult.ie or poster in the Church porch.