

Dates for your Calendar

Solemn Novena	Mon. 21 st Feb – Tues. March 1 st .
First Penance (St John's)	Monday, 7 th March, 7.30 p.m.
First Penance (Johnswell)	Thursday, 10 th March, 7.30 p.m.
First Communions (St John's)	Saturday, 14 th May, 10.30 a.m.
Confirmations	Saturday, 21 st May, 11.00 a.m.
Lourdes Pilgrimage	Sun. 22 nd May – Fri. 27 th May.
First Communions (Johnswell)	Sunday, 29 th May, 10.00 a.m.

It's Good To Give Blood

and join Ireland's most extraordinary club

The Blood Donation Clinic is in town this week, from Sunday to Thursday. The clinic is located at Kilkenny's Rivercourt Hotel. On this Sunday (9th) it's open from 12.00 noon to 3.30 p.m. Its hours from Monday to Thursday (inclusive) of this week are from 4.30 p.m. to 8.00 p.m.

Help ensure essential Blood Supplies are always available by giving blood regularly.

Ossory Vocations Promotion # 9

Celebrate our common vocation of Baptism. Pray for those who are discerning a call to live their baptismal commitment as priests. If you feel God is offering you the grace of a vocation to the priesthood Call: Fr. Willie Purcell, Vocations Director @ the Vocations Office 056 – 7770261 or ossoryvocdir@gmail.com

John the Baptist

We can sympathise with the hesitation of John the Baptist, who has been preaching about the one who is to come after him and recognises that this is a big moment. He is reluctant to baptise Jesus, saying 'It is I who need baptism from you, and yet you come to me!'

Yet Jesus knows things are as they should be. He is ready to begin the task he has been sent to do, with the highest possible approval for his mission: the voice from heaven saying 'This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him.'

ST JOHN'S PARISH – KILKENNY



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The Baptism Of The Lord 9th January 2011

New Year's Greetings

As we begin 2011, we take the opportunity to wish you and your families a very happy, holy and peaceful New Year.

Thanks for all your loyalty to the parish and your priests in 2010. It was a year that has seen many difficult decisions nationally which will cause much hardship and difficulty for many people. However, we pray that, putting Christian kindness and compassion into action, we will come through this period with a renewed sense of values, while being specially attentive to those most in need.

We urge you to consider being more active in parish activities and share your skills and abilities in the service of God and his people. You might like to become involved in some ministry, such as becoming a Reader, Eucharistic Minister, or Volunteer in some area or other of parish life. New members for various committees are always most welcome: the Liturgy Committee, the Committee for The Elderly and Development Committees, to name just a few.

We would love to see more people volunteering to become Adorers on the Adoration Rota, becoming regular members of the Prayer Group and more parishioners sharing their abilities as singers and musicians in our parish choirs at all levels. Finally, we remind you to take full advantage of our forthcoming Parish Novena in February as a grace-filled occasion for spiritual growth and renewal.

Deaths – Month’s Minds – Anniversaries

Deaths:

Statia Walsh, Grovine;
Bridget Brennan, St Fiachre’s Place;
Rose Walsh, late of Laurel Green;
Teresa Kennedy, late of Bateman Quay

Anniversaries:

Billy Murphy (6.30pm); Catherine & Thomas Lyons (10.00 Johnswell);
Ned Byrne (10.30am); William, Tess & Joan Murphy (7.30pm); Johnny
Brennan; John, Mamie & Terry Brett; Jim, Mary & Colette Brennan;
Patrick Doran; Noel Dowling; Peg Dowling; Tom & Mary Gaffney; Denis
Guilfoyle; Ann Kavanagh; John Lanigan; Paddy McCann; Paddy Nolan;
Seamus Parsons; Michael Shortall; Ann Smyth; Thomas & Bridget West;
Thomas West Junior.

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10.30 a.m.	Paula Rodgers & Seamus Mahoney
12.00 noon	Anne Marie Walsh
7.30 p.m.	Marie Fogarty
Johnswell 10.00 a.m.	Linda Cummins
Dunmore 11.00 a.m.	Fiona McGeary & Nora Guilfoyle

Weekly Envelope Collection

Despite the bleak economic climate we find ourselves in, we really appreciate the effort and sacrifice you make in keeping up your regular weekly envelope contribution to run and maintain parish services.

Sincere thanks also to all who contribute through yearly, twice-yearly or standing order payments to parish funds.

Divine Mercy

There will be an hour of adoration and prayer in the Friary church this Sunday afternoon from 3.00 to 4.00 p.m.

Christmas Offerings

A big ‘Thank You’ to all of you who have returned your Christmas Offerings towards the upkeep of your Bishop and the priests of your parish. If you have forgotten to do so, you can return your offering to the church or the presbytery at any time in the next week or two.

Knights of St Columbanus – Christmas Dinner

The Knights of St Columbanus annual **CHRISTMAS DINNER FOR THE ELDERLY** will be held this afternoon (January 9th) at 1.00 p.m. at the Irish Wheelchair Association Headquarters, Callan Road (opposite St Kieran’s College entrance).

Collection if required will be provided at St John’s Church and at St Canice’s Church entrance gates at 12.30 p.m.

Parish Pastoral Council

A meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will take place on Thursday next at 7.30 p.m. in the Presbytery. All members are asked to attend.

St Vincent De Paul Society

The monthly collection for the St Vincent De Paul Society will take place at all masses next weekend. Many thanks for your contribution to the Christmas collection.

Side By Side Club

The Side By Side Club will re-open on Thursday, 13th January at 2.20 p.m. New members are most welcome. For more information ring Mary Parle on 7763324.

Committee For The Elderly

The Committee for the Elderly will have their monthly meeting in the presbytery on Monday, 10th January at 7.00 p.m.

Kilkenny Recreation and Sports Partnership

Kilkenny Recreation and Sports Partnership organise subsidised activities in Kilkenny for groups with low levels of physical activity with the aim of increasing participation in physical activity.

For further information, please contact Caitríona Corr, Kilkenny Recreation and Sports Partnership, Desart Hall, New Street, 056 7720870.