

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.

Ossory Vocations Promotion # 10

“To you who have been consecrated in Christ Jesus and called to be a holy people.” Could it be that you or someone in your family is being called to consider priesthood? Call: Fr. Willie Purcell, Vocations Director @ the Vocations Office 056 – 7770261 or ossoryvocdir@gmail.com

Do you Stammer or Stutter?

Do you Stammer or Stutter? The McGuire Programme can help. Open Information Day, Saturday 22nd January 2011 at 1.00pm in Springhill Court Hotel, Waterford Rd, Kilkenny www.stammering.ie

Family Communications and Self Esteem

An eight week parenting course for parents of 9-17 year olds will take place in the Drum Youth Centre, McDonagh Junction every Thursday commencing January 27th from 10.15am to 12.45pm and in the HSE, Lacken, Dublin Road on Friday mornings from 10am to 12.30pm commencing Friday 28th January. Further information or to book a place contact the Health Promotion Dept. 056-7761400.

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If you are pregnant and distressed and would like to talk to someone in confidence phone 1-850-622-626 or 7722739.

Church Gate Collection

The Church Gate collection next weekend is in aid of the Medjugorje Kilkenny Youth Group.

ST JOHN'S PARISH – KILKENNY



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Second Sunday In Ordinary Time 16th January 2011

Parish Social Rescheduled

The annual Parish Social, postponed twice due to weather conditions in November and December, will now take place in *Langton House Hotel* on Sunday, *January 30th*, with dinner served at 8.30 p.m.

Please use the same tickets (invitational or purchased) that were printed for the first night that was postponed. Tickets are still available are available from the presbytery or sacristy at €10 each.

Please come along and enjoy a great night out. Hopefully, it will also be an occasion to celebrate our parish's O'Loughlin Gaels crowning as the new **Leinster S H Clubs Champions** – an event that was also postponed on the same two occasions due to the frost and snow.

Annual Parish Novena

The Parish Novena will take place from Mon. Feb 21st to Tues. March 1st. Once again, it will be conducted by a Redemptorist team consisting of 32 years old, Fr Brian Nolan CSSR, ordained 2009; Ms Niamh O' Neill, a Singer Songwriter, Dancer and Actress for over 15yrs; and Fr Tim Buckley, ordained in 1970, a Londoner who is now based in the Redemptorist community in Liverpool.

Deaths – Month’s Minds – Anniversaries

Deaths: Anne Barry, Radestown
Bridget Marchetti, 26 Melville Heights
Tom Hickey, 7 Willow Close, Ardnore

Month’s Mind: Ned Lawless (Sun 7.30pm)

Anniversaries: Peter & Eileen Browne (Sat 6.30pm); Michael Dowling (Sun 10.30am); Jim & Mary Doyle (Sun 11am Dunmore); Alex Dewberry (Sun 12 Noon); Jim, Mary & Collette Brennan; James Cleary; Michael Cody; Martin Coyne; Leo & Patrick Farrell; Eamonn Goulding; Pauline Hogan; Patrick Holohan; Alice Kinchella; Mary Leahy; Chrissie Murphy; Mae Murphy; Bridget McEvoy; John Nolan; John & Bernard O’Gorman; Bridget Slattery; Patrick Smyth.

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8.00a.m.	Anne Marie Hogan
10.30 a.m.	Awele Onelum
12.00 noon	Bobbie Laharte
7.30 p.m.	Anne Fitzpatrick
Johnswell 10.00 a.m.	Robert Butler/Patrick Rice
Dunmore 11.00 a.m.	Phil Comerford/Esther Comerford

O’Loughlin Gaels Club Lotto

Numbers: 2; 4; 26; 28. Bonus No. 23. No Jackpot or Bonus winner. 10 x Piltown Draw Tickets of €40. Next Weeks Prize Fund €18,400.00.

Christmas Offerings

Thanks to all 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.

Be Prayer Friend

You, and all the congregation of the 10.30 a.m. mass this Monday, are invited to become a Prayer Friend for the Confirmation class who are preparing for Confirmations on May 21st.

After mass on Monday, you will be given a prayer card, the name of a Confirmation Candidate and meet that Candidate. You will undertake to recite the prayer daily for him/her from now up to Confirmation Day. The children love this experience and are always very proud and grateful to have a specific adult, outside their own family, praying especially for them.

Mass of Comittment

The Mass of Comittment for all the parents and children involved in this year’s Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in St John’s church on Monday week (24th) at 7.30 p.m. Due to the weather before Christmas, this Mass was postponed twice already.

However, it is now essential that **ALL parents and children** attend this Mass if the candidates are considered to be adequately preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Swine Flu

Although we’ve received no specific guidelines from the HSE or the Diocese, we encourage all parishioners and visitors to our churches to use the Alcohol Hand Gel Disinfection located at all entrances. In this way we can play our part in guarding against Swine Flu further spreading within our community.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The traditional period for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is 18-25 January..

Each year, in all the city parishes, an Ecumenical Exchange takes place, i.e. various ministers swap over to speak in other churches. Here in St John’s, one of us addresses the congregation in the John Street St John’s C of I. next Sunday. Next Saturday, Dean Katharine Pulton from St Canice’s Cathedral will address our congregation at the 6.30 p.m. mass.

Ossory Pilgrimage to Lourdes

The annual diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place from May 22 to May 27 inc, 2011. Bookings can be made for ordinary pilgrims and the sick now by phoning Eleanor 051 880414. (during office hours Mon. Tue, Thurs, Friday 10.30 to 2.30) The cost is € 720 PPS. The price includes insurance, full board, full pilgrimage programme, travel to and from Cork and Lourdes airport and the services of the JWT travel agency staff.