

Ossory Vocations Promotion # 11

“Reform your lives! The kingdom of heaven is at hand.” Are you being called to proclaim the coming of the kingdom as a priest? Call: Fr. Willie Purcell, Vocations Director @ the Vocations Office 056 – 7770261 or ossoryvocdir@gmail.com

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.

Have you time to spare?

S.O.S. is a Voluntary Organisation for adults with a mild-moderate intellectual disability. S.O.S. provides day services, respite and residential care. We are currently looking for volunteers to support us in providing extra social and recreational activities for people in S.O.S. We are also looking for families to provide breaks in their home for adults from our services. If you would like to know more about volunteering or providing breaks please contact Kathleen Sherry at 056 7764000 or email ksherry@soskilkenny.com or visit our website on www.soskilkenny.com.

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.

Kilkenny Job Club

Kilkenny Job Club helps people find work. We run a FREE workshop of a month's duration from 10a.m. to 1pm daily covering CV preparation, interview skills, letter writing, emails, and provide all facilities such as printing, stationery, telephones, job listings and more. If you've been desperately seeking work and aren't getting anywhere with your search give us a call on 056-775 6043, or call in to see us at unit 4 Abbey Business Centre, Abbey Street, Kilkenny, to speak to Natalie or Trish, and to find out how we can help you.

ST JOHN'S PARISH – KILKENNY



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Third Sunday In Ordinary Time
23rd January 2011

Parish Social

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

Best Of Luck To O'Loughlin Gaels

We all join in wishing and supporting O'Loughlin Gaels to another victory in the Leinster Final of the Senior Clubs Championship next Sunday against Oulart-the-Ballagh. Like the Parish Social, this game has had to be deferred twice already due to weather conditions. So let's show our support next Sun. at 2.00 p.m. in Carlow's Dr Cullen Park.

Deaths – Month’s Minds – Anniversaries

Deaths: Seamus Hennessy, 117 Newpark Close
Liam Bolger, Newpark Drive
Paddy Cantwell, Ruthstown, Ballyfoyle (formerly of Newpark)
Rita Collins, Sandfordscourt, Kilkenny

Month’s Mind: Sammy Johnston – Sun. 2 Noon

Anniversaries: Richard Grace (6.30p.m.); Frank Walsh (8.00a.m.); Elizabeth White (10.30a.m.); The Leahy Family (11.00a.m. Dunmore); Patrick Meaney (7.30p.m.); Joe Brennan; Billy Burke; Patrick Byrne; John Doyle; Paddy Foley; Patrick & Sarah Leahy; Michael McDonald; Hughie Peters; Mary & Denis Purcell; Bridget Slattery; Kathleen Wall; Arthur Wiles.

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8.00a.m.	Nora Webster
10.30 a.m.	Seamus Brennan/Mary Hanafin
12.00 noon	Mary Lynch
7.30 p.m.	Eileen Kinnane
Johnswell 10.00 a.m.	
Dunmore 11.00 a.m.	Pierce Lennon/Liam Maddock

O’Loughlin Gaels Club Lotto

Numbers: 3; 7; 11; 28. Bonus No. 21. No Jackpot or Bonus winner. 10 x Piltown Draw Tickets of €40. Next Weeks Prize Fund €18,800.00.

Johnswell Badminton Club

Johnswell Badminton Club will hold their Annual Table Quiz on Friday 4th February at 8.30p.m. in Johnswell Hall.

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 this Monday 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.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

As part of this year’s Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we are very happy to welcome to St John’s **The Very Reverend Katharine M Poulton**, the new Dean of St Canice’s Cathedral who will address our Saturday 6.30p.m. congregation. 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. this Sunday.

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 at 051- 880 414, (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.

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.

Chernobyl Children International

Kilkenny Outreach Group

Coffee Morning, and Book Sale on Friday, January 28th, at 10.30a.m. in Loughboy Parish Centre.

This year marks the 25th Anniversary of the disaster, and this is the first of many events to raise more awareness and to generate much needed funds to support the work both here in Ireland and in Belarus.