

Catholic Schools Week 2011

As we launch Catholic Schools Week we take time once again to reflect on the immense contribution our Schools make to the education of children and young people. It is also an opportunity to give thanks for the commitment of all involved in our Catholic Schools in Ossory and to pray that together we will continue to grow in our appreciation of the gift that they are to our diocesan community. This year the theme of Catholic Schools Week is 'Catholic Schools – Rooted in Jesus Christ'.

When a school is rooted in Jesus Christ the fruits are clearly seen: There is a special relationship between school, home, and parish community particularly in the area of preparation for the Sacraments; Liturgical celebrations that begin and end the school year and mark other important milestones are a central part of school life; Teachers witness to the teachings of Christ in their own lives and by so doing play their part in nourishing the seeds of faith in the hearts of children and young people.

During Catholic Schools Week I encourage all of you at home, in the school and the parish community to reflect once again on our roots and to use the resources provided for Catholic Schools Week to create a space where all of us as partners in the task of Catholic education can joyfully celebrate this special gift.

(Extract from Bishop Freeman's message to the Diocese for C.S.W.)

Ossory Vocations Promotion # 12

“Consider your own calling...” and do not be discouraged by others when considering the priesthood. 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. It will be conducted by a Redemptorist team consisting of Fr Tim Buckley, ordained in 1970, a Londoner; Ms Niamh O' Neill, a Singer Songwriter, Dancer and Actress; and 32 years old, Fr Brian Nolan CSsR, ordained 2009;

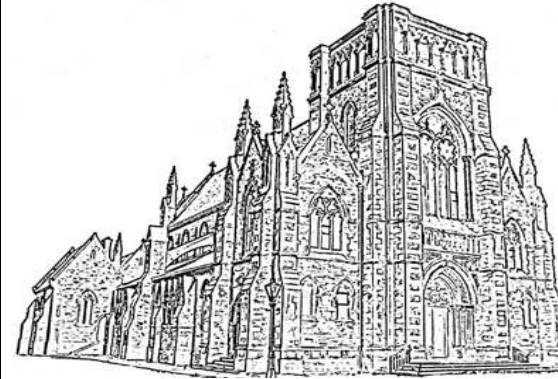
World Youth Day 2011

Young people from the Diocese of Ossory are invited to attend World Youth Day in Madrid in August 2011. If you are 18 years or older on the 1st August 2011 and would like to be part of this world wide pilgrimage please contact Fr Richard Scriven at 087 242 0033 or rscriven2009@gmail.com

Children with Special Needs

Support Group for Parents and Carers of Children with Special Needs takes place on the first Wednesday of every month. Next meeting will take place on Wednesday, 2nd February 2010 from 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in St. Patrick's Parish Centre beside St. Fiacre's Church. All welcome. Please contact Noreen at 087 9581315 or 087 9040208.

ST JOHN'S PARISH – KILKENNY



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Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time 30th January 2011

Parish Social

The annual Parish Social will take place in *Langton House Hotel* this Sunday with dinner served at 8.30 p.m., Dancing to 'Cupla'. Please use the same tickets you originally received before postponements. Tickets are still available are available from the presbytery or sacristy at €10 each.

Tuesday – Feast of St Brigid

St Brigid, secondary patron of Ireland, is renowned for her hospitality, almsgiving and care of the sick. She was born c. 454 and died in 524.

Thursday – Feast of St Blaise

St Blaise, Bishop of Sebaste in Armenia, is believed to have been martyred in the early fourth century. Tradition has it that he was a physician before becoming a bishop. Since the eighth century he has been venerated as the patron of those who suffer from disease of the throat. In St John's we will have blessing of the throats before and after 8.00 & 10.30 a.m. masses.

Best Wishes to O'Loughlin Gaels

We all join in wishing the very best to O'Loughlin Gaels today in the Leinster Final of the Senior Clubs Championship next Sunday against Oulart-the-Ballagh.

Deaths – Month’s Minds – Anniversaries

Deaths: Seamus Holohan – Loughmerans, Bleach Road
Anne O’Shea – College Gardens, Callan Road
Rita Butler – Stephen Street
Ann Kelly – Greenshill
William McGarry, Gashouse Lane
Sean Kelly, 14 St Francis Terrace
Dick Brennan, 45 Wolfe Tone St. Funeral Mass Sun. 12 noon.

Month’s Mind: Margaret McGrath

Anniversaries: Billy Malone (6.30p.m.); Louis & Catherine Brennan (10.00a.m. Johnswell); Patrick Burke (10.30a.m.); Tom Byrne (7.30p.m.); William Brophy; Joe & Nell Delaney; Ann Delaney; Ann Delaney; Eileen & Robert Dowd; Elizabeth Kavanagh; Philip Larkin; Michael & Desmond Mahony; May Morris Allen; Paddy Morris; Mary & Edward O’Neill; Benjamin Scariff;

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8.00a.m.	Anne O’Grady
10.30 a.m.	Louis Feeley/Kathleen Ferguson
12.00 noon	Caroline Mullins
7.30 p.m.	Anne Marie Grace
Johnswell 10.00 a.m.	
Dunmore 11.00 a.m.	Niamh Holohan/Liz O’Gorman

O’Loughlin Gaels Club Lotto

Numbers: 4; 6; 14; 23. Bonus No. 9. No Jackpot or Bonus winner. 10 x Piltown Draw Tickets of €40. Next Weeks Prize Fund €19,200.00.

Johnswell Badminton Club

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

Parish Finance Committee

There will be a meeting of the Parish Finance Committee in the presbytery on Thursday evening at 7.30 p.m. All members are invited to attend.

Mass of Comittment

The Mass of Comittment for all the parents and children of this year’s Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in St John’s church this Monday at 7.30 p.m.

First Friday

Next Friday is the First Friday of February. The sick and housebound will be visited at the normat times.

If you have a family member, neighbour or friend who should be included for a visit, please let us know.

St Brigid’s Day Service

The annual St Brigid’s Day service will take place in St Fiacre’s Church Loughbouy on Tuesday February 1st at 8 pm.

This year’s service will remember all whose lives have been touched by suicide and will be led by the Kilkenny Gospel Choir.

Short Courses for Spring

Kilkenny Campus at St Kieran’s College has new afternoon and evening courses in Literature, Philosophy and Local Folklore & Song, beginning in early Feb.

Courses run for 8 or 10 weeks, 2-4pm or 7-9pm.

For more information call 777 5910 or 087 2630999 or see www.nuim.ie/kilkenny. Course fees €120/€150. Closing date for applications February 2nd.

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.

Chernobyl Children – 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.

First Saturday Devotion

.... in St Fiachre’s Church, Loughboy, next Saturday 6.15 to 9.00 p.m.