

## We Welcome The Redemptorists

This weekend we welcome Fr Denis Luddy and Fr Brian Nolan who are visiting the parish to promote the forthcoming Annual Parish Novena. The Novena will take place from Mon. Feb 21<sup>st</sup> to Tues. March 1<sup>st</sup>. It will be conducted by a team consisting of Fr Tim Buckley CSsR, Ms Niamh O' Neill, Fr Brian Nolan CSsR.

## Ossory Vocations Promotion # 13

### *World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life*

“Let your light shine before others” perhaps as a priest, deacon, sister or brother the consecrated life or priesthood. Call: Fr. Willie Purcell, Vocations Director @ the Vocations Office 056 – 7770261 or ossoryvocdir@gmail.com

## 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 looking for families to provide breaks in their home for adults from our services, nominal expenses are paid. We are also looking for volunteers to support us in providing extra social and recreational activities for people in S.O.S Contact Kathleen Sherry at 056 7764000 or email ksherry@soskilkenny.com or visit our website on www.soskilkenny.com .

## 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

## Kilkenny Flower Club

Kilkenny Flower Club's AGM in Butler House on Thursday at 8.00p.m.

## Free 3-Day Career Guidance Course for Unemployed People

Applicants must be in receipt of Jobseekers benefit or allowance and have Leaving Certificate or Lower. Commences the 7<sup>th</sup> February. Sign up today. Tel: 061-40 0664. Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Check: [www.careerdecisions.ie](http://www.careerdecisions.ie) for more information and locations.

## Enable Ireland

Church Gate Collection for Enable Ireland will take place next weekend.

*Newsletter kindly sponsored by*

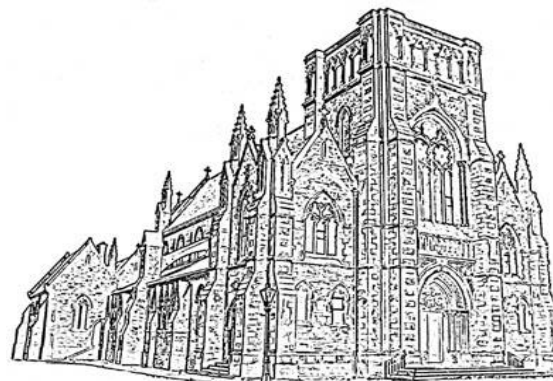
## **Moth To A Flame**

**Bennetsbridge Co Kilkenny - Tel: 056-772 7826**

*Candles for every occasion*

*Sale Now On*

## ST JOHN'S PARISH – KILKENNY



### **Parish Pastoral Council**

Claire Bowden, Seamus Brennan,  
Seán Colgan, Penny Kavanagh,  
Úna Lennon, Michael Mullins,  
Fr Seán O'Connor, Mary O'Hanlon,  
Fr Frank Purcell

**SVP Helpline: 086 895 1239**

**Parish Tel: (056) 772 1072**

**E-mail: [stjohns@ossory.ie](mailto:stjohns@ossory.ie)**

**Fr Frank Purcell (086) 601 0001**

**Parish Fax: (056) 772 2209**

**Website: [stjohnskilkenny.com](http://stjohnskilkenny.com)**

**Fr Seán O'Connor (086) 389 5911**

## Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time 6<sup>th</sup> February 2011

*Message of the Holy Father Pope Benedict XVI on the Occasion of the  
Nineteenth World Day of the Sick, 11 February 2011*

## Dear Brothers and Sisters!

Every year, on the day of the memorial of the Blessed Virgin of Lourdes, which is celebrated on 11 February, the Church proposes the World Day of the Sick. This event, as the venerable John Paul II wanted, becomes a propitious occasion to reflect upon the mystery of suffering and above all to make our communities and civil society more sensitive to our sick brothers and sisters. If every man is our brother, much more must the sick, the suffering and those in need of care be, at the centre of our attention, so that none of them feels forgotten or emarginated; indeed, ‘the true measure of humanity is essentially determined in relationship to suffering and to the sufferer. This holds true both for the individual and for society. A society unable to accept its suffering members and incapable of helping to share their suffering and to bear it inwardly through “com-passion” is a cruel and inhuman society’

**I assure you all that I will remember you in my prayers, as I bestow upon you my Apostolic Blessing.**

*Benedictus PP XVI*

## Deaths – Month’s Minds – Anniversaries

**Deaths:** John Lawlor – Upper John Street  
Ann Nolan - College Road  
Margaret Foran – Vicar Street

**Month’s Mind:** Nancy Stapleton

**Anniversaries:** Michael Cody (6.30p.m.); Sarah Prendergast (10.00a.m. Johnswell); Catherine Fogarty (10.30a.m.); Séan Maloney (12 Noon); Bridie Kinsella & Ellen Clarke (7.30p.m.); May & Jack Bourke; Margaret Carroll; Eileen Cooper; Bobby Corcoran; Robert Delaney; Isabella Doyle; Elizabeth & Patrick Fry; Michael & Margaret Lennon; Kevin Mansfield; John Nolan; Winifred Norris; John & Brigid Power; Dr. Richard Purcell; Frank Quinn; William Tyrrell;

## Eucharistic Ministers For Next Weekend – Panel 2

### Readers for Next Weekend Page 61

8.00a.m.	Sean O’Grady
10.30 a.m.	Jimmy Connolly & Bernie Dermody
12.00 noon	Peter Dwyer
7.30 p.m.	Marie Fogarty
Johnswell 10.00 a.m.	Josie Manning
Dunmore 11.00 a.m.	Eddie Holohan/Liz O’Gorman

## O’Loughlin Gaels Club Lotto

Numbers: 9; 20; 25; 28. Bonus No. 22. No Jackpot or Bonus winner. 10 x Piltown Draw Tickets of €40. Next Weeks Prize Fund €19,600.00.

## St. John’s Prayer Group

St. John’s Prayer Group Mass will be held in the Day Centre at 8.15p.m. Wed.

## Alzheimers

Day Care Centre for People Affected by Alzheimers in Kilkenny Open: Monday-Friday 09.30am-4.00pm. Please Contact 056)7771230

## Monthly Rosary

The Monthly Rosary in James Green this Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> February at 3.00p.m.

## Congratulations ..... and ..... Thank You!

Congratulations to O’Loughlin Gaels on a great game with a nail-biting finish to win the Leinster Final last Sunday. Also, a big ‘thank you’ to all who attended and helped at the Parish Social last Sunday, which was one of the most successful yet. It was terrific to have the O’Loughlin’s panel and mentors joining the event and bringing along the County and Leinster cups. Thanks to Eamonn Langton and all his staff for hosting the night and providing such excellent fare and service.

## St John’s Junior School

St John’s Junior School is currently accepting enrolments for the school year 2011/2012. Please contact the school (056-776 2888) for an application forms by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> Feb. Parents are welcome to visit the school. Ring for an appointment.

## Triduum in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes

Triduum in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes takes place in the Black Abbey on February 9<sup>th</sup>; 10<sup>th</sup>; and 11<sup>th</sup>. Rosary, Mass, Homily. Times: 10.15a.m. and 7.15p.m. Preacher: Fr. Gabriel Harty O.P. Ireland’s Rosary Priest. Friday 11<sup>th</sup> is world day of the sick, sacrament of the sick at both sessions.

## 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.

## Art Classes

Art Classes are starting in the Bishop Birch Training Institute, Waterford Rd. The classes will start on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February and will run for a six week period each Friday at 10.30a.m. The classes will cover the various classical painting and drawing techniques including oil on canvas, watercolours, pastel. To book your place, or for further information please contact Sonja on 056-770 8155 or mobile 083-394 1220, email: sonjavarsajkov@gmail.com

## Newsletter Notices

Please remember, all items for inclusion in the parish Newsletter should be in the Presbytery on Friday evening at 5.00 p.m. at the latest. Depending on content and available space, we reserve the right to edit notices accordingly.

Visit our parish website – history, photos, newsletters, etc.

[stjohnskilkenny.com](http://stjohnskilkenny.com)