

Ossory Vocations Promotion # 15

“Be holy, for I, the LORD your God, am holy.” Is your vocation to holiness to be lived out as a priest?

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.

St Gregory the Great Parish Choir

St Gregory the Great Parish Choir, U.S.A. will be in Kilkenny and will sing at Evening Mass in St John’s Church on Ash Wednesday 9th March 7.30 p.m.

International Eucharistic Congress 2012

Official Launch in The Diocese of Ossory will take place on the weekend 5/6th March, feast of St Kieran, patron of the diocese.

The aim of the launch in each parish is:

- to raise public awareness among the faithful of the forthcoming International Eucharistic Congress to be held in Dublin from June 10 - 17, 2012.
- to encourage in each parish a programme of reflection and catechesis on the Eucharist as the “summit and source” of our life in God
- to rediscover the beauty and rich treasury of the Blessed Eucharist through Adoration.

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If you are pregnant and distressed and would like to talk to someone in confidence phone **1850 622 626** or **772 2739** local centre number.

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Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

20th February 2011

Novena 2011

“Our Lady of Perpetual Help, may we share with you and your Son the joy of having courageously faced up to all the challenges of life.”

We are delighted to welcome the Redemptorist Novena Team: Fr Brian, Ms Niamh O’Neill and Fr Tim Buckley to conduct our annual Solemn Novena this year.

By now, you all should have received a ‘flier’ with the timetable of sessions and events.

Apart from Sunday, when masses will be at the normal times, the weekday sessions will be at 7.30 & 10.30 a.m. and 7.30 p.m. Due to mid-term break, the special session for School Children is changed to Tuesday, March 1st. Reconciliation (without Mass) will be on Friday, 25th at 7.30 p.m.; Anointing of the sick on Saturday, 26th; and special session for babies and small children on Sunday, 27th at 3.30 p.m.

As a Parish Community, please use this opportunity as a grace-filled occasion to spiritually prepare for Lent and Easter by attending in great numbers at all sessions of this Novena. ***Candles, Booklets (new), Petition and Thanksgiving leaflets will be available at the back of the church.***

Deaths – Month’s Minds – Anniversaries

Deaths: Johanna Tallis – 28 Newpark Close

Anniversaries: Chris Hoban (6.30p.m.); Catherine Dowling (10.00a.m. Johnswell); Tony Comerford (10.30a.m.); Paddy Brennan (11.00a.m. Dunmore); Christopher & Julia Bergin (12 Noon); Michael Brennan (7.30p.m.); Kathleen & Charles Bartholomew; John Brennan; Patrick & Elizabeth Brennan; Martin Dermody; Thomas Duggan; Tommy Hackett; Smiler Kealy; Catherine Ryan; Sarah Tynan.

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8.00a.m.	Nora Webster
10.30 a.m.	Paula Rodgers/Seamus Mahony
12.00 noon	Anne Marie Walsh
7.30 p.m.	Eileen Kinnane
Johnswell 10.00 a.m.	Fergal Brennan/Laura Butler
Dunmore 11.00 a.m.	Jim Kavanagh/Colette Brennan

O’Loughlin Gaels Club Lotto

Numbers: 6; 13; 15; 17. Bonus No. 24. No Jackpot or Bonus winner. 10 x Piltown Draw Tickets of €40. Next Weeks Prize Fund €20,000.00.

St. Vincent de Paul

The monthly collection for St. Vincent de Paul will take place this weekend. Many thanks for your previous contributions.

St. John’s Prayer Group

St. John’s Prayer Group meeting for Wednesday 23rd February is cancelled due to Parish Novena, meeting will resume as normal on Wednesday 2nd March.

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

O’Loughlin Gaels – Unstoppable!

Amid great excitement in Dublin’s Parnell Park, O’Loughlin Gaels, once again, brought great joy and honour to our parish as they conquered Loughgiel Shamrocks in the AIB GAA hurling All-Ireland senior club championship semi-final this weekend.

Congratulations to all concerned – the team, the panel, the mentors, officials and all the back-room staff, on making it to the All-Ireland Final in Croke Park on St Patrick’s Day.

What a great note on which to ‘puck out’ this year’s Novena. We trust there will be a few match-related ‘Thanksgiving’ slips put into the Novena’s ‘Petition/Thanksgiving’ Box next week.

This sweet victory was probably aided, in no small way, by all the Rosaries that the Captain’s mum, Kathleen, says for the team before all these games!

Well done lads. Keep up all the training and the hard work, and we’ll keep up the prayers.

Volunteer visitor project starts in Kilkenny

A new project is being run by the Mercer’s Institute for Research on Ageing, based in St James’ Hospital in Dublin, and funded by the Ageing Well Network. The project-the Social Connection Study is aimed at people aged 65 or over who would like to get out and about more often than they do now.

The visitors are also older people. They have been trained to visit people in their homes and support them to start getting out and about more.

During the project, the volunteer makes ten weekly visits. At each visit, they help the person to make plans, deal with obstacles and build on progress.

People taking part in the project will be asked to do an assessment before and after the project, to see if the volunteer visitor programme has made a difference.

If you – or someone you know – might be interested, you can get more information about the project by calling - **Maureen Tobin** (Kilkenny Researcher) **Tel No. 086 1294353**

Johnswell Badminton Club

Johnswell badminton club would like to thank everyone who supported their recent successful table quiz. Many thanks to all.

Johnswell National School

Johnswell National School is currently accepting enrolments for the school year 2011/2012.

Please contact the school on 056-775 9895 for an application or an appointment to visit to the school.

