

### **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](mailto:ksherry@soskilkenny.com) or visit our website on [www.soskilkenny.com](http://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 9<sup>th</sup> March 7.30 p.m.

### **First Saturday Devotion**

The First Saturday Devotion will take place at St. Fiacre's Church, Loughboy next Saturday from 7pm to 9pm. All are welcome

### **School of the Holy Spirit**

The Annual Church Gate Collection for the School of the Holy Spirit will take place on Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th March. The monies raised will go towards essential complimentary therapies for the pupils. Thank you so much to the people of Kilkenny for their continued support.

### **Watershed News**

A walking group will meet on Wednesday mornings at 9.45 at the track in the Watershed. This group will be led by a qualified walk leader and all abilities are welcome. If you are retired, have dropped children to school, want to walk with your buggy or would simply like to walk with some company, come along any Wednesday from the 2nd of March! Contact Kilkenny Recreation and Sports Partnership on 056 7720870 or [info@krsp.ie](mailto:info@krsp.ie)

### **CURA**

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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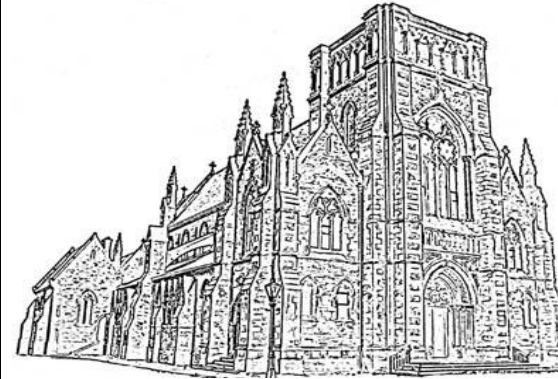
### **Moth To A Flame**

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

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## **ST JOHN'S PARISH – KILKENNY**



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### **Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time**

**27<sup>th</sup> February 2011**

### **Parish Redemptorist Novena**

With two days left (after Sunday) of our Parish Novena and as we approach the closing ceremonies on Tuesday, we encourage everyone to keep up the wonderful attendance, and perhaps increase it. Mon. & Tues. sessions at 7.30 & 10.30 a.m. and 7.30 p.m. Next week, we will acknowledge all who helped to make this year's Novena such a great success. Special thanks to Frs. Brian & Tim and to Niamh.

### **International Eucharistic Congress 2012**

**Next weekend, 5th/6th March, as the Diocese celebrates the feast of St. Kieran, our patron Saint, we will launch the forthcoming International Eucharistic Congress 2012 at our Weekend Masses.**

The aim of the launch in each parish is:

- to raise public awareness among the faithful of the forthcoming International Eucharistic Congress, in Dublin, June 10<sup>th</sup> to 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.

## Deaths – Month’s Minds – Anniversaries

**Deaths:** Jimmy Gahan, “Fairview”, Castlecomer Road  
Rose McHugh, Glendine Heights  
Mena Somers, Sheastown Lane  
Bernard Dowling, Blackmill Street  
Kathleen Dwyer, Greenridge. *Funeral prayers 5.30pm Sun in Hehir’s. Removal to St John’s. Funeral Mass Mon 12 noon. Interment in St Kieran’s cemetery.*  
Seamus Burke, 124 Assumption Place. *Funeral prayers 4.15pm in Residence. removal to St John’s. Funeral Mass Mon 2.00pm. Interment in St Kieran’s cemetery.*

**Month’s Mind:** Séamus Holohan(Sat 6.30p.m.)  
Anne Barry (Sun 10.30a.m.)  
Paddy Cantwell (Sun 7.30p.m.)  
Willie McGarry

**Anniversaries:** Jim Tobin (10.00a.m. Johnswell); Bridget Guilfoyle (11.00a.m. Dunmore); Mary Cahill (12 Noon); Peter & Jimmy Browne; Pierce & Martin Clooney; Martin Coogan; Dolores Dowling; William Holland; Stan Landers; William & Nora Lanigan; Francis & Patrick McDonagh; Catherine Neary; Christina O’Connor; Patsy Purcell;

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8.00a.m.	Ann O’Grady
10.30 a.m.	Awele Onelum
12.00 noon	Bobbie Lahart
7.30 p.m.	Anne Marie Grace
Johnswell 10.00 a.m.	Sean Colgan
Dunmore 11.00 a.m.	Bernard O’Gorman

## O’Loughlin Gaels Club Lotto

Numbers: 8, 10, 22, 25. Bonus No.14. No Jackpot or Bonus winner. 10 x Piltown Draw Tickets of €40. Next Weeks Prize Fund €20,000.00.

## Drugs Awareness & Gifts of the Holy Spirit

On Monday week, 7th March, this year’s Confirmation program of Drugs Awareness & Gifts of the Holy Spirit will begin for all participating candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

## First Friday

Next Friday is the First Friday of March. The sick and housebound will be visited at the normal times. If you have a family member, neighbour or friend who should be included for a visit, please let us know.

## World Day of Prayer

All are welcome to attend World Day of Prayer Service at 8pm on Friday March 4<sup>th</sup> at St. John’s Church of Ireland, John Street.

## St. John’s Prayer Group

St. John’s Prayer Group Meeting will resume as normal on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March.

## Developments at Saint Mary’s Cathedral

Recently, a decision was taken to address the condition and usage of the ‘*Chapter House*’ attached to the Cathedral. The first item of work was to ensure that the building was waterproof. So, its roof and the roof of the link corridor were stripped.

Thankfully, the timbers were found to be very sound and 85% of the slates were recoverable. Chimneys, gutters, etc were serviced and repaired as needed. Total cost: €90,000 – half paid by the parish and half by the diocese.

The next phase was to look at the possible use of this building from a parish and diocesan point of view. The Chapter Room will be upgraded as a medium-sized conference room to seat 60/70 people, with catering facilities provided.

The basement area has been cleared out and it’s proposed to locate toilet facilities there, as well as a coffee-shop/tea-room. This area can be accessed from the Chapter Room and also from Blackmill Street.

It is also envisaged that a *Veritas Bookshop* will be located on the ground floor. A lift will be installed to serve all three floors.

The *Crypt* has also been recently re-opened. There are five bishops interred there – Lanigan, Marum, Kinsella, Walsh and Downey, as well as two priests.

If you would like take a look at the work carried out to date, please feel free to contact one of the priests of St Mary’s at 056 777 1253.

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

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