

## Ossory Vocations Promotion # 17

“Only the one who does the will of My Father” will enter the kingdom of heaven. Is your path to heaven that of proclaiming God’s kingdom as a priest? Call: Fr. Willie Purcell, Vocations Director @ the Vocations Office 056 – 7770261 or [ossoryvocdir@gmail.com](mailto:ossoryvocdir@gmail.com)

### “Up for the Match” –

#### White and Green Night in O’Loughlin Gaels on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March

All supporters of O’Loughlin Gaels welcome to this event. Prizes for the best dressed on the night. All-Ireland Final raffle will take place. Winners of best dressed house announced. Admission Free – Spots Galore.

### 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.

### St John’s Prayer Group

As Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, St John’s Prayer Group meeting is cancelled for that evening, meeting will resume as normal on Wed. 16<sup>th</sup>.

### Blessed Edmund Rice

The monthly mass to pray for Blessed Edmund Rice will be celebrated in Westcourt, Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm. Callan Bereavement Society will host

### Four Nights This Lent

Why not join us for four nights this Lent on a course which is intended for those involved in the liturgical, prayer and music ministries in the parishes of Ossory. These evenings are for people involved in the liturgical life of the parish: Eucharistic ministers; lectors; baptismal teams; choirs; sacristans, etc. Venue: St Patrick’s Parish Centre, from 7.30-8.30pm each night. Tues. 8<sup>th</sup> - The Liturgical history of Lent; Tue. 15<sup>th</sup> - Celebrating Lent as a Parish Community ; Tue. 22<sup>nd</sup> - The Music of Lent; Tues. 29<sup>th</sup> - Experiencing Reconciliation in Lent. Speaker: Fr Willie Purcell, Director Vocations.

### Booklets for Lent

Booklets for the Lent: *Scripture Reflection*, *Lent CDs* and the *Praying the Psalms* are now available in Church Porch or in Sacristy. €3 to €5 each.

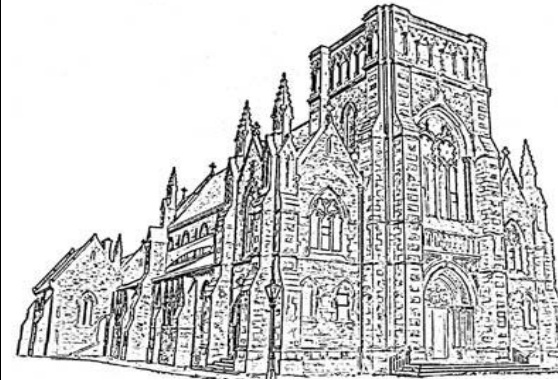
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## ST JOHN’S PARISH – KILKENNY



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**Ninth Sunday In Ordinary Time**  
**6<sup>th</sup> March 2011**

## Ash Wednesday and Lent

Next Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> March, is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. Blessing and Distribution of Ashes at 8.00am, 10.30am and 7.30pm masses. Lent is a season of prayer, almsgiving and fasting. These are the three important aspects of Lent and our preparation for the celebration of Easter. May these days lead us to the Risen Christ renewed in body and spirit.

## International Eucharistic Congress 2012

This weekend as the Diocese celebrates the feast of St Kieran, our patron Saint, we 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:** Ellen Cornally – 22, St. Fiacre’s Place  
Edmond O’Dwyer – Bansha, Co. Tipperary  
Fr Joe Feeley – Salford Diocese.

**Month’s Mind:** Mark O’Grady – (Wednesday 10.30a.m.)

**Anniversaries:** Fintan Brennan (6.30p.m.); Sheila Rice (10.00a.m. Johnswell); Joe Maher (10.30a.m.); Ted Callanan (11.00a.m. Dunmore); John McEnery (12 Noon); Nancy Dowling (7.30p.m.); Anastatia Brennan; Dolly Blanch; John Boland; John & Kitty Cleere; Martin Dooley; Dolores Dowling; John Hodge; Paddy & Tess Hogan; Ellen Kelly; Maggie Lanigan; Esther McDonald; Tony Mulhall; Michael O’Brien; Christina O’Connor; Patrick & Julia Parsons; Ollie Walsh.

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8.00a.m.	Sean O’Grady
10.30 a.m.	Seamus Brennan/Mary Hanafin
12.00 noon	Mary Lynch
7.30 p.m.	Marie Fogarty
Johnswell 10.00 a.m.	Kevin/Laura Murphy
Dunmore 11.00 a.m.	Fiona McGeary/Nora Guilfoyle

## O’Loughlin Gaels Club Lotto

Numbers: 8, 11, 14, 16. Bonus No.2. No Jackpot or Bonus winner. 10 x Piltown Draw Tickets of €40. Next Weeks Prize Fund €20,000.00.

## Johnswell Active Retirement

The A.G.M. of Johnswell Active Retirement will be held in Johnswell Hall on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30p.m. The A.G.M. will be followed by a talk on Benefits of Aloe Vera, given by Catriona Daly. Everyone welcome.

## Lady Desart Talk

Gabriel Murray, Local Historian, will give a talk about the life of Lady Desart. Venue: Carnegie City Library on Wed. 9<sup>th</sup> at 7.00p.m. This talk is part of the programme of events celebrating International Women’s Day around Kilkenny.

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

## Drugs Awareness & Gifts of the Holy Spirit

This Monday at 8.00 p.m. in the Senior School, this year’s Confirmation program of Drugs Awareness & Gifts of the Holy Spirit will begin for all participating candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

## Parish Novena

We take this opportunity to thank the Redemptorist Team who conducted our Parish Novena which concluded last Tuesday evening. It was, by any standards, a great success with hundreds coming out each day, including the schools, to avail of the graces and blessings associated with the event. Thank you all for your attendance and participation.

We also thank the many volunteers who prepared the way beforehand, and all those who were working at each of the three daily sessions. It was fantastic to witness such motivation and cooperation.

Finally, we thank the many priests for their assisting at The Sacrament of Reconciliation It was all very much appreciated.

## Novena to St. Joseph

Mill Hill Missionaries Novena to St. Joseph begins on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March and finishes on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March – the Feast of St. Joseph. Novena Mass and Prayers each evening at 8.00p.m. in our Chapel at: Mill Hill Missionaries, St. Joseph’s, Waterford Road, Kilkenny. Fr. Maurice McGill, our Regional Superior, will be with us for the closing Mass on the Feast of St. Joseph – Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March at 8p.m.

## Understanding Mental Health

How to understand and protect your and your families mental health. Presenter: Dr. Fergus Heffernan. This will take place in the Village Business Centre, Patrick Street, on Tues 8<sup>th</sup>. Cost: €10.00. Booking: 087-927 7479 (Booking Essential).

## Monthly Rosary

The Monthly Rosary on the First Sunday in James Green at the Statue of Our Lady of Kilkenny continues this Sunday at 3.00p.m.

## Follow Ossory On Twitter

From Ash Wednesday the Diocese of Ossory will enter the world of twitter – for the duration of Lent. They hope to tweet news, prayer, information on the saint of the day, or simply things thought provoking. Follow: @OssoryDiocese.