

# ST JOHN'S PARISH – KILKENNY

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## Beannachtaí na Féile Pádraig ar ár léitheóiri uile!

**Mass Times next Thursday, St Patrick's Day:**  
**St John's: Vigil Wed 6.30 pm; Thurs – 8.00 & 10.30 am, 12 noon & 7.30 pm.**  
**Johnswell: 10.00 am; Dunmore: 11.00 am.**

Historians tell us that only two authentic letters from Saint Patrick survive, from which come the only universally accepted details of his life.

When he was about 16 he was captured from Britain by Irish raiders and taken as a slave to Ireland, where he lived for six years before escaping and returning to his family.

After entering the Church, he returned to Ireland as an ordained bishop in the north and west of the island, but little is known about the places where he worked. By the seventh century, he had come to be revered as the patron saint of Ireland.

It is believed that he lived from 340 to 440, and ministered in what is modern day Northern Ireland from 428 onwards. There is widespread interpretation he was active as a missionary in Ireland during the second half of the 5th century.

St Patrick's Day is observed on March 17<sup>th</sup>, the date of Patrick's death. It is celebrated all over the world as both a liturgical and non-liturgical holiday.

For us at home, the Feast of St Patrick provides a moment to reflect on the fragility of our times and our future if we place our trust self centeredness. Ireland faced and came through even harder times in the past through the strength of community and solidarity. We need these values today. They cannot be imposed from above. They must be constructed by each of us, each day, in each new situation. We must help ensure that the idealism and generosity of the younger generation can be welcomed and channeled into a new culture of solidarity.



### The White and Green – Go to it lads!

St John's Senior School would like to wish the O'Loughlins Gaels Senior Hurling team the best of luck in the All-Ireland Club Final in Croke Park on St Patrick's Day. We are very proud of our many past pupils on the team. It is gratifying that they have achieved so many honours to date on the hurling field. Already this school year the team and mentors have visited St John's Senior School with the County and Leinster trophies and have brought great joy and satisfaction to the pupils and staff. This greatly assists with the promotion of sport in our school. We have a wonderful relationship with the O'Loughlin Gaels Club and we appreciate the time they always take to visit the school with trophies after important victories. We are all looking forward to one more visit this year, with the All-Ireland trophy bedecked in white and green. Go to it lads!



Is mian le Scoil Eoin Naofa Sinsir a mbeannachtaí a sheoladh chuig foireann iománaíochta Ghael Ó Lochlainn i gCluiche Ceannais na gClubanna i bPáirc an Chrócaigh ar Lá 'le Pádraig. Is cúis mhórtais dúinn a oiread san d'ár n'iar-scoláirí a bheith ag dul chun páirce ar son an pharóiste ar an lá stairiúil sin. Tá iliomad gradam bainte amach acu cheana féin ar pháirc na hiomána. Chuireamar na mílte fáilte rompu nuair a tháinig said faoi dhó chugainn le Corn an Chondae agus Corn Chúige Laighin i rith na scoilbhliana seo. Is mór an chúis áthais ag na daltaí is múinteoirí a bhfuil d'éachtaí déanta acu san iomáint i mbliana. Tugann sé misneach is spreagadh nach beag dúinn i gcur chun cinn na gcluichí is spóirt in ár scoil féin. Tá dlúth nasc idir an scoil agus Chumann Gael Ó Lochlainn agus táimid thar a bheith buíoch dóibh go dtógann said gach seans a mbuanna a cheiliúradh leis na páistí. Táimid ag tnúth go mór le cuairt amháin eile ón bhfoireann i mbliana nuair a bheidh Corn Tommy Moore ina nglac acu agus é maisithe le dathanna bán is uaine. Ar aghaidh libh a bhuaichillí!

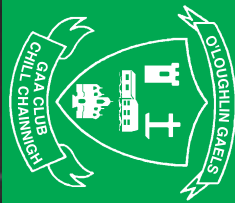
### Johnswell National School

Best of luck to O'Loughlin Gaels on St. Patrick's Day in the All-Ireland Senior Club Hurling Final, from all in Johnswell N.S.

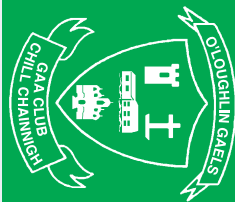
**“TURN AWAY FROM SIN AND BE FAITHFUL TO THE GOSPEL!”**

## ST JOHN'S PARISH

*wishing O'Loughlin Gaels all the best in the All-Ireland Senior Club Hurling Final on St Patrick's Day*



# O'LOUGHLIN GAELS GAA CLUB Leinster Senior Hurling Club Champions



Front Row, left to right: Brian Murphy, Evan Walsh, Rick Leydon, Brian Kelly, Brian Dowling, Maurice Nolan, Stephen Murphy, Mark Bergin, Alan Geoghegan, Danny Loughnane, Sammy Johnston, Niall Bergin.

Back Row, left to right: Anthony Forristal, Kevin O'Brien, Niall McEvoy, Martin Comerford (Capt.), Bryan Skehan, Eoghan Grant, Peter Dowling, Eddie Kearns, Janck Nolan, Jason Quan, Brian Hogan, Paddy Butler, Sheamie Cummins, Alan O'Brien, Paddy Cantwell, Andrew Cantwell, Conor Bergin, Andy Kearns, Nigel Skehan, Luke Leydon.



## Deaths – Month’s Minds – Anniversaries

**Deaths:** Fr Joe Feeley – Salford Diocese.  
Funeral mass Mon 12 noon in Ballybay Church, Kiltoom, Co. Roscommon.  
Martin Francie Donnelly, Fatima Place.  
Jimmy Brennan, Loughboy Park.

**Month’s Mind:** Dick Brennan (6.30p.m.)  
Bridie O’Connor (7.30p.m.)

**Anniversaries:** Michael Manning (10.00a.m. Johnswell);  
Joan Dyer (10.30a.m.); John & Agnes Stapleton (11.00a.m. Dunmore); The Rush Family (12 Noon); Séan Byrne;  
Brigid Hogan; Patrick Kealy; Nora & William Lacey;  
Paul Murray; Michael Tynan; Michael McGrath;  
Brigid Mallon; Maureen Burke.



### Lenten Stations

The annual Lenten Station envelopes are available for distribution this weekend. Distributors are asked to pick up their envelopes from the Presbytery. We thank you for your support of your bishop and the priests of your parish.

### Novena to St Joseph

Mill Hill Missionaries Novena to St Joseph commenced 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 8.00 p.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 8.00 p.m.

### Cabaret in aid of CEART Health Partnership

*Your Local Rehabilitation Therapy Service*

Come along to the Village Inn, Patrick St and be entertained by “Johnny Hillman” and Guests from 9.00 pm, on March 16<sup>th</sup>. Bring your family and friends to support CEART, your local Rehabilitation Therapy Service. Tickets €5 - available at the door or at the CEART CENTRE, Callan, 056 7755757.

### GROW Ireland

Volunteers needed for Church-gate Collections. We adhere to Garda Regulations. Call: Mary McKenna, GROW in Ireland, Barrack Street. Phone 056-7761624

## Eucharistic Ministers For Next Weekend

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8.00a.m.	Anne Marie Hogan
12.00 noon	Caroline Mullins
10.30 a.m.	Louis Feeley/Kathleen Ferguson
7.30 p.m.	Anne Fitzpatrick
Johnswell 10.00 a.m.	Linda Shore
Dunmore 11.00 a.m.	Phil Comerford/Esther Comerford

### Well Done, Girls & Boys!

Congratulations to all the girls and boys of The Lake and Johnswell Schools who received the sacrament of **First Penance** during the week.

### ROAD TO ALL-IRELAND FEVER AIB GAA Hurling All-Ireland Senior Club Championship

Leinster Quarter-Final:  
O’Loughlin Gaels 3-16 0-14 Rathdowney-Errill (Laois)  
Leinster Semi-Final:  
O’Loughlin Gaels 1-21 3-11 Ballyboden St. Endas (Dublin)  
Leinster Final:  
O’Loughlin Gaels 0-14 1-8 Oulart – The Ballagh (Wexford)  
All-Ireland Semi-Final:  
O’Loughlin Gaels 3-10 0-10 Loughgeil Shamrocks (Antrim)

*The silverware from O’Loughlin Gaels’ victories in the County and Leinster Finals, proudly displayed by Mick Nolan(chairman/manager), Martin ‘Gorta’ Comerford (captain) and Andy Comerford (co-manager) at our recent Parish Social in Langton House Hotel.*

### Available Booklets

The booklets for the **Lent Scripture Reflection, Lent CDs and the Praying the Psalms** are now available. Along with the **Ossory Guide 2011**, they are still available and are on sale again this weekend.

### PPC Meeting

A meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will take place on Wednesday evening in the presbytery at 7.30 p.m. All members requested to attend.

### Bible Study Course

Sr. DeLourdes Sheridan will hold a Bible study course, the Theme “Women in Scriptures” from Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March for 6 weeks. The course will take place in St Patrick’s Parish Centre, Loughboy. Time 10.00 a.m. to 12.15 p.m., Cost €5 per session.

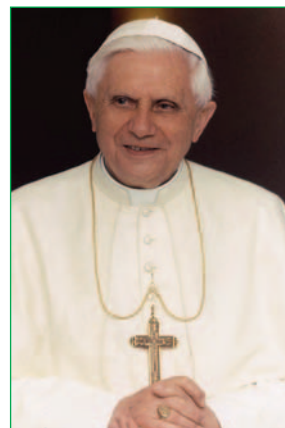
### Kilkenny Federation I.C.A.

All are welcome to attend Kilkenny Federation I.C.A. Irish night at 8.00p.m. on Monday night in Club House Hotel.

### Visit our **NEW-LOOK** parish website

**As well as undergoing a recent structural upgrade, our parish website has now gone MOBILE for your phone or your iPad.**

**Recent additions include the full selection of Scripture Readings from the current Lectionary for Marriages, as well as lots of great pictures recording the Book-Launch and the recent Parish Social.**



### MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS BENEDICT XVI FOR LENT 2011

**“You were buried with him in baptism,  
in which you were also raised with him.” (cf. Col 2: 12)**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Lenten period, which leads us to the celebration of Holy Easter, is for the Church a most valuable and important liturgical time, in view of which I am pleased to offer a specific word in order that it may be lived with due diligence. As she awaits the definitive encounter with her Spouse in the eternal Easter, the Church community, assiduous in prayer and charitable works, intensifies her journey in purifying the spirit, so as to draw more abundantly from the Mystery of Redemption the new life in Christ the Lord (cf. Preface I of Lent).

*(Full Message available on parish website: stjohnskilkenny.com)*

### Follow Ossory On Twitter

On Ash Wednesday (9<sup>th</sup> March) the Diocese of Ossory entered the world of twitter. For the duration of Lent we hope to tweet news, prayer, information on the saint of the day, or simply something that is thought provoking. Why not follow us @OssoryDiocese.

### Ossory Vocations Promotion # 18

Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Are you open to being led by the Holy Spirit into the state in life God has prepared for you? If you are considering a vocation to the priesthood, Call: Fr. Willie Purcell, Vocations Director @ the Vocations Office 056 – 7770261 or ossoryvocdir@gmail.com

### Liturgical Themes, Spirituality and Music

Why not join us this Lent on a course which is intended for those involved in the liturgical, prayer and music ministries in the parishes of Ossory. It is a chance for us to come together to reflect on how we celebrate Lent as a personal journey and community experience.

These evenings are a reflection for people involved in the liturgical life of the parish: Eucharistic ministers; lectors; baptismal teams; choirs; sacristans and indeed anyone who has an interest in the celebration of Lent as a time of preparation for Easter - St Patrick’s Parish Centre, from 7.30 – 8.30 p.m. each evening. Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March: Celebrating Lent as a Parish Community; Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March: The Music of Lent; Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March: Experiencing Reconciliation in Lent. Speaker: Fr Willie Purcell, Diocesan Director of Vocations.

### Drugs Awareness & Gifts of the Holy Spirit

On Monday at 8.00 p.m., in the Senior School, the “Drugs Awareness & Gifts of the Holy Spirit” program will continue for all participating candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Wonderful turnout last week – thanks to all students and their parents/guardians. Thanks also to Mr Pdraig O’Neill and his staff for their accommodation.

### Two Pilgrimages In Ossory

Journey and Pilgrimage are special parts of our faith tradition and therefore, this Lent Ossory Adult Faith Development is offering two pilgrimages here in Ossory. The first is aimed at Parish Pastoral Councils and will act as an aid in encouraging people to reflect on their role within the parish and their serving on the pastoral council. This walk is by the river Barrow from St. Mullins to Graiguenamanagh with Evening Prayer in Duiske Abbey. Departing St Kieran’s, 2.30pm

on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March.

The second is aimed at people in their 20,30,40’s. This will be a chance to reflect on where we are going in life, our priorities and our goals. This walk will take place as a pilgrimage up Slievenamon, Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April, departing from the Cross at the base of Slievenamon. Those interested please contact Ossory Adult Faith Development 056-7753624, email afd@ossory.ie or text 086-6097483.

### Droga Krzyzowa - Stations of The Cross

Droga Krzyzowa w koscielu St John’s, w kazdy czwartek o godzinie 17.30. Wszystkich serdecznie zapraszamy. Stations of The Cross in St John’s Church every Thursday at 5.30 p.m. (in Polish). You are all most welcome.

### Ossory Goes Mobile

Phones now do so much more than make calls. For many of us they are a means by which we explore news and browse our favourite internet sites. So, like we recently did with our Parish Website, the Diocese of Ossory Website went mobile last Wednesday. Why not check it out now – www.ossory.ie and keep up to date with all that is happening in the diocese.

### Committee For The Elderly

A meeting for the Committee For The Elderly will take place in the presbytery this Monday at 3.00 p.m.

### “Look not on our sins ....”

A series of reflections exploring what it is to be Church today. Our Church is sinful and broken – have we embraced this reality fully? What does this reality say about us? What impact does it, or should it have on us. Surely there must be hope but what is it? Why not join us for two evenings as we explore these and other questions - **St Patrick’s Parish Centre, Thurs 24<sup>th</sup>:** “Deciding to stay? Looking for a renewed vision of Church” - Ann Daly

**Tues 31<sup>st</sup>:** “The people who have walked in darkness have seen a great light” - Dan Bollard

### Trócaire

The Trócaire envelopes and boxes are available at the back of the church for anyone who wishes to take one home and use it throughout Lent.

### Lenten Alms

The Lenten Alms collection will be taken up as the Second Collection at all masses next weekend. It is customary for this collection to support charities within and outside the Diocese.

### “EWTN” on St. Patrick’s Day

Fr. Kevin Doran, Secretary General of the 50<sup>th</sup> International Eucharist Congress, will feature in a St. Patrick’s Day one-hour interview, outlining plans for next year’s congress, the first in Ireland since 1932. Viewers from over 160 counties around the world will hear details of next year’s Dublin event so tune in at 9p.m. that evening to hear what is being arranged. Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN) can be watched on SKY (channel 589) as well as on Chorus/UPC (channel 815). It is also streamed live on the internet.

Contact the Congress website at www.iec2012.ie.



*Captain Martin Comerford lifts the Leinster Senior Hurling Championship Cup*