

Lenten Stations

Thanks to all who have returned their Lenten Stations already, and to the envelope distributors. If you have not already done so, you can return your contribution during the week or at next weekend's masses.

Ossory Vocations Promotion # 19

"God has called us with a holy calling...according to His own purpose and grace." If you think God is offering you the grace of a vocation to the priesthood, call: Fr. Willie Purcell at 056 – 7770261 or ossoryvocdir@gmail.com

Liturgical Themes, Spirituality and Music

Join in the final evening of the Lenten 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. Venue: *St Patrick's Parish Centre*, from 7.30-8.30pm. **Tuesday 22nd March:** The Music of Lent; **Tuesday 29th March:** Experiencing Reconciliation in Lent. **Speaker: Fr Willie Purcell.**

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*. 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 27th March.

The second is aimed at *people in their 20,30,40's*. It will take place as a pilgrimage up Slievenamon, Sunday 3rd 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.

Muckalee – Coon – Ballyfoyle

You are invited to come and join Muckalee's Parish Mission, Saturday to Friday (incl.), 19th to 25th of March.

Rehab Annual Church Gate Collection

The Annual Church Gate Collection in aid of Rehab will take place at all masses next weekend.

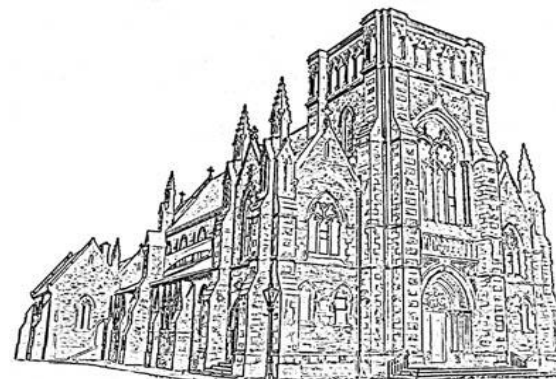
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Second Sunday of Lent 20th March 2011

“Renewal In The Springtime”

This Pastoral Letter For Lent 2011, from Most Rev. Séamus Freeman SAC, is now available in the church porch, or on our parish website, stjohnskilkenny.com

“Towards Healing and Renewal”

The first anniversary of the publication of the *Pastoral Letter of Pope Benedict XVI to the Catholics of Ireland* occurs on 19 March 2010. To mark this first anniversary bishops have published the pastoral response *Towards Healing and Renewal*. Copies available in church porch, or on our parish website, stjohnskilkenny.com

Beidh Lá Eile Ag An “Gaels”

Despite the heartbreak and disappointment of O'Loughlin Gaels' defeat in Croke Park last Thursday, let's not be too despondent or dejected.

To be runners-up in all participating clubs in the country is, by no means, a mean achievement. The amount of example, inspiration and encouragement that was given to our youth was immense and will make them really hunger for higher. Thanks to Mick, Andy, the Panel and all concerned for the joy, honour and bonding you brought to community & parish in rollercoaster of the SH Club Championship.

Deaths – Month’s Minds – Anniversaries

Deaths: Judith Murphy, 30 Shandon Park
Tony McEvoy, “Barmona”, Shellumstrath
Martin Donnelly, Fatima Place
William Mockler, 38 The Fairways. *Prayers at 6pm Sun in Johnstons. Removal to St John’s for funeral mass Mon at 10.30 am. Interment in St Kieran’s Cemetery.*

Month’s Mind: Rita Collins (Sun 10am Johnswell)

Anniversaries: Bridie Herlihy (Sat 6.30pm); Billy & Jimmy McEvoy (Sun 11am Dunmore); Patrick Guidera (Sun 12 Noon); Margaret Trant (Sun 7.30pm); Abraham Anderson; Ellen Audoire; Patrick Brennan; Edward Butler; Mary Browne; Billy Connick; James Doheny; Paddy Dore; Michael Dowling; John Doyle; Richard Fanning; Benny Grogan; Sr. Margaret Lanigan; Tommy Long; Lou McCarthy; Michael McCauley; Tom McGrath; Kitty O’Neill; Parkinson Family; Dympna Ryan; Bridget Taylor; John & Elizabeth Tynan; Michael Tyrrell.

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8.00a.m.	Norah Webster
10.30 a.m.	Jimmy Donnelly/Bernie Dermody
12.00 noon	Peter Dwyer
7.30 p.m.	Eileen Kinnane
Johnswell 10.00 a.m.	Robert Butler
Dunmore 11.00 a.m.	Pierce Lennon/Liam Maddock

O’Loughlin Gaels Club Lotto

Numbers: 11; 20; 27; 28. Bonus No.25. No Jackpot or Bonus winner. 10 x Piltown Draw Tickets of €40. Next Weeks Prize Fund €20,000.00.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

A meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will take place Wednesday 23rd March at 7.30pm in St. John’s Presbytery

Liturgy Meeting

A Liturgy Meeting will take place in the Presbytery on Thur. at 7.30pm.

Committee for the Elderly

St John’s Committee for the Elderly invite applications for the tenancy of No. 2 St. John’s Court. Applications to St John’s by 9th April.

Trinity Singers and Boydell Singers

Come and enjoy a Choral Concert in St John’s Church next Saturday, 26th March, 8.00 p.m. Adm €5/€3. Two choirs from Trinity College Dublin join forces for an exciting evening of choral music.

The Boydell Singers, conducted by Lynsey Callaghan, perform pieces by Copland, Kodály, Fauré, Gershwin & others.

Trinity Singers, conducted by Róisín Blunnie, present works by Bruckner, Kodály, Bárdos, Vasks, Ravel & Rutter, plus some traditional favourites.

The Ossory Pilgrimage

Applications are now being accepted for The Ossory Pilgrimage, May 22 to 27th.. The package costs €720 p.p.s. and includes bus transport from Kilkenny city to and from the airport, flights to and from Lourdes, Bus to and from Tarbes airport, five days full board in a hotel, full pilgrimage programme, all taxes and insurance as well as the services of the Joe Walsh Travel Agency while in Lourdes. Contact Eleanor at 051 880414 weekdays except Wednesday 10.30 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. or glenmore@ossory.ie

“Look not on our sins, but on”

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 a series of three evenings as we explore these and other questions.

Middle Deanery Venue - St Patrick’s Parish Centre, Loughboy.

· **Thursday 24th March:** Deciding to stay? Looking for a renewed vision of Church. Speaker Ann Daly

· **Tuesday 31st March:** “The people who have walked in darkness have seen a great light”. Speaker Dan Bollard.

Bereavement Support

Kilkenny Bereavement Support offers three talks during Lent on bereavement. They will take place in St Patrick’s Parish Centre, Loughboy, at 8.00 p.m. on: Wed. 23rd: “Bereavement and Loss”; Wed. 30th: “Difficult Losses”; Wed. 6th April: “Being comfortable around one’s own loss and how to support others”. Further information: Kilkenny Bereavement Support at 056 7756538.