

Drugs Awareness & Gifts of the Holy Spirit

The final evening of the "Drugs Awareness & Gifts of the Holy Spirit" program will be on Monday at 8.00 p.m., for all candidates for Confirmation.

We take this opportunity of thanking all the candidates who attended so faithfully; the young people who gave up so much time to train and give the program; the school staff for the venue; and Ossory Youth for organising the program.

Ossory Vocations Promotion # 21

"The Lord looks on the heart." Are you being called to do the deeds of Christ as a priest, proclaiming the reign of the loving mercy of God our Father?

Call: Fr. Willie Purcell, Vocations Director @ the Vocations Office 056 – 7770261 or ossoryvocdir@gmail.com

Variety Concert for Charity

A Variety Concert will take place on Thursday the 14th in the Set Theatre in aid of locally-based African charity, Kilimanjaro Direct, Tanzania.

The concert features guitarist Mark Anthony McGrath, Soprano Deirdre Gannon, Harmony guitar duo Harmonista, Soloists Aisling Curtis, Emmeliene Farrell and Sophie Knox-Khan and the choirs of St. Brigid's Callan and Gaelscoil Osraí.

The admission is €5. Concert at 8.00.

Jumble Sale

In aid of Alzheimer Day Care & Home Care – Cillin Hill – Saturday 30th April.

Kilkenny Choir

On Sunday 17th April - Palm Sunday- at 8pm in St Canice's Cathedral, the Kilkenny Choir sing Bach's Credo from the B minor Mass and Cantata 56 and Handel's Ode for St. Cecilia's Day and Coronation Anthem No. 3 with professional soloists and orchestra. Conducted by Philip Edmondson and Karl Rochford. Tickets at the door €20/€15

Fun Run

There will be a Fun Run from the Castle Park next Sunday at 11.00 a.m. Organised by the Loreto Parents Assoc., it costs €5 per person, €15 per family.

Divine Mercy

There will be an hour of adoration and prayer in the Friary this Sunday, 3-4 p.m.

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Fifth Sunday of Lent

10th April 2011

“Return to the Source”

Rediscovering the meaning of our baptism – directed by Michael Drumm, with Tom Gunning, Maeve Heaney and Liam Bergin

As the Irish Church embraces a period of renewal, the Irish College in Rome presents a Summer course for all those interested in active engagement in parish through deeper reflection on the sacrament of baptism. Participants will have the opportunity to return to the source of early Christian baptism while engaging with the life of the Catholic Church in a broader context. Lectures, liturgies and visits to significant sites in Rome will deepen one's appreciation of their baptism and the call of Jesus to a life of love and service.

This year's course will take place from Sunday evening, 24 July, to Saturday morning, 30th July. The cost of the course remains at €870. A deposit of €250 is required to secure a place. Rooms are air-conditioned. Please arrange your own travel to Rome. Transfer fees to and from the airport in Rome, entry fees, excursions, lectures and half-board are included in the cost. Those who wish to arrive prior to 24th July or remain after 30th July may do so subject to availability. If you wish to reserve a place telephone 0039 06 772631 or email ufficio@irishcollege.org

Deaths – Month’s Minds – Anniversaries

Deaths: Mary Hinds, formerly Wolfe Tone Street
Johanna Ciss Purcell, Carrigeen, Johnswell
Margaret Glynn, College Gardens
Marie Coyne, Larchfield
Michael O’Shaughnessy, Gaol Road

Month’s Mind: Kathleen Dwyer (Sun 10.30)
Seamus Burke (Sun 12 noon)

Anniversaries: Joan & William Dunne (Sat. 6.30p.m.); Pierce Malone; Michael, Julia, Patsy & Julia McElligott; Kathleen O’Gorman; Kay Kelleher; Tom & John Dowling; Noreen Whelan; The Parkinson Family; Peter Long; Marie Kiely; Patrick Coleman; Annie & Arthur Connick; Elizabeth McGrath; James, Mary & Catherine Byrne; Nano Brennan; Peggy Beckett; Martin O’Driscoll; Anne O’Dwyer; Michael O’Reilly; Patrick Cahill; Mary Brophy; Mary Quirke; Michael Byrne; Enid and Micheál Shortall;

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8.00a.m.	Anne Marie Hogan
10.30 a.m.	Awele Onelum
12.00 noon	Bobbie Lahart
7.30 p.m.	Anne Fitzpatrick
Johnswell 10.00 a.m.	Paul McKiernan
Dunmore 11.00 a.m.	Christy, Caitriona, Jim & Colette

O’Loughlin Gaels Lotto

Numbers: 10; 12; 21; 27. Bonus No: 16. No Jackpot Winner. Next week’s prize fund €20,000.00

Committee for the Elderly

A meeting for the will take place on Monday 7.30 p.m. in the Presbytery.

St Vincent De Paul

The monthly SVP collection takes place next weekend after all masses.

Parish Pastoral Council

A meeting of the PPC will take place on Wednesday evening at 7.30 p.m.

Liturgy Group

St John’s Liturgy Group will meet on Thursday at 7.30 p.m. in the presbytery.

Al-Anon & Alateen

Al-Anon and Alateen offer hope for families and friends of problem drinkers. Phone helpline for local details **01-873 2699**. Al-Anon Meetings – Mill Hill Missionaries, St Joseph’s Waterford Rd., Tues. 8.30p.m. Kilkenny Social Services, Wed. 12.30p.m. St John’s Hall, St John’s Church, Fri. 8.15p.m.

Stillbirths and Miscarriages

Remembrance Ceremony for families who have suffered a pregnancy loss through Stillbirth or Miscarriage in St Fiacre’s Church, on Tues 12th at 7 30pm.

Mrs Quinn’s Charity Shops

Urgently required: donations of clothes; shoes, bridal or communion wear, hats, bric-a-brac, unwanted gifts; books, paintings, frames, curtains, sheets, duvets & linen, CDs, DVDs, videos and small furniture items. Volunteers: 087139 4345.

Short Courses

Kilkenny Campus at St Kieran’s College has new afternoon and evening courses after Easter in Archaeology, Chinese Philosophy and American Literature. Courses run for 6 weeks and cost €100. For more information call 056 777 5910.

Community Radio – Kilkenny City – 88.7 FM

In cooperation with Kilkenny City Radio, we in St John’s will host a **FREE EIGHT-WEEK** course in Art (with Fiona Power) in the Day Centre on Tuesday evenings, continuing this Tuesday at 7.30 p.m. All welcome.

Bangers & Mash For Amber

Amber Women’s Refuge will run a Bangers & Mash lunch (€10) in The Aspect Hotel (Woodies Retail Park) on Thursday 14th from 12.30 to 2.30 p.m.

Flower Club

Kilkenny Flower Club will meet in Butler House Thursday 14th April at 8.00 p.m. Easter Demonstration by Maura Donnelly. Non-members also welcome.

Children helping children – Cake Sale

The Children’s Liturgy Group: St. John’s Children’s Liturgy Group are holding their annual CAKE SALE after all masses **this weekend** in the Day Centre, in the church grounds. All proceeds to Enable Ireland (O’Neill Centre, Kilkenny) **Please come and enjoy our CAKE SALE.**