

Ossory Vocations Promotion # 24

“The Lord is risen, it is true!” Through our baptism He calls us to proclaim new life to the world. Pray for those who herald the Good News as priests. If you think God may be inviting you to such a vocation, Call: Fr. Willie Purcell, Vocations Director @ the Vocations Office 056 – 7770261 or ossoryvocdir@gmail.com

Pilgrimage to Knock

Pilgrimage to Knock on Sunday, 1st May 2011, for Divine Mercy Sunday.
Chief Celebrant of Mass, Bishop Séamus Freeman, SAC.
Bus leaving The Parade, Kilkenny, at 8.00 a.m. Tel. 056 7721495.

Why isn't Easter celebrated the same weekend every year?

We celebrate the rising of Jesus not only as the happening of a single morning but as an event rooted in creation and history.

The date of Easter is dictated by the cycle of the sun and moon, falling after the first full moon following the spring equinox. The Jewish Passover is celebrated around this time too.

The Easter Vigil employs the four elements of life: fire (the source of light), air (in act of reading), earth (providing the fruits of bread and wine) and water (baptism). Easter is a celebration of all creation.

Seeing Your Life Through The Lens Of The Gospels

The disciples are in a state of shock after the brutal death of Jesus. Then, before they have time to recover, they get another shock – the body of Jesus is missing. Have you had experiences like this, one crisis after another. How did you cope? Who, or what, sustained you then?

Mary and Peter come and find the tomb empty. They get no explanations. Have you been in that kind of a situation, faced with an event you cannot explain, and possibly events that dashed your hopes in another person, or in God? What was that like for you?

Yet, in spite of that lack of explanation the beloved disciple ‘saw and believed’. Have there been times in your relationship with God, or with another person, when you felt that you were faced with an empty tomb and still you believed? Where have you found life in such experiences?

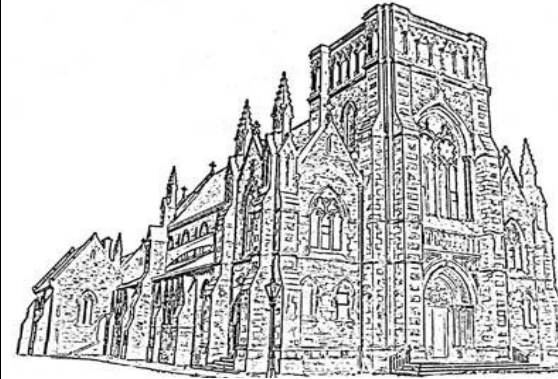
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Easter Day Of The Lord's Resurrection 24th April 2011

A Happy & Holy Easter To All

Greetings and every blessing to all our parishioners and visitors this Eastertide. Many thanks to all who attended and celebrated the Easter Ceremonies in our parish churches.

Special thanks to all those who participated in any specific or active way. We are very grateful to all our choirs, sacristans, volunteers, servers, lectors, ministers of the Eucharist, collectors, flower arrangers, church decorators, and so on. Easter joy and blessings to one and all from your bishop and priests.

We Rejoice and We Welcome!

Our parish and the wider Christian Community rejoice and extend a hearty welcome to three new members who joined the Roman Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil Ceremonies in St John's Church this weekend. They are: Melanie Julia Dymphna Murphy, Galia Anne Marie Deegan and Ilze Magdalena Caterina Plumane. All three received the three sacraments of 'initiation', Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion. We also include in this welcome and these wishes, Dominik Pawel Wachowski who received the sacrament of Confirmation at our Easter Vigil Ceremonies.

Deaths – Month’s Minds – Anniversaries

Deaths: Sheila Lennon, Gagara, Jenkinstown. Funeral mass in Jenkinstown, Mon 11.00 a.m. Burial St Kieran’s cem. Marie Hehir, 12 Castlecomer Road. Funeral prayers in Hehir’s Funeral Home Sun 5.30 p.m. Funeral Mass Mon. 11.30 a.m. in St John’s. Burial St Kieran’s cemetery.

Month’s Mind: Eamonn Hennessy (Sun 10.30 a.m.); James Curran (Sun 12 noon)

Anniversaries: Peggy Tynan (Sun 11.00 a.m. Dunmore); Mary Muldowney; Jack Mulcahy; Annie & Thomas Dowling; Des Hehir; Jim & Alice Healy; Joe Whyte; Kitty O’Keefe; Thomas & Noel Fry; Elizabeth Geoghegan; Mary & Queen Bergin; Anne Brennan; Delia Larkin; Bernadette McDermott; Mary Ellen Monagle; Agnes McCormack; Mary Crotty.

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8.00a.m.	Anne O’Grady
10.30 a.m.	Louis Feeley & Kathleen Ferguson
12.00 noon	Caroline Mullins
7.30 p.m.	Anne Marie Grace
Johnswell 10.00 a.m.	Kevin/Laura Murphy
Dunmore 11.00 a.m.	Eddie Holohan/Liz Holohan

O’Loughlin Gaels Lotto

Numbers: 12, 22, 26, 28. Bonus No:18. No Jackpot or Bonus Winner.
Next week’s prize fund €20,000

Committee for the Elderly

Applications are invited for tenancy of No. 2 St John’s Court. Applications to St John’s by Saturday, 30th April.

No 8.00 a.m. Mass

Please note that there will be no 8.00 a.m. mass during Easter Week.

Parish Finance Meeting

A meeting of the Parish Finance Committee will take place in the presbytery on Thursday evening at 7.30 p.m. All members are invited to attend.

Chernobyl Remembrance Week

To commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the Chernobyl Disaster, a Candle Vigil and short Service will be held on the Parade Plaza at 8.00 p.m. on Monday April 25th. All are very welcome.

Also on Monday April 25th, in the Set Theatre at 9.00 p.m., *25 Songs for 25 Years*. Admission €25. Proceeds to Chernobyl Children International.

On Tuesday April 26th at 8.00 p.m. in the Set Theatre, a play *"SUCH A LOCAL ROW"* Admission €10 for adults, €5 for children. Proceeds to Chernobyl Children International Kilkenny Outreach Group.

Go For Life

Go For Life Physical Activity Leaders (PALs) Workshops for Older Adults. Go for Life, in partnership with Kilkenny Recreation & Sports Partnership (KRSP) and Carlow Sports Partnership will hold a series of workshops for older people who are interested in leading physical activities with members of their groups. The first 4 workshops will take place in The Watershed, Kilkenny over the month of May and the final 4 workshops will take place in Carlow in September/October. Contact KRSP on 056 7720870 for more information.

Jumble Sale

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

Johnswell National School

Johnswell National School is currently accepting enrolments for the school year 2011 / 2012. Contact the school on 056-7759895 for an application or to visit.

Run Kilkenny For Susie Long

Fit4Life Kilkenny City Harriers need your help to raise €20,000 for the Susie Long Hospice Fund. You are invited to join us in Run Kilkenny For Susie Long on the June Bank holiday weekend.

Over the three days of the weekend distances will range from 10km to half marathon and marathon. All range of abilities are catered for and it is hoped that each participant will raise €100. To register for the event: call 087 7852004.