

Prayer For Students Sitting Examinations

*Lord pour out your Spirit of wisdom on these students;
help them to remain calm, to attend carefully to the questions asked,
to think clearly, to remember accurately, and to express themselves well.*

We commend their studies to your powerful protection.

*We implore you to grant them a quick understanding,
a safe judgement and a faithful memory.*

*Grant that they may reflect the best of work they have done
and the best of the teaching they have received.*

*Accept their best efforts in these examinations
and in the great test of life on earth.*

*May your love be upon them O Lord, as they place all their trust in you.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

World Communications Day

This weekend the Catholic Church celebrates the 45th World Communications Day on the theme '**Truth, proclamation and authenticity of life in the digital age**'. The theme was chosen by Pope Benedict XVI and he reflects on it in his traditional message for World Communications Day. (*Full text on our website*)

Embracing Dementia

Ellen Marie Edmonds is happy to share her story to help those affected by Alzheimer's and other dementia diseases on the 11th June at 11.00 a.m. Troyscourt Day Care Centre. Enquiries – Fr. Jim Murphy 087 2609545

Parks Tennis – 4 Weeks

Registration at Tennis Club next Saturday, 2 – 4 p.m. €15. Coaching begins 4th July for 4 weeks – for 6 to 17 year olds. Contact 085 2828846.

Eddie Stones

Prayer & Healing in Capuchin Friary next Friday at 7.00 p.m.

Trócaire

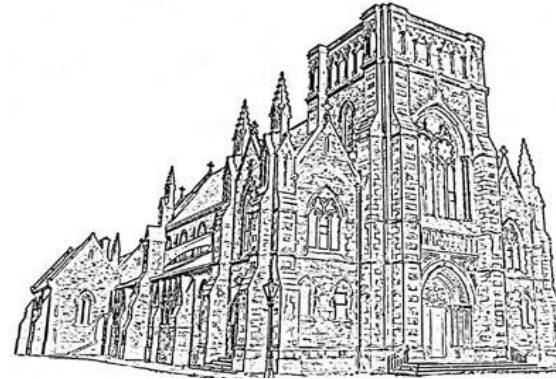
Director of Trócaire has thanked Ossory diocese for its continued and loyal support.

Kilkenny Flower Club

... will have a Quiz Night in Butler House Thursday, 9th June at 8 p.m.

ENJOY THE HOLIDAY WEEKEND!

ST JOHN'S PARISH – KILKENNY



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Ascension Of The Lord

5th June 2011

Corpus Christi Procession

In preparation for the 50th International Eucharistic Congress to be held in Dublin from 10th to 17th June 2012 the Diocese of Ossory, in conjunction with the St. Joseph's Young Priests Society, is holding a traditional **Eucharistic Procession** through the streets of Kilkenny City on Sunday, 19th June.

Bishop Freeman will carry the Blessed Sacrament in procession from St. John's Church at 2.00pm and proceed to St. Mary's Cathedral for **Solemn Benediction**. The four city parishes will organise 'prayer stations' at St John's, Canal Square, The Parade, The Tholstel and the Cathedral, with choirs from St John's, St Mary's, St Canice's, along with the Castlecomer Male Voice Choir and the Kilkenny Gospel Choir providing the sacred music.

Parishioners from all over the Diocese of Ossory are encouraged to attend the celebration. In the traditional manner a special place will be given to this year's First Holy Communicants who are invited to wear their Holy Communion outfits. Altar servers from parishes throughout the diocese are invited to process in their parish vestments.

All are asked to assemble at St. John's Church in time for a 2.00pm start.

Deaths - Month's Minds - Anniversaries

Deaths: Ellen Bailey, 37 Assumption Place

Anniversaries: Michael Owens (Sat 6.30 p.m.); Thomas, Nora & John Joseph Kinsella (Sun 10.00 a.m.); Patrick Fogarty (Sun 10.30 a.m.); Mary & Patrick Campion (Sun 12 noon); Loughlin O'Keefe (Sun 7.30 p.m.); Hannah & Patrick Dineen; Richard Bergin; William Deegan; Joseph Maher; Patrick Bambrick; Charlie Mallon; James & Mary O'Brien; Nora Barcoe; Maura Kehoe; John Fitzgerald; Fr. William Meany; Edward Burke; Ellen Rowe; Mairead & Tom Bannon.

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8.00a.m.	Anne Marie Hogan
10.30 a.m.	Louis Feeley & Kathleen Ferguson
12.00 noon	Caroline Mullins
7.30 p.m.	Anne Fitzpatrick
Johnswell	Paul McKiernan
Dunmore 11.00 a.m.	Pierce Lennon & Liam Maddock

Stress Management Classes

Stress Management Classes in Johnswell Hall every Tues. 7.30 p.m. All welcome.

St. John's Senior School

Parents who wish to enrol their children in St. John's Senior School, Ballybough St., for the school year 2011-2012 should do so as soon as possible. Enrolment forms are available at the school.

St. John's Prayer Group Mass

St. John's Prayer Group Mass in the Day Centre Wed 8th at 8.15 p.m.

Rosary

First Sunday Rosary in James' Green at statue of Our Lady this Sunday 3o'clock.

The New Roman Missal – Part 1

(all of this series is on the parish website)

Is the Mass changing?

The structure of the Mass is not changing. The order and the actions of the Mass remain unchanged. The readings at Mass are not changed.

However, with the introduction of the new edition of the Roman Missal throughout the English-speaking world, we will all notice a change in how the Mass sounds.

The translations of a number of our prayer texts from the original Latin have changed – sometimes by a particular word or in the word order. Prayers that we have become used to reciting by memory now have to be relearned. Prayers that we are used to hearing the priest say will sound different to us.

The style of language we will hear and pray may seem more formal to us and perhaps, in parts, more complex. But over time, with the praying of these texts, the sound of the Mass will again become familiar to us.

Eucharistic Ministers – St John's

The new Eucharistic Ministers' Rota is now available for collection in the sacristy. Thank you for your service and your ministry.

Third International Eucharistic Congress Collection

Next weekend (June 11/12), there will be a Church Door Collection to cooperate with the national drive to fund the forthcoming **50th International Eucharistic Congress** to take place in Dublin from the 10th to 17th June, 2012.

This will be the 3rd National Collection and will be taken up after all masses.

Ossory Vocations Promotion #29

"They received the Holy Spirit."

The Blessed Virgin Mary intercedes for your faithfulness to the vocation to which the Spirit is leading you. If you think God may be offering you the grace of serving Him and His people as a priest, Call: Fr. Willie Purcell, Vocations Director @ the Vocations Office 056 – 7770261 or ossoryvocdir@gmail.com

Cemetery Masses

The annual Cemetery Masses are just around the corner. Preparations are already well under way. The Mass in St Kieran's Cemetery will be on **Friday, June 24th, at 7.30 p.m.**, and Mass will be celebrated in Dunmore and Johnswell Cemeteries on **Friday, July 1st at 7.30 p.m.**