

Certificate in Theological Studies

Bishop Freeman has launched and encourages members of our parishes to work towards a **Certificate in Theological Studies**. The programme will be one year in duration and will be accredited by St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, as a Level 7 Certificate in Theological Studies. It will commence in the St Kieran's College Campus in Sept.

The course will be of interest to those who are involved in parish life or who are involved with the Diocesan Pastoral Councils. It also may be of interest to those who wish to deepen and enrich their own understanding of their faith and who are prepared to become involved in parish life.

Members of our parish are encouraged to apply for the programme. Where parishioners are successful in securing a place on the course we hope to grant them some aid with their fee. Applications forms are available from our parish office and can be downloaded from both the Ossory and St. Kieran's College Websites.

Ossory Vocations Promotion #34

"Let everyone heed what they hear."

Is the Lord inviting you to know, love and serve Him more closely in the priesthood? Call: Fr. Willie Purcell, Vocations Director @ the Vocations Office 056 – 7770261 or ossoryvocdir@gmail.com

Kilkenny Bereavement Support

Kilkenny Bereavement Support offers one-to-one support to people who have been bereaved. It operates from Villa Maria, Talbots Inch. We are recruiting new volunteers who will have a 30 hour training course in September and October. For an application form and information, please phone 056-7756538 or email info@kilkennybereavementsupport.com

Have you time to spare?

S.O.S. is a Voluntary Organisation for adults with a mild-moderate intellectual disability. S.O.S. provides day services, respite and residential care. We are looking for families to provide short breaks in their home for adults from our services, nominal expenses are paid. We are also looking for volunteers to support us in providing extra social and recreational activities for people in S.O.S. If you would like to know more about volunteering or providing breaks please contact Kathleen Sherry at 056 7764000 or email ksherry@soskilkenny.com or visit our website on www.soskilkenny.com.

Bus to Knock Shrine

Bus to Knock Shrine Thursday 21st July 2011. Leaving from cinema (Jail Rd.) 7.30 a.m. sharp. Fare €20. Contact Pauline 7765540, Eileen 7763259, Marian 7762247.

ST JOHN'S PARISH – KILKENNY



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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10th July 2011

Conor Wins Olympic Medal

Congratulations from us all to Conor Ryan, parishioner of St John's, who won a Bronze Medal and a fourth place ribbon during Bocce Finals at the *Peace and Friendship Stadium* in the Special Olympics in Greece.

Eldest son of Pat and Mary Ryan, St Maul's, New Road, Conor scooped a Bronze Medal in Bocce Singles, and fourth place in the Bocce Team Event.

Kilkenny's three Special Olympics athletes, Conor Ryan, Ciara Trait and Diarmuid O'Flynn, returned home last Tuesday, bringing with them their entourage of supporters, as well as a new collection of medals and ribbons to show for their efforts. Even though exhausted after the hectic schedule of the last three weeks, they managed to rally themselves once more for an evening of celebration with their respective families and friends.

In total, *Team Ireland* returned with 107 medals, including 31 Gold, 44 Silver, 32 Bronze medals and dozens of place ribbons. Ten athletes also recorded personal best records.

Games Minister of State, Michael Ring, congratulated Special Olympics Ireland and all involved in the athletes' preparations for, and participation at, the Games.

Deaths - Month's Minds - Anniversaries

Deaths: Molly Farrell, nee McCullagh, Danesfort, formerly Johnswell
Thomas McEneaney, 19 New Orchard
Pat Roche, Wallslough
Lily Purcell, Parade House
David O'Neill, Clane, Co. Kildare

Anniversaries: Peggy Lanigan & Michael (Tosh) O'Connor (Sat 6.30 p.m.); Seamus Murphy (Sun 10.00 a.m.); Paddy Bergin (Sun 10.30 a.m.); Tony McEvoy (Sun 11.00); Kevin & Anna Gaffney (Sun 12 noon); Peter Daly; Dermot Delaney; John Delaney, Jonnie Delaney; Mary Holland; Nickolas Kavanagh; Peg Rowe

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8.00a.m.	Norah Webster
10.30 a.m.	Seamus Brennan & Mary Hanafin
12.00 noon	Mary Lynch
7.30 p.m.	Eileen Kinnane
Johnswell	Linda Shore
Dunmore 11.00 a.m.	Bernard O'Gorman & Claire Hanrick

O'Loughlin Gaels Lotto

Numbers: 12, 21, 22, 28. Bonus No. 25 . No Jackpot or Bonus winner.
Next week's prize fund €14,000.

Divine Mercy

In honour of Divine Mercy there will be an hour of adoration and prayer in the Friary Church on Sunday July 10th from 3 – 4 p.m. Please come.

St. Vincent de Paul

The monthly collection for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will take place on Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th July. We thank you most sincerely for your continued support.

Senior Citizens Outing

The Senior Citizens Outing will take place on Thursday 21st July. More details next week.

O'Loughlin Gaels win Féile Double AND Under 14 Camogie Championship

There is every reason to be very proud of our U14 O'Loughlin teams in hurling football and camogie. The footballers completed the double last weekend in winning a second All-Ireland in as many weeks – in Div5. The final was held last Saturday morning. Robbie Buckley scored a cracker of a penalty and they easily defeated Wolfe Tones of Clare by 1-6 to 0-2. Not only did the club win two All-Irelands, but the Under 14 girls also won the Under 14 County Championship. They played brilliantly in Thomastown when they beat Kilmacow in the final. Well done to all concerned. The future looks very bright indeed!

Foulkstown Cemetery Mass

The annual Foulkstown Cemetery Mass will take place on Thursday 28th July 2011 at 7.30pm.

The New Roman Missal – Part 6

(all of this series is on the parish website)

Why the response, 'And with your spirit'?

This response 'And with your spirit' is one of the very obvious changes as we use the new edition of the Missal.

When the priest proclaims 'The Lord with be with you', the new response from the congregation, 'and with your spirit', will replace the wording of the previous response which occurs before the Gospel, at the beginning of the Eucharistic Prayer and at the Blessing at the end of Mass.

'*And with your spirit*' is the literal translation of what we find in the Latin text, '*et cum spiritu tuo*'. This translation is already found in other languages, for example, German, Italian, French and Spanish.

Scripture is very much the source for his dialogue between priest and people. In four letters of St Paul he uses the following greetings:

Galatians 6:18 – 'May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit';

Philippians 4:23 – 'the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit';

2Timothy 4:22 – 'the Lord be with your spirit';

Philemon 25 – 'The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit'.

Similar greetings can be found in the Old Testament.