

First Friday

Friday next is the first Friday of August. Holy Communion will be taken to the housebound at the usual times, unless other arrangements have been made.

First Saturday Devotion in St Fiacre's Church

This will take place in St Fiacre's Church, Loughboy, on Saturday August 6th after 6.15pm Mass. Prayers and adoration will end at 9 pm.

Age Friendly Programme

As part of Kilkenny's Age Friendly County Programme our volunteer researchers will be in your parish in the coming 2-3 weeks interviewing people over 50 about matters that effect their daily lives.

This is a very important project for Kilkenny and it is important that all parishes are included.

Please assist our volunteers with the research by taking part in the questionnaire if asked to do so. All our volunteers have been fully trained, and carry Identification cards. Your help and time are really necessary to make this project a success.

Medjuorge

A group of 35 young people and their Adult Leaders from the City and County have gone to the 22nd International Festival in Medjuorge.

The Group includes 13 Young People from this Parish.

The Festival is on from the 1st to the 6th of August. The group would like to thank everybody for their generosity and support during their recent fundraising Events. Mass will be Offered up for your Intentions.

Further information may be obtained on www.medjuorge.ie.

Is it true that Pope Benedict is opposed to giving people Holy Communion in the hand?

No, he is not opposed to receiving in the hand.

However, he is aware that in the large, public celebrations on his travels or in St Peter's Square there have been people who took the host in hand and then put it into a wallet or book to take it away as a souvenir.

On these public occasions, to prevent disrespect, he prefers to see people receive on the tongue.

But otherwise, as he stated in a recent book, 'I am not opposed in principle to communion in the hand.'

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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

31st July 2011

“A CHURCH CENTENARY”

For so many parishioners, visitors and web-visitors, our parish book published last Summer, *A Church Centenary*, is still an undiscovered treasure. (NB: *Free shipping on receipt of address & cheque clearance*).

This 312-page publication chronicles, not only the Centenary of St John's in articles and pictures, but also the history of the whole parish and much of the surrounding areas, for the past hundred years.

For generations to come, this comprehensive historical record will be an invaluable work of reference for all those interested in local church, school, sporting, civic and social affairs right up to the present day.

It is available in *The Book Centre*, High Street; in the *Church* after weekend masses; and in the *Presbytery* on weekdays during office hours.

It is priced at €15 for paperback, and €25 for the hardback edition.

Newsletter takes a break for August

Parish Newsletter takes its usual August break. During August, only deaths, month's minds and anniversaries will be announced. Thanks for co-op...

Deaths - Month's Minds - Anniversaries

Deaths: Seán Kelly, Sion Hermitage

Month's Minds: Minnie Donnelly (Sun 10.00a.m. Johnswell)
Edward O'Dwyer (Sun 12.00 noon)

Anniversaries: Anne Burns (Sat 6.30p.m.); Joe Purcell (Sun 10.30a.m.); Nicholas Purcell (Sun 7.30 p.m.); Harry Emery; Tracy-Ann Gillard; Mary Tynan; Martin Doheny; Joseph and Michael Browne; Eileen and Cecil Cullen.

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| 8.00a.m. | Seán O'Grady |
| 10.30 a.m. | Bernie Dermody & Jimmy Connolly |
| 12.00 noon | Peter Dwyer |
| 7.30 p.m. | Marie Fogarty |
| Johnswell | Yvonne Hoban |
| Dunmore 11.00 a.m. | Phil Comerford & Esther Comerford |

O'Loughlin Gaels Lotto

Numbers: 9, 14, 18, 21. Bonus No. 26. No Jackpot or Bonus winner.
Next week's prize fund €15,200.

Ossory Vocations Promotion #37

"All those present ate their fill."

Are you called to help the Lord feed His people with the truth of His gospel as a priest? If you think God may be calling you to serve Him more closely, Call: Fr. Willie Purcell, Vocations Director @ the Vocations Office 056 – 7770261 or ossoryvocdir@gmail.com

Welcome Back Fr Tomasz

This Wednesday we welcome back Fr Tomasz Blazejowski to our parish for the month of July and half September.

As you probably remember from last year, he is a priest of the Archdiocese of Krakow and is currently doing post-graduate studies in Rome.

We know you will, once again, make him most welcome.

Monday – Bank Holiday

As usual, there is no 8.00 a.m. mass on bank-holiday Monday morning.

We hope you have a pleasant and happy "August Weekend".

The New Roman Missal – Part 9

(End of current series. All this series is on the parish website)

What should we, as a faith community, reflect on as we prepare to use the new Missal?

We have been praying our current texts for over thirty-five years. Moving to new texts will be a challenge and will require that we exercise patience and support for one another.

Priests and people, musicians and others involved in preparing the liturgy all need to work together to make the change as easy as it can be.

Ultimately we need to remember that the words of our liturgy are crucial – we pray as we believe. But when we pray the Mass we do more than recite words – those words are recited in the context of all the actions, symbols and people of the liturgy.

As we work towards implementing the changes, may we keep in mind the bigger task of which the words of the Missal are a part: namely the Mystery of our Faith, the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ made present for us in the Eucharist.

Reminder

Applications are invited for the new diocesan Certificate in Theological Studies which will commence in September.

The programme is a part-time level 7 certificate and will take place on Monday and Thursday evenings in St. Kieran's College, Kilkenny. The programme is certified by St. Patrick's College, Maynooth.

Information and application forms are available from St. Kieran's College, Kilkenny, tel. 056 7721086. They can also be downloaded from ossory.ie or www.stkieranscollege.ie.