

### **Monthly Mass in Westcourt**

The monthly mass to pray for the Canonisation of Blessed Edmund Rice for intercession in our lives will take place in Westcourt on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2011. The Camphill Community will organise the liturgy for this mass. All are welcome.

### **First Saturday Devotion**

First Saturday Devotion will take place in St. Fiachre's Church, Loughboy on Saturday September 3<sup>rd</sup> after 6.15 pm Mass. Prayers and adoration will end at 9 pm. All are welcome. Thank you. Contact No. 7722539.

### **Get your walking shoes out!**

The Bennettsbridge Community Development Group are organising a walk by the river followed by lunch in the hall comprising of a 'pig on a spit' and salads. The pig has been kindly donated by Robert Mosse. Meet at the car park at 11.30 and/or lunch for 1pm. Tickets €10 per adult, €5 per child (€25 per family).

### **Cancer Awareness**

"Wednesday September 21st has been designated as Mouth Cancer Awareness Day here in Ireland. Members of the public are encouraged to contact and visit their local participating dentist or either Dublin Dental University School and Hospital or Cork University Dental School and Hospital for a FREE mouth cancer examination on this day. Further details are available at [www.mouthcancerawareness.ie](http://www.mouthcancerawareness.ie)

### **Question & Answer**

**Q.** *Why does God not appear in person or by way of a burning bush or booming voice to make it a bit easier to believe?*

**A.** Would such a manifestation move people to believe in the sense of committing themselves in mind and heart to God? When God spoke on earth through the life of Jesus Christ, despite his inspiring message and deeds of healing and compassion, he was rejected by many and crucified! 'If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead' (Luke 16:31). Signs from God are not lacking. People who do not want to believe will somehow find a reason to reject any sign. It's not wonders that we lack but wonderment.

## **ST JOHN'S PARISH – KILKENNY**



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**Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**4<sup>th</sup> September 2011**

## **Best Wishes on All Ireland Sunday**

Best wishes to the Kilkenny Senior team in the All Ireland Hurling final on Sunday. In particular we wish continued success to Brain Hogan as he captains the Kilkenny team.

We are sure it's a great honour for him, for his family, the parish and all in O'Loughlin's hurling club. We also wish a safe trip to all making the journey to Croke Park.

## **Home Visitation of the Sick or Aged.**

If you have a relative, neighbour or friend who is housebound due to illness or age and you know they would like a visit from a priest of the parish please inform Fr Purcell or Fr O'Connor.

Similarly if you know of a parishioner who is in hospital the priests of the parish would be pleased if you informed them by calling the parish office.

## Deaths - Month's Minds - Anniversaries

**Deaths:** James Woodcock, "Ard Soluis", Bishop's Hill  
Raymond Lindmar, Philadelphia, U.S.A.  
Patsy Ryan, Maiden Hill, Kells Road.  
Peggy Dowling, 'St. Colmans' Castlecomer Road.  
*Funeral Prayers 10am Monday in Johnstons  
followed by removal to St. Canice's Church for mass at  
11am. Interment in St. Kieran's. Rosary at 8pm Sunday  
in Johnstons.*

**Anniversaries:** Joe Doheny (Sat 6.30 p.m.); Eileen O'Connor (Sun 10.30 a.m.); Catherine Kenna (Sun 12 noon); Seamus Murphy (Sun 7.30 p.m.); Elizabeth O'Rourke & Stella O'Rourke; John & Bridget Buggy; George Dowling; James & Bridget Geoghegan; Bernard O'Gorman; Cassin family; Paddy Ryan; Vincent & Paddy Nolan; Patrick & Mary Halley; Michael & Mary Foley

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| 8.00a.m.           | Norah Webster                     |
| 10.30 a.m.         | Bernie Dermody & Jimmy Connolly   |
| 12.00 noon         | Peter Dwyer                       |
| 7.30 p.m.          | Eileen Kinnane                    |
| Johnswell          | Betsy Rice & Teresa Dowling       |
| Dunmore 11.00 a.m. | Bernard O'Gorman & Claire Hanrick |

## Ossory Vocations Promotion #42

*"Where two or three are gathered in My name ..."*

The community who gathers in Christ needs leadership. Might He be inviting you to consider a vocation to the priesthood? Call: Fr. Willie Purcell, Vocations Director @ the Vocations Office 056 – 7770261 or [ossoryvocdir@gmail.com](mailto:ossoryvocdir@gmail.com)

## Side-By-Side Club

The Side-By-Side Club will re-open on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September at 2.30 p.m. New members welcome. Contact Mary Parle on 056 7763324.

## Rosary

The monthly Rosary on the first Sunday in James' Green at statue of Our Lady of Kilkenny continues this Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September at 3 o'clock.

## Back to School

We wish all teachers and students well as they returned to school last week. We hope that they enjoyed the summer, despite the weather, and that all are refreshed and ready for a new year. We wish all who have gone to Secondary School all the best and we welcome all new students. Also Congratulations to all those students who completed the Leaving Certificate. We wish them the best for the future.

## Reflection

At the time Matthew was writing his Gospel local church communities would have numbered no more than fifty people. Matthew presents the instructions of Jesus for dealing with people whose behaviour disrupted and harmed the community. Note the steps suggested. Simple directions but many of us do otherwise.

1. We avoid difficult confrontations. We talk about the faults of others to everyone but themselves. We go over the head of someone who displeases us and make complaints. In your experience, which approach is life-giving for you and for others?
2. As individuals and communities we have the power to bind and to loose, to exclude people from relationship, or to open up and include others in relationship. When have you found it important to acknowledge this power in your own life?
3. There is great assurance in the promise of Jesus in v.19, but he seems to promise more than we experience. Do you believe that God loves you and wants only what is best for you? What has been your experience of trusting in that praying with others for something you wanted God to grant?

## Legion of Mary Mass

Mill Hill chapel, Waterford road, Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September, 8pm. Celebrant Bishop Freeman. Celebrating ninety years of the Legion and the thirtieth anniversary of the passing of its founder, Frank Duff.