

## Occupational First Aid Refresher Course

Did you know that you must do a First Aid refresher Course every 2 years to keep your Occupational First Aid Certificate FETAC level 5 up to date? Course is taking place on Wednesday 19th Oct. in Springhill Hotel, from 9.30am to 4.30pm and costs €80. Contact Liz on 059 9721416.

## Kilkenny Bereavement Support

Kilkenny Bereavement Support holds an open support group for adults bereaved by suicide. It is held in Villa Maria, Talbots Inch, at 8.00pm on the first Thursday of every month. Further details, contact 056 7756538.

## 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.

## Kilkenny's Age Friendly County Programme

As part of Kilkenny's Age Friendly County Programme, Kilkenny's Older People Forum are inviting all residents over 50 to come along to their next BiAnnual meeting on Monday 17th October in the Ormond Hotel from 10.30am – 12.30pm.

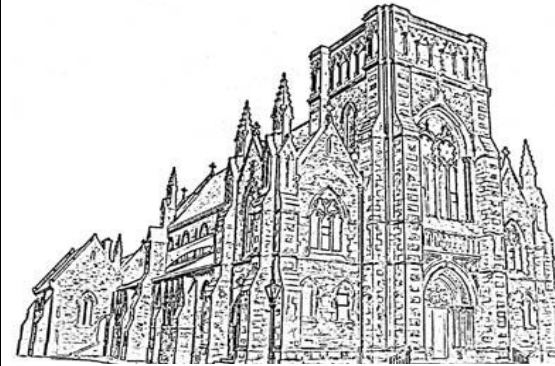
## Reflection

Jesus' opponents in today's Gospel challenge Jesus as if they were asking for friendly advice on their taxes. Jesus sees through these guys and delivers a brilliant response: 'Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.' The world we live in is one that often falls short of the values of the Kingdom that Jesus preached. To be a witness to Jesus means that all aspects of our lives should be Kingdom focused and this includes whatever political, economical or cultural issues we are confronted with. The focus in this passage is getting our priorities straight. Give Caesar his taxes but do not forget what belongs to – family, friends, compassion, justice...

## Questions People Ask

*I am a reader at Mass. Will the changes at Mass involve new readings? Do I need a new book to practise the readings at home?* There are two books for Mass, the Lectionary (containing the Scripture Readings) and the Missal or Sacramentary, used at the altar, containing the prayers of the Mass. There are no changes in the Lectionary so you don't need to get a new book for your readings.

## ST JOHN'S PARISH – KILKENNY



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## Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time 16th October 2011

## Mission Sunday

Next Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, is Mission Sunday. The Second Collection at all masses will go towards missionary aid. In his letter for Mission Sunday, Pope Benedict XVI wrote, "Missionary activity renews the Church, revitalizes faith and Christian identity, and offers fresh enthusiasm and new incentive. Faith is strengthened when it is given to others!" And he goes on to add, "It is in commitment to the Church's universal mission that the new evangelization of Christian peoples will find inspiration and support". In spite of present economic difficulties, please also give them material support. The Mission Sunday collection organised by the Pontifical Mission Societies will go towards the support of priests, seminarians, religious and catechists in distant missionary lands."

## October Stations

Thanks to all who have returned their October station offerings in the past few weeks. This collection is the parishioners' contribution to the support of the bishop and the clergy in the parish. If you have forgotten to return them, you can do so in the coming weeks. Again, Thank you.

## Deaths - Month's Minds - Anniversaries

**Deaths:** Kathleen Murphy, 25 O'Loughlin Road  
Maisie Brennan, 25 Green Street  
Peter Nichols, 4 Altamount Park, *Funeral Prayers at 6pm in Johnstons on Sunday. Removal to St John's. Funeral mass on Monday at 10.30am.*

**Anniversaries:** Marian Campion (Sat 6.30pm); Liam Brett (Sun 10.30am); Albert Bolger (Sun 12 noon); Molly Flynn (Sun 7.30pm); John & Teresa Cooney; Catherine Kavanagh; Teresa Kennedy; John, Ellen & Sean Power; Elizabeth Rooney; Patrick Tynan; Patrick Holohan; Julie Burke.

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8.00am	Sean O'Grady
10.30am	Jimmy Connolly & Bernie Dermody
12.00 noon	Peter Dwyer
7.30pm	Marie Fogarty
Johnswell	Fergal Brennan/Laura Butler
Dunmore 11.00am	Christy Murray & Caitriona McDermot

## O'Loughlin Gaels Lotto

Numbers: 18, 23, 24, 28. Bonus No. 8. No Jackpot or Bonus winner.  
Next week's prize fund €19,600.

## Ossory Vocations Promotion #48

*"Give to God what is God's."*

You belong to Christ and Christ is God's! How will you respond to so great a love? Is He asking you to follow Him by serving in the priesthood? Call: Fr. Willie Purcell, Vocations Director @ the Vocations Office 056 – 7770261 or [ossoryvocdir@gmail.com](mailto:ossoryvocdir@gmail.com).

## Work Experience FETAC Level 5

Taking place Oct. 11, 18, and 25th in Springhill Hotel, 9.30am to 4.30pm.

## Olympic Champion, Conor, Presents His Medal

Conor Ryan, St Maul's, New Road, proudly shows off his Olympic Medal to the congregation at the Saturday 6.30pm Mass this weekend.

This achievement was won by Conor in the game of "Bocca" at the *World Special Olympic Games* held in the *Stadium of Peace and Friendship* in Athens last June and July.

Bringing great honour to his family, county and country, Conor was delighted to greet massgoers at the end of Mass and to sign autographs.

## Parish Pastoral Council

A meeting will take place for the Parish Pastoral Council at 7.30pm on Wednesday in the Presbytery.

## Readers for Mass in Dunmore

Anybody interested in reading at mass in Dunmore on Sundays, please contact Bernard O'Gorman (056 7761306) to be included in the new rota. Our new rota begins on 13<sup>th</sup> November next. We are always looking for new readers and would love to hear from you.

## Novena

Novena in honour of St Martin De Porres in the Black Abbey on Wednesday 26th October – Thursday 3rd November 2011. A programme of events are on the notice board. Confession will be available daily. Preacher: Fr. Frank Lynch.

## Morrison Orpheus Choir

Morrison Orpheus Choir from Wales to perform at St. John's Church on Saturday 5th November at 8pm. Kilkenny music lovers are in for a magical evening. This fundraising concert will be in aid of the Susie Long Hospice Fund and the Building of Hope Kenya Project 2012. Tickets €20 are available from The Book Centre, High Street; The Newpark Hotel (056 7760500); Rollercoaster Records, Kieran St; Billy Murphy, Ballyfoyle (086 3262446) and members of the Susie Long Hospice Fund committee.

Further details are available from [www.susielonghospice.com](http://www.susielonghospice.com). The choir sold out their last concert in Kilkenny in 2009, so early booking is advised.

## Manual and Patient Handling

Taking place on Wednesday 23rd November 2011, St. Patrick's Parish Centre, Loughboy, Kilkenny from 9.30am to 4.30pm. Cost €80. Contact Liz 059 9721416.