

Kilkenny Bereavement Support

Kilkenny Bereavement Support will hold an open support group for people who have been bereaved by suicide. It will take place in Villa Maria, Talbotts Inch, Freshford Road, Kilkenny on Thursday December 8th at 8.00pm. The group is open to anyone who has lost a family member, friend, or co-worker to suicide. In the group, the bereaved can share their feelings about their losses, be supported by other participants, get information regarding their experiences or just listen in silence. For further information, please phone (056 7756538).

Talks on the Characters of Advent

Fr. Willie Purcell will give a series of talks on the Characters of Advent – Isaiah, John the Baptist, Mary and Joseph. Starting Tuesday 6th December at 11.30am and running for three weeks in St. Patrick's Parish Centre, Loughboy. A cup of tea will be available before the meeting, after 10.30 Mass, if desired. Queries: Kathleen on (0872468443).

Open Night for Lay Dominicans

An open night for new members of the Lay Dominicans on Friday at 8pm in the Black Abbey. For further information contact Donal Ryan 056 7722637/086 8395614. All are welcome.

Ossory Adult Faith Development

Over the past few weeks young people from some of the secondary schools in our diocese have taken part in a **public speaking competition** which was framed around faith based topics. It has been a tremendous success. In addressing the issues put before them the students asked questions of themselves and caused those in attendance to reflect. The final of this competition will take place on **Thursday next at 8pm in St Patrick's Parish Centre**. Would you like to engage with questions about our faith as we face a future together? Why not join us, then, on Thursday when 6 Senior Cycle Secondary Schools Students from our diocese will publically discuss and engage in questions on the topic..."**Church we are the future and the present**"

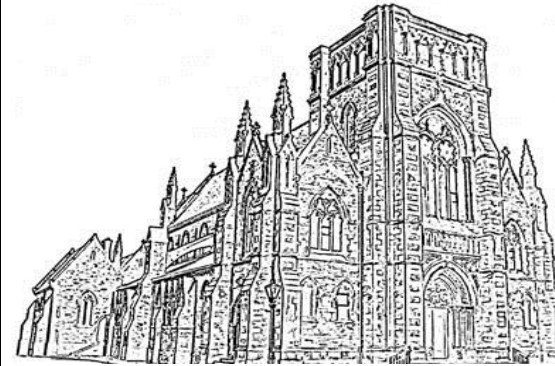
"Your Mental Health and Caring for it"

Taking place on Thursdays 11am – 1pm starting 1st December in GROW, Barrack Street, free 6 week course. We all deserve a better quality of life – would you like to improve yours?

Advent Resources

The Ossory Adult Faith Development office have produced a Scripture Reflection booklet and CD for Advent which is now available from the sacristy. The Cost is €5 for the CD and €3 for the Booklet.

ST JOHN'S PARISH – KILKENNY



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First Sunday of Advent 27th November 2011

Advent

Pope Benedict wrote: "Advent is concerned with that very connection between memory and hope which is so necessary. Advent's intention is to awaken to the most profound and basic emotional memory within us, namely, the memory of the God who became child. This is a healing memory, it brings hope. The purpose of the church's year is continually to rehearse her great history so that it can discern the star of hope.. it is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of us memories of goodness and thus to open doors of hope". **This Advent:** Be with me Lord when I need strength and healing in my life; Be with your people so that we may follow you in loving service. Be with our world in its need for your mercy and your care. Amen.

Best Wishes Msgr Kieron

We all at St John's Parish join in thanking Msgr Kieron Kennedy for his loyalty and commitment to us since September 2007. This w/e he assumes his new posting as Administrator in St Mary's Cathedral. His help here during these years was very much appreciated by all. As he returns to fulltime parish pastoral ministry, we all wish Kieron every blessing and success as he faces the challenges of ministry and leadership in St Mary's Parish.

Deaths - Month's Minds - Anniversaries

Deaths: Mike Kiernan, Chester, England
Michael Hoyne, 2 Wellington Square
Roy Nichols, Altamount

Anniversaries: Ollie Bergin (Sat 6.30 pm); Catherine Brennan (Sun 10.00 am); Kitty, Jack & Sean Hennessy (Sun 10.30 am); Ned Lawless (Sun 12 noon); Johanna Maher (Sun 7.30 pm); Nicola Hayes; Tom & Rena Brett; Joe McCullagh; Nancy Cullen; Eileen Barry; Mary & Kitty O'Connell; Mary Delaney; Catherine Connors; Bill Murphy; Brendan Hayes; Mark Lynch; Patrick J. Crotty; Jimmy Conroy; Joseph Emery.

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8.00am	Norah Webster
10.30am	Jimmy Connolly & Bernie Dermody
12.00 noon	Peter Dwyer
7.30pm	Eileen Kinnane
Johnswell	Yvonne Hoban
Dunmore 11.00am	Liz O'Gorman

O'Loughlin Gaels Lotto

Numbers: 3, 10, 11, 18. Bonus No. 17. No Jackpot or Bonus winner.
Next week's prize fund €20,000.

Ossory Vocations Promotion # 1

"Father, we are the work of Your hands."

Is God's work in you to be of service to Him as a priest? Call Fr. Willie Purcell. Ossory Vocations Office, St. Kieran's College Kilkenny. 056 7770261/0876286858. www.ossoryvocation.blogspot.com

Johnswell – Ballyfoyle Community Text Alert

A meeting will take place in Ballyfoyle hall this Monday at 7.30pm. A new Community Text Alert System will be arranged in the area by two Community Garda. All residents in Johnswell – Ballyfoyle area are welcome to meeting, and see safe text living.

Dunmore Annual Bake Sale

The annual Dunmore Bake Sale will take place in the hall after Mass next weekend. All cake donations and raffle prizes greatly appreciated and proceeds will go towards Christmas in Dunmore. Refreshments served and all are welcome.

First Friday

Friday next is the first Friday of December. The sick and housebound will be visited at the normal times. Please inform the parish office or one of the priests if you have a relative or neighbour who would appreciate this service.

Senior Help Line coming to Kilkenny

Senior Help Line is a National service providing a confidential listening service to older people who are lonely or just need someone to talk to. Would you like to support Senior Help Line 3 hrs per month? Applicants should have good listening skills and be available to commit to 3 hours per month Saturday afternoon 4-7pm. For further information please contact Kilkenny's Age Friendly County Office, 42 Parliament St. Phone No. (056 7772787) or email agefriendlycounty@gmail.com or visit our website. Applicants should be available for training on 24th, 25th, 26th January.

L'Arche Christmas Fair

You are all welcome to L'Arche Christmas Fair on Sunday 27th November from 12 – 5pm in the L'Arche Workshop, Fair Green Lane, Callan. Come along something for all the family. Candles, cards, pottery, weaving, cakes, tea & coffee, wheel of fortune, kiddies room and much more. Also L'Arche Christmas Shop will open from Wednesday 30th until Monday 21st December, Monday to Friday 9am – 4pm.

Eucharistic Congress Bell

The Eucharistic Congress Bell will be travelling around the Diocese of Ossory from January 8th to 19th. The aim of the Bell travelling around the Diocese and all around the other Irish Dioceses is to call people to prayer and bring them to a greater awareness of the forthcoming International Eucharistic Congress in Dublin next June. The Bell will be in Ferrybank Parish on Monday January 9th. For more information please log onto www.iec2012.ie. **Bookings** for the **Eucharistic Congress** are now being taken through the website. Single day registrations are now available, together with the three and seven day registrations. We are making available concession and family tickets as well. Check out our Registration Section <http://www.iec2012.ie/registration> and avail of the early Registration fees until 30 November.