

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 our parish on Saturday 14th January at 6pm for 6:30pm mass.** For more information please log onto www.iec2012.ie.

Alzheimer Day Centre

The Alzheimer Day Centre has moved to 39A Hebron Business Park, Kilkenny. Lots of activities, old films, cards, music, bingo, rings, reminiscence. Full meals served. Please contact Ruth or Margaret for more information on (056 7771230).

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 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, 26 January.

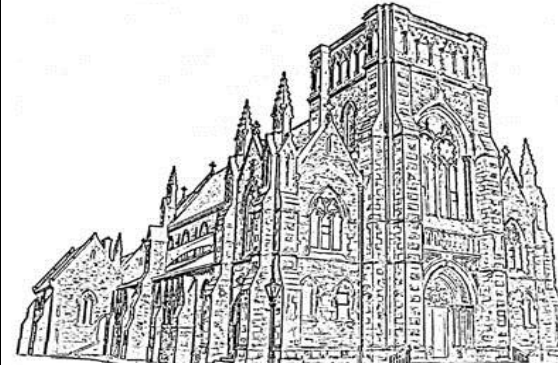
Eucharistic Congress

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.iecc2012.ie/registration>.

Men's Shed Kilkenny

A Men's Shed is a workshop where skilled and unskilled men meet and share their experiences with each other, swap stories and work together on community/personal/group projects. All men are welcome from age 18 above. Membership is free to join. Meetings are every Tuesday, from 2.00pm – 4.30pm. The activities include restoring old furniture, gardening, personal projects, learn new skills and hone old ones, making gifts, socialising, feel productive and contribute to the community and have fun. Contact Ann on (0567722566) or email kilkenny@menssheds.ie

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Christmas Day 25th December 2011

The Birth Of Christ

The Priests, the staff and the members of the Parish Pastoral Council of the St. John's would like to take this opportunity to wish all our parishioners and their families a very **Happy Christmas**. We welcome those who are home for Christmas, enjoy these special days with your loved ones. Those who cannot make it home are in our prayers. Our special thoughts go to those who are sick or hospitalized at this time. May God send his healing to each and everyone of our Parish Community. We pray also for the souls of our loved ones, especially those bereaved this year. Thank you for your support and wishing you a very happy and joy filled Christmas. Peace, health and blessings to you all throughout 2012. **“May the Child Jesus and His Mother watch over you this Christmas and throughout the coming year. As once they came to the stable of Bethlehem, may they come to you and bring you all the desires of your heart”.**

Calendar 2012

Our new Parish Calendar is kindly sponsored by Johnstons Funeral Directors and is available for collection.

Deaths - Month's Minds - Anniversaries

Deaths: Eamon Hennessy, Threecastles
Rosaleen Crotty, Archer's Mount

Month's Mind: Michael & Margaret Smullen (Thurs 10.30am)

Anniversaries: Maura Mealy; Kathleen Hayes; Martin Feehan; Catherine, James, Joseph, Patrick Fogarty & Patrick Fogarty Snr; Edward & Mary Kealy; Bridget & James Barry; Kathleen Fahey; John & Mamie Brett; Terry Brett; Mary Dunphy; Christopher Bateman; Martin Doheny; Brendan & Mary Doheny; Sarah Long; Martin & Peg Browne; Angela Davis; Michael, Patrick & Brigid Kelly; Lena Cassidy; Nancy Ronan; Roseanna Smyth; Liam & Mary Ryan; Jim & Rose Magnier; Jane O'Connell; Margaret Phelan; Gerard Costello; Anne Barry; Thomas & Bridget O' Neill;

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8.00am	Nora Webster
10.30am	Seamus Brennan & Deirdre Dowling
12.00 noon	Mary Lynch
7.30pm	Eileen Kinane
Johnswell	Kevin & Laura Murphy
Dunmore 11.00am	Mark Brennan & Tom Comerford

O'Loughlin Gaels Lotto

Numbers: 1, 2, 5, 8. Bonus No. 19. No Jackpot or Bonus winner.
Next week's prize fund €20,000

Ossory Vocations Promotion # 5

"The Word became flesh and lived among us."

Vocations to the priesthood Call Fr. Willie Purcell. Ossory Vocations Office, St. Kieran's College Kilkenny. 056 7770261/0876286858.
www.ossoryvocation.blogspot.com

Christmas Offerings

The Christmas Offering Collection goes towards the salaries of the priests of the parish as well as fulfilling our responsibility towards the Bishop's salary. It also serves to provide a stipend for any other priests who assist in parish work during the year. During these recessionary times we are very conscious of the sacrifices you make as you support these collections; and once again we take this opportunity to express our sincere gratitude to all who do so.

Adoration

There will be no adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from Tuesday 27th to Friday 30th. Adoration will resume on Tuesday 3rd January.

Kilkenny Gospel Choir

The Kilkenny Gospel Choir will be singing on New Years Day in St. John's at 7:30pm Mass.

Annual Parish Social

The annual parish social will take place on Sunday 29th of January in Langton House Hotel.

Readers Rota 2012

The new rota for those who read at masses in St. John's is available for collection in the sacristy.

Thukolo Gospel Choir

Thukolo Gospel Choir are delighted to be back again on January 8th singing at 7.30pm Mass.

Parish Novena

The Parish Novena will take place from Friday February 3rd (Feast of St. Blaise) to Saturday February 11th . Once again, it will be conducted by a Redemptorist team.

Newsletter

Please note: There will be no Newsletter next weekend. Deaths, month's minds and anniversaries will be called out as usual. All other notices will be held over. The next publication will be on the weekend of the 7th/ 8th of January. Notices should be in the Presbytery by Thursday evenings.