

Dates for your Calendar

Solemn Novena Fri. 3rd Feb – Sat. Feb 11th.
First Penance (St John's) Wednesday, 13th March, 7.30 p.m.
First Penance (Johnswell) Tuesday, 12th March, 7.30 p.m.
Confirmations Saturday, 24th March, 11.00 a.m.
First Communions (St John's) Saturday, 12th May, 10.30 a.m.
First Communions (Johnswell) Sunday, 13th May, 10.00a.m.
Lourdes Pilgrimage Tues. 22nd May – Sun. 27th May.

Eucharistic Adoration

As we begin a New Year we sometimes make New Year's Resolutions too. At the moment the numbers of volunteers for Eucharistic Adoration is falling – mainly due to health, age, various commitments, etc. So, this year we appeal for new "Adorers" for St John's Church to commit to a rota and do ONE HOUR per week of Adoration. Times for Adoration are from Tuesday to Friday, 8.00am to 10.00pm. In this special year of the Eucharistic Congress it would be a great testament to the parish and our faith to be able and willing to spend one hour in formal adoration and prayer before the Blessed Eucharist.

Alliance Francaise

French classes for Junior Infants to Leaving Certificate Higher Level and adult classes at all levels from beginners to advanced conversation, evenings or mornings. Enrolment will be on Monday 16th January in the Club House Hotel from 7pm – 9pm. For further information and class timetables, please see our website www.askilkenny.org or phone Julie 086 6600436.

Blood Donation Clinic

Monday 16th, Tuesday 17th, Wednesday 18th & Thursday 19th January from 4.30pm – 8.00pm in the Rivercourt Hotel. Help ensure essential blood supplies are always available by giving blood regularly.

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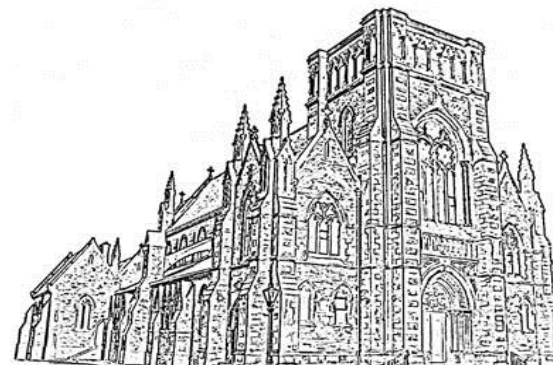
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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 15th January 2012

Parish Novena

The Parish Novena will take place from Friday 3rd (feast of St. Blaise) to Saturday 11th February. It will be conducted by a Redemptorist team consisting of **Fr. John Hanna** a native of Co. Down and now based in the Redemptorist Community in Cork. **Sarah Smyth** from Co. Armagh, a secondary school religion teacher who became involved with the Redemptorists when there was a local mission in her parish. Sarah also has a particular interest in encouraging youth in their faith development. Finally, **Fr. Tony Flannery** who comes from Co. Galway and has spent many years giving Mission and Novenas throughout the country. Once again we look forward to our Solemn Novena and we look forward to great numbers attending our Novena. *"Our Lady of Perpetual Help, may we share with you and your son the joy of having courageously faced up to all the challenges of life"*.

Parish Pastoral Council

A meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will take place on Wednesday next at 7.30 p.m. in the Presbytery. All members are asked to attend.

Deaths - Month's Minds - Anniversaries

Deaths: Patricia Friel, Patrick's Gate, Outrath Road

Anniversaries: William, Tess & Joan Murphy (Sat 6.30pm); Seamus Hennessy (Sun 10.30am); Alex Dewberry (Sun 12 noon); Bridie Kinsella & Ellen Clarke (Sun 7.30pm); Mary Leahy; Eamon Goulding; Patrick Byrne; Paddy Holohan; Johnny Brennan; Denis Guilfoyle; Margaret, Patrick & Josie Doran; Pauline Delaney; Bridget Slattery; Alice Kinchella; Chrissie Murphy; Andy & Maureen Ennis; William Brophy; Bridget McEvoy;

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8.00am	Ann Marie Hogan
10.30am	Peggy Wall & Declan Wall
12.00 noon	Tony Dalton
7.30pm	Ann Fitzpatrick
Johnswell	Robert Butler
Dunmore 11.00am	Philip Comerford & Esther Comerford

O'Loughlin Gaels Lotto

Numbers: 1, 7, 13, 22 . Bonus No.8 . No Jackpot or Bonus winner.
Next week's prize fund €20,000

Ossory Vocations Promotion # 7

"Behold the Lamb of God."

Could it be that you are being called to point out the Lord to others as a priest? Call Fr. Willie Purcell. Ossory Vocations Office, St. Kieran's College Kilkenny. 056 7770261/0876286858.
www.ossoryvocation.blogspot.com

Side-By-Side Club

The Side-By-Side Club will re-open on Thursday 19th January at 2.15pm. Chiropodist will be attending. New members very welcome.

Two Weeks To Parish Social

Tickets, at €5 each, are now available for our Annual Parish Social which takes place in **Langton House Hotel on Sunday 29th January at 8.30 p.m.** In former years, complimentary tickets were distributed to those involved in any parish activity. However, this practice has become very unwieldy and difficult to manage for a number of reasons, not least, because the majority of tickets given out and accepted are actually never used! This makes it almost impossible to plan the event re. costing, catering, seating, etc. This year the Parish Pastoral Council has agreed on a fair and reasonable solution to this issue in these economic times. Everyone is now asked to purchase a ticket beforehand for a nominal amount, €5. This is a 50% reduction for those who have had to buy tickets up to now, and it will help all others make a definite decision beforehand, thus giving us a fair idea of numbers attending. **Tickets are now available in the Sacristy, the Presbytery and from various members of the Parish Pastoral Council.** The Parish Social is always a very enjoyable event and we look forward to you joining us to enjoy another great night out in two weeks time.

Be A Confirmations 'Prayer-Friend'

As preparations for Confirmations are now well under way, each year the children really enjoy, and are proud of the fact, that they get a "Prayer Friend" from the parish community to individually pray for them in the months leading up to the Sacrament itself. All the Candidates will be present at the 10.30 a.m. Mass on Monday week (23rd) and at this Mass they will request the members of the congregation to "adopt" each of them and be their prayer-friend up to their Confirmation, which takes on Saturday, March 24th at 11.00 a.m.

'You Shall Be My Witnesses'

That is the title of the Confirmations parish-based preparation program which will take place for all Candidates on Mondays (7.30 – 8.30 p.m.) in the Senior School on Feb 6th; 20th; 27th; and March 5th.

Those who volunteered train to present this program will be individually reminded that their training night will be on Monday, January 30th at 7.30 p.m. in the Senior School.

St John's Elderly Committee

The St. John's Elderly Committee invites you to consider attending or if you know someone who may consider attending their day care centre which is situated on the grounds of St. John's. It runs on Monday's and Tuesday's each week from 9.30am – 3.30pm. For further information please contact: (0868758798) or (0863944224).