

Parish Novena

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

As in former years, some of the Team will be promoting the Novena at all Masses the weekend before, i.e., next weekend.

We're all eagerly looking forward to our Solemn Novena being attended by greater numbers than ever this year, and to it being a great spiritual help and blessings to our parish and the people of Kilkenny city and beyond.

Signs for the roundabouts and crossroads will be erected (with planning permission) during the week and those who help are requested to be available once again.

"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.

'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.

Family Communication & Self Esteem Parenting Course

The Health Promotion Dept. of the HSE South are currently planning to run a Family Communication & Self Esteem parenting course in Kilkenny starting Wednesday 1st February. Contact Teresa Hennessy: 056 7761400.

Education Programme for Diabetes

X-PERT free education programme for people with Type 2 Diabetes. This six week, two and a half hour per week group programme is facilitated by a HSE Dietician to support people with Type 2 Diabetes from Fri 17th Feb to 23rd Mar. Contact Frances Leahy, Health Promotion Office, Dean Street: 056 7761400.

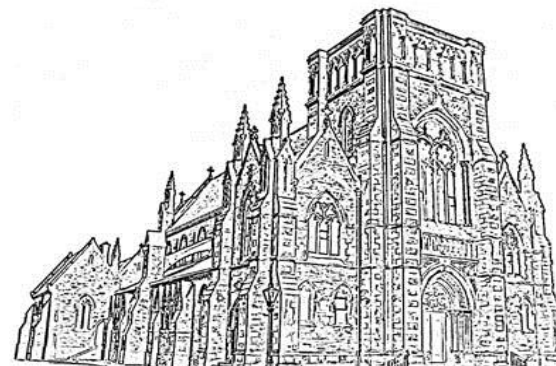
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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

22nd January 2012

Annual Parish Social Next Weekend

You are encouraged to make an immediate decision if you are attending the annual Parish Social in Langton House Hotel next Sunday, 29th at 8.30 p.m.

Tickets, at €5 each, are available in the Sacristy, the Parish Office and from members of the Pastoral Council.

We encourage as many as possible to attend, and we'd like to know numbers as soon as possible. St John's Parish Social is always a very enjoyable event and we look forward to you joining us for another great night out next weekend.

'Prayer-Friend' Mass Changed to Tuesday

Owing to the fact that Monday's 10.30 a.m. Mass is a funeral Mass, the scheduled 'Prayer Friends' ceremony for Confirmations Candidates will now take place on Tuesday morning at the same time.

At this Mass the Confirmation Class request members of the congregation to "adopt" each of them individually and be a 'Prayer Friend' from now up to their Confirmation, which takes on Saturday, March 24th at 11.00 a.m.

Deaths – Month’s Minds – Anniversaries

Deaths: Ann Brennan, Walkin Street.
Denis Hayes, ‘Cuandor’, Castlecomer Road.
Annie Dwyer, Greenridge.
Fr John O’Brien, Viper, Kells.
Teresa Hewitt, Henebry’s Cross, Dunmore – *funeral prayers at residence 5.30 p.m. this Sun, removal to St John’s Church. Funeral Mass Mon 10.30 a.m. Interment in St Kieran’s Cemetery.*

Month’s Mind: Andy Heffernan (Sun 12 noon)

Anniversaries: Richard Grace (Sat 6.30pm); Rita Collings (Sun 10.00am); Michael Dowling (Sun 10.30am); The Leahy Family (Sun 11.00am Dunmore); Patrick Meaney (Sun 7.30pm); Maureen Fitzgerald; Billy Malone; Patrick McDonagh; Elizabeth Kavanagh; Joseph Daly; Teresa Daly; John & Brigid Power; Leo Farrell; Patrick Farrell; Joe Brennan; Michael Cody; May Murphy; Michael McDonald; Billy Burke; Matthew & Brigid Corr; John Foster; Mary Fanning; Frank Walsh; Benjamin Scariff; Michael Shortall; Pierce and Martin Clooney.

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8.00am	Nora Webster
10.30am	Mary Hanafin & Seamus Mahony
12.00 noon	Anne Marie Walsh
7.30pm	Eileen Kinane
Johnswell	Yvonne Hoban
Dunmore 11.00am	Pierce Lennon & Liam Maddock

Ossory Vocations Promotion # 9

“Follow Me and I will make you fishers of all.”

Are you considering a vocation to the priesthood ? Call Fr. Willie Purcell.
Ossory Vocations Office, St. Kieran’s College Kilkenny. 056 7770261/0876286858. www.ossoryvocation.blogspot.com

INTRODUCING the new ‘PARISH MASS BOOK’

This weekend sees the new Parish Mass Book in circulation for the first time in our parish. It is completely updated and reset to incorporate the changes to the texts in the revised Roman Missal.

ITS KEY FEATURES:

- Clear attractive layout to aid participation
- Set in clear typefaces to aid readability
- Right-hand margin tabs for quick reference
- Revised cover colours of each volume to avoid confusion with previous editions.
- In the Order of Mass, music is included for key parts
- A separate section – Music for the Order of Mass – includes all the Missal chants for the parts sung by the people
- Explanatory notes to aid understanding of the liturgy
- Clear, simple cross-references between the Order of Mass and the Proper.

IN THE PROPER – additional features include:

- Texts of the Antiphons, Responsorial Psalms and Gospel Acclamations reset to enable easy chanting
- Readings set in two columns for greater legibility
- Where shorter versions of readings are provided in the Lectionary, both full and short versions are included.

IN HOLY WEEK – music is provided for:

- Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
- The Commemoration of the Lord’s Entrance into Jerusalem
- Good Friday: The Adoration of the Holy Cross
- The Passion Readings are reset with fresh lines for each part to aid participation.

AT THE EASTER VIGIL:

- Procession into the Church
- The people’s response in the Exsultet
- The Litany of Saints
- The Easter Dismissal.

This is the first of six editions and covers Year B, Volume 1. In total, the Church Year has Cycle A, B and C, with Volumes 1 and 2 in each Cycle. This is a significant but necessary financial commitment on behalf of the parish. We trust that it will be well worthwhile and that these books will last for many years. The old editions have lasted well but are not compliant with the new Roman Missal. We ask that they are well cared-for, and not removed from our churches. We understand that Readers for Mass may need to take one home for practice purposes, but they should be returned at the end of each relevant Volume. **If you wish to purchase a Mass Book, you may do so at the Parish Office.**