

## Marian Pilgrimages

Castlecomer Parish Pilgrimage/Holiday introduces Shrines and Holy Wells of England & Wales from 3rd – 10th September 2012. Spiritual Director is Fr. Michael Ryan P.P. and the costs per person is €795. Booking forms available from Annette in the Parish Office, or direct from Marian Pilgrimages. Deposit of €100 per person required to secure a place. Tel No. 056 4441262.

## Cancer Support Centre Kilkenny

Cancer Support Centre is a new vital project due for opening in early 2012. We are running the following fund raiser “Edward Hayden Cookery Demonstration”, Langton’s 8pm sharp, Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February. Admission €15.

## 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 programme from Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Feb to 23<sup>rd</sup> Mar. Contact Frances Leahy, 056 7761400.

## Mount St. Anne’s Retreat Centre

A Day of Meditation at Mount St. Anne’s, Killenard, Portarlington. Saturday 25th February from 10am to 4pm. Relax your body and calm your mind giving you space for yourself away from everyday worries and anxieties. Facilitated by Sr. Róisín Gannon. Cost €25 (please bring packed lunch – Tea/Coffee provided)

## The Samaritans

The Samaritans recruiting volunteers. Contact Dean Street 056 7765554.

## The Good Old Days Show

The Good Old Days Show in aid of the Irish Wheelchair Association and Outreach Kilkenny will take place in the Set Theatre, Langtons on Sunday Feb. 12th at 7.30pm. Guests will include Aonghus McAnally. Admission is €5. Dress in good old days clothes for the show and win a special prize.

## Divine Mercy

Divine Mercy Hour of Adoration and prayer will take place in the Friary Church on Sunday February 12th from 3pm to 4pm. All welcome. Contact No. 7722539.

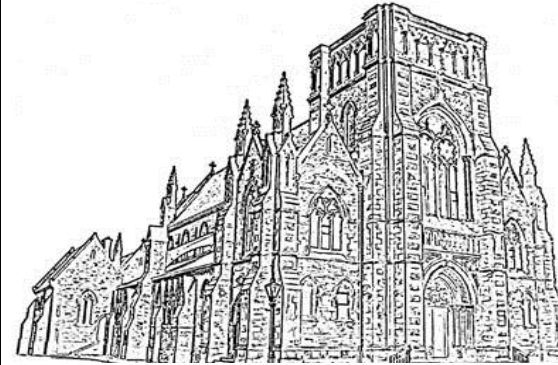
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## Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 5<sup>th</sup> February 2012

## Novena Kicks Off To A great Start

Thanks and well done to all who have attended the Novena so far. The first few days have seen an excellent attendance.

There are three sessions each day (7.30am, 10.30am and 7.30pm).

- This Sunday afternoon, at 3.30pm, we will have a Special Service of Blessing of Babies and Small Children.
- On Thursday morning we will welcome all our school going children to the 10.30am session (*please note this is a change from the publicity leaflet*).
- We celebrate the sacrament of the Penance on Thursday evening.
- On Friday evening there will be a special session for the Youth.
- The final day is Saturday, when the priests will bless religious objects that you are invited to bring to church that day.

The Novena will conclude with the 10.30am closing ceremony next Saturday. Don’t forget to take a promotional leaflet from the back of the Church; take a few and give them to your friends!

## Deaths – Month’s Minds – Anniversaries

**Deaths:** John Irwin, Dunmore.  
Frank Coogan, Connecticut & Green St.  
Nora Wise, 25 Assumption Place.

**Anniversaries:** Isabella & Bernard Doyle (Sat 6.30pm); Sarah Prendergast (Sun 10.00am); Michael & Mary Cahill (Sun 12 noon); Arthur Wiles (Sun 7.30pm); Mary Phelan; Nellie Meaney; Michael & Margaret Lennon; Margaret Foran; Winifred Norris; Ned McDonald; Margaret Carroll; Robert Delaney;

## Eucharistic Ministers For Next Weekend Readers for Next Weekend – Page 137 new book

8.00am	Sean O’Grady
10.30am	Seamus Brennan & Deirdre Dowling
12.00 noon	Mary Lynch
7.30pm	Marie Fogarty
Johnswell	Paul McKiernan
Dunmore 11.00am	Eddie Holohan & Liz Holohan

## O’Loughlin Gaels Lotto

Numbers: 17, 19, 24, 27. Bonus No. 28. No Jackpot or Bonus winner. Next week’s prize fund €20,000

## Ossory Vocations Promotion # 11

*“Everyone is searching for You.”*

If your search for the Lord is leading you to a vocation to the priesthood. Call Fr. Willie Purcell. Ossory Vocations Office, St. Kieran’s College Kilkenny. 056 7770261/0876286858. [www.ossoryvocation.blogspot.com](http://www.ossoryvocation.blogspot.com)

## Lourdes 2012

The Ossory Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from May 22 - 27th. Bookings: [Glenmore@ossory.ie](mailto:Glenmore@ossory.ie) or 051 880414. Fare is € 720.

## Parish Social

A special word of thanks to all involved with the great success of the Parish Social last Sunday night in Langton House Hotel. A great night was had by all. Special thanks to Eamon Langton and all his courteous and hard-working staff for the beautiful meal and their excellent service. Thanks to the Pastoral Council for all their work in organising the event and seeing it through on the night. Special thanks to all the contributors who donated prizes for the raffle. Well done to all concerned.

## St John’s Junior School

St John’s Junior School is currently accepting enrolments for September 2012. The closing date for receipt of applications is February 15th. Please ring the office at 056 7762888 for an application form.

## Peace Proms Concert

Pupils from St. John’s Senior School will take part in the Peace Proms Concert at The Hub, Cillin Hill on Sat. Feb 11<sup>th</sup> at 2.00pm. The concert will feature the Cross Border Orchestra of Ireland, a professionally lead amateur orchestra, conducted by Gearoid Grant. Tickets at Essaness Music Shop, Kieran Street.

## Johnswell Badminton Club Table Quiz

The annual table quiz for the Johnswell Badminton Club takes place on 10<sup>th</sup> February at 8.30pm in the Johnswell Hall.

## Rosary

The monthly Rosary on the first Sunday in James Green at statue of Our Lady of Kilkenny continues this Sunday at 3 o’clock. All welcome.

## Jeanne Jugan Apartments

Jeanne Jugan Apartments for the elderly, Little Sisters of the Poor, Abbey Road, Ferrybank, Waterford now open. You are welcome to come and see. Phone Joan on 051 833006 Mon to Fri 8am to 2pm for an appointment.

## Parish Mass Book

We have introduced the new Parish Mass Book. It is completely updated and reset to incorporate the changes to the texts in the revised Roman Missal. **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. **If you wish to purchase one, you may do so at the Parish Office.**