

## Eucharistic Congress

At the end of the church your are invited to take a Brochure with information about the “**Ossory Day**” at the Eucharistic Congress. There are also applications forms to apply for our “**Diocesan Tickets**” to the concluding Mass of the 50th International Eucharistic Congress which takes place in Croke Park on June 17th.

## Lent Text Service

Today our phones do so much more than make calls. We use them to keep up to date with emails, news and even sports results... Conscious of this the diocesan faith development group are offering a **Lenten Text Service**. Each day a short text message will be sent (**at no cost**) to those who have submitted their mobile phone number. The text might encourage you to reflect for a moment or to pause and say a brief prayer, think of someone, or decide to do something small that day. **To receive these texts** – at no cost – please text 085 8513100 or submit your number to the faith development group at [afd@ossory.ie](mailto:afd@ossory.ie) or phone 056 7753624. **The Lenten Reflection Booklet (€3) and CD (€5) a guide reflecting on the Gospels of Lent will be available at next weekend masses.**

## Happe Tots

Happe Tots Preschool are now taking names for the 2012/13. The playschool is open between 9.30 and 12.30 Monday to Friday and have spaces for the ECCE (free preschool year) available, if your child was born between 2/2/08 and 30/6/09 they will qualify. Spaces are limited. Other places also available to children 2 years and over. Contact 056 7731004 between 9.30 – 12.30.

## 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.

## 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.

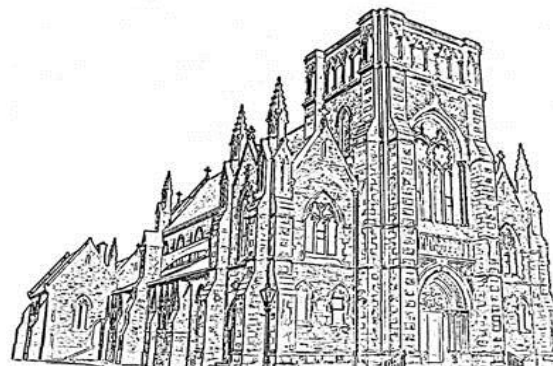
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## Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

12<sup>th</sup> February 2012

## Parish Novena

We take this opportunity to thank Sarah Smyth, Fr. John Hanna and Fr. Tony Flannery from the Redemptorist Team who conducted our Parish Novena which concluded on Saturday morning. It was a great success with hundreds coming out each day and we hope and pray that you recieved many graces and blessings from this special time.

Thank you all for your attendance and participation. We also thank the many volunteers who prepared the way beforehand, and all those who were working at each of the three daily sessions. It was fantastic to witness such motivation and cooperation. Thank you to all the Children in the Parish Schools for the beautiful Mass on Thursday morning and also a special word of thanks to all our young people who participated in the youth Mass on Friday night, which was a very special and memorable ceremony. Finally, we thank the priests for their assisting at The Sacrament of Reconciliation. It was all very much appreciated.

***“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”.***

## Deaths – Month’s Minds – Anniversaries

**Deaths:** Gerald Hickey, Sutton, Dublin.  
Elizabeth Cody, 4 Fatima Place.  
Eileen Cronin (nee Kinsella), Limerick and late of Johnswell.  
(10.00am Johnswell).

**Month’s Minds:** Frank McEvoy.  
Annie Dwyer.

**Anniversaries:** Peter Long (Sat 6.30pm); Ben Little (Sun 10.30am);  
Edward McEvoy (Sun 11.00am); Joan Tallis (Sun 12noon); Bridgid &  
Michael O’Connor (Sun 7.30pm); Mark O’Grady; Frank Quinn; Kathleen  
Dwyer; Daphne Phelan; Martin Kealy; Dr Richard Purcell; Mary Nolan;  
Hugh Meany; Michael & Desmond Mahony; Eileen Cummins; Michael  
Brennan; Catherine Beckett; Jack Talbot; Christina O’Driscoll; Catherine,  
Thomas & Jim Ryan; Patrick & Elizabeth Fry; Eileen Cooper; William  
Tyrrell; Kieran Healy; Joe & Mary Daly; Sheila Rice; Mary Harkin;

## Eucharistic Ministers For Next Weekend Readers for Next Weekend – Page 139 new book

8.00am	Ann Marie Hogan
10.30am	Paula Rogers & Louis Feeley
12.00 noon	Caroline Mullins
7.30pm	Ann Fitzpatrick
Johnswell	Fergal Brennan & Laura Butler
Dunmore 11.00am	Christy Murray & Catriona McDermott

## O’Loughlin Gaels Lotto

Numbers: 3, 6, 16, 25 . Bonus No. 20 . No Jackpot or Bonus winner. Next week’s prize fund €20,000

## Lourdes 2012

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

## St John’s Homes for the Elderly

St. John’s Homes for the Elderly monthly meeting will take place on Monday at 7pm in the Presbytery.

## 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 this **Wednesday**. Please ring the office at 056 7762888 for an application form.

## O’Loughlin Gaels Juvenile Hurling & Camogie

O’Loughlin Gaels will hold a **Registration Evening** on Saturday 18th February at 6.00pm in the club rooms for their juvenile Hurling and Camogie teams. The juvenile section caters for both boys and girls from U-6 to U-18. New members are particularly welcome.

## Ossory Vocations Promotion # 12

*“Do everything for the glory of God.”*

Your vocation is the call to give God glory in your very being. Is He choosing you to be a priest Call Fr. Willie Purcell. Ossory Vocations Office, St. Kieran’s College Kilkenny. 056 7770261/0876286858.  
[www.ossoryvocation.blogspot.com](http://www.ossoryvocation.blogspot.com)

## St Vincent de Paul

Collection for the St. Vincent de Paul at all Masses on 18th and 19th February. Thank you for your support.

## 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 this Sunday 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.

## Trocaire

During Lent we are asked to remember those who are in great need. Trocaire gives us a wonderful opportunity to do so. Every house is invited to take a Trocaire Box and use it at this time. They will be available at the back of the Church at all Masses next weekend.