

## 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 8313100 or submit your number to the faith development group at [afd@ossory.ie](mailto:afd@ossory.ie) or phone 056 7753624.

## South East Alopecia Support Group

The next South East Alopecia Support Group will be held in the Dolmen Hotel, Kilkenny Road, Carlow on Wednesday 22nd February at 7pm. For further information contact [www.alopeciaireland.ie](http://www.alopeciaireland.ie), email [alopeciasupport@gmail.com](mailto:alopeciasupport@gmail.com) or call Liz on 085 7575180. Bring along a friend for support.

## Bric a Brac Sale

GROW Mental Health Movement are running a Bric a Brac Stall in Cillin Hill on Saturday 25th February, to raise funds for the charity. Thanks to everyone who generously donated gifts and items to our fundraiser. It was much appreciated.

## 5km Walk for Zambia Immersion Project

CBS Parents Council are holding a 5km walk for Zambia Immersion Project on Sunday 26th February 2012 in Castle Park and Surrounds at 11.00am. Registration 9.45am – 10.45am in Tennis Club. Cost is €10 per adult, €15 per family and €5 per student. Light refreshments & free raffle in Tennis Club afterwards.

## 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.

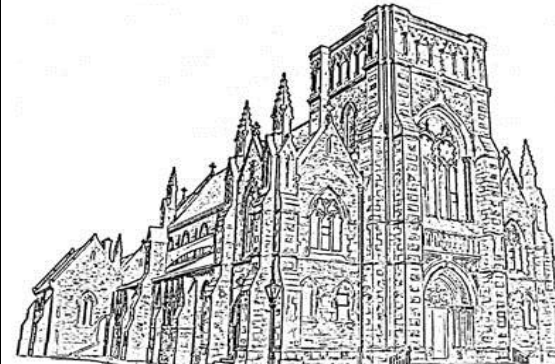
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## ST JOHN'S PARISH – KILKENNY



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## Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time 19<sup>th</sup> February 2012

### Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, 22nd February, is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. Blessing and Distribution of Ashes at 8.00am, 10.30am and 7.30pm masses.

### Trocaire

Lent is a time marked by prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Every year at this time, we are very conscious of the work of Trócaire through their annual campaign. **We can support this work by having a Trócaire box in our homes.** This year the Trócaire campaign is highlighting a community in northern Uganda who are coming out of the ruins of war and injustice. Trócaire is working with them and similar communities all over the world with the intention, as their Lenten theme states, of **“Rebuilding Communities for lasting change.”** In Lent we get to make a definite journey of faith as a Christian community – together. This season can be a time of renewal for us. By working together to make the most of the richness of this season, **our actions of charity, fasting and prayer** can lead to a deepening of our faith and can bear fruit not only in our lives but in the lives of those we reach out to. Trócaire boxes available at the back of the Church.

## Deaths – Month’s Minds – Anniversaries

**Deaths:** Margaret Shanahan, Haltigan Terrace  
Tom Kavanagh, 31 Riverview  
Kitty Kavanagh, 10 Ballybough Street  
Jimmy Conway Riverside Drive, (*Furneral on Sunday at 11.30am in St. Canices*).  
Jim Barron, Connolly Street, (*Prayers Mon at 6.15pm in Hehirs. Funeral Tues at 11am in St Canices*).

**Anniversaries:** Chris Hoban (Sat 6.30pm); Statia & Nicholas Power (Sun 10.30am); Jimmy Gahan (Sun 11.00am); Joseph Lawlor (Sun 12 noon); Catherine Fogarty (Sun 7.30pm); Peter & John O’Rourke; Christopher & Julia Bergin; Martin Coogan; Seamus Culleton; Liam Reidy; Sarah Tynan; Sean Brennan; Ellen Lanigan; Annie Dowling; Kevin Mansfield; Kathleen & Charles Bartholomew

## Eucharistic Ministers For Next Weekend – Panel 2 Readers for Next Weekend – Page 142 new book

8.00am	Nora Webster
10.30am	Jimmy Connolly & Bernie Dermody
12.00 noon	Peter Dwyer
7.30pm	Eileen Kinane
Johnswell	Sean Colgan
Dunmore 11.00am	Jim Kavanagh & Colette Brennan

## O’Loughlin Gaels Lotto

Numbers: 8, 10, 17, 25 . Bonus No. 27. No Jackpot or Bonus winner. Next week’s prize fund €20,000

## Ossory Vocations Promotion # 13

*“I am about to do a new thing.”*

Are you discerning the inclination to do something new for the Lord, perhaps as 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 this weekend. Thank you for your support.

## Johnswell Badminton Club

Thanks to all who took part in the table quiz on Friday 10th February in the local hall. Thanks to the organisers and congratulations to the winners. Special thanks to our sponsors.

## Johnswell Development Committee Meeting

Johnswell Development Committee Meeting on Wednesday 22nd February at 8.30pm in local Community Hall.

## Eucharistic Congress

At the end of the church you 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.

## Elvis Gospel Concert

Elvis Gospel Concert in St. Fiacre’s Church on Friday 2nd March at 8.00pm. Featuring Thukolo Gospel Choir with John Cassidy and Memphis Cats. Tickets €10 from members of Thukolo and at St. Patrick’s Parish Centre. Door prizes galore and other prizes on the night. Proceeds will help send young people with special needs to Lourdes with the Irish Children’s Pilgrimage Trust (IHCPT) this Easter.

## Diocesan Seminar “Alcohol/Drugs: A Parish Response”

A Diocesan Seminar “Alcohol/Drugs: A Parish Response” organised by the Irish Bishops’ Drugs Initiative is taking place on Wednesday 7th March in St. Patrick’s Parish Centre. Launch by Bishop Freeman. All welcome – bookings Mary 01 5053044 or John 086 8611531 [www.catholicbishops.ie/drugs](http://www.catholicbishops.ie/drugs)

## Lent & CD Scripture Reflection Resource

This booklet is an opportunity for groups or individuals to come together once a week to reflect on the scriptures and contains the Sunday Gospels of Lent. The cost of each booklet is €3. The CD is based on the central characteristics of Lectio Divina. This CD will act as a guide in reflecting the Gospels of Lent. It is a double CD set this year and the cost remains at €5.

## 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 23rd February. Admission €15.