

## School Boards of Management

A General Meeting of representatives of Boards of Management of Primary Schools will take place in Newpark Hotel this Tuesday evening at 8.00 p.m. The theme: *The Future of our Catholic Schools*. The speakers: *Bishop Séamus Freeman*, Patron; and *Fr Michael Drumm*, Catholic Schools Partnership, Maynooth.

All members of our Parish Schools' Boards are requested to attend.

## 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.

## Kilkenny Recreation and Sports

Kilkenny Recreation and Sports Partnership are organising an Older Adults Tai Chi class at 11am in the Watershed, starting Wednesday 29th February, €20 for 5 weeks. All abilities are welcome.

We are also organising a Parents and Tots – Work and Play in the Sports Hall, starting Thursday 1st March, at 11am, in the Watershed. This is a circuit class for parents while toddlers get to play alongside. Please note that the children are under the supervision of the parents, childcare is not provided but parents are welcome to bring their toddlers to this class and a soft play area is provided for the children. Contact: Kilkenny Recreation & Sports Partnership [info@krsp.ie](mailto:info@krsp.ie) or (056) 720870

## Ceart Therapy

*Ceart Therapy Rehabilitation need your vote!*

“We have been shortlisted for the €10,000 EBS Community Fund award and we need your vote to win! Vote for us on [www.ebs.ie](http://www.ebs.ie) TODAY!!

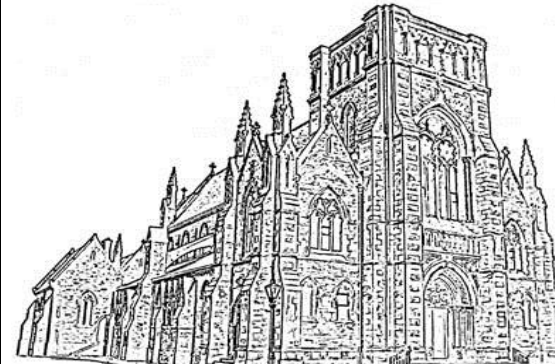
## Elvis Gospel Concert

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)

## ST JOHN'S PARISH – KILKENNY



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**First Sunday of Lent**  
**26th February 2012**

## An t-Uasal Felix Ó'Nualláin - Le Buíochas agus Le Sàch Dea-Şhuí

Next Wednesday, Feb. 29th, there will be a special Mass of Thanksgiving in St John's Church at 12.30 p.m. to celebrate the work and teaching career of Mr Felix Nolan, Deputy Principal of St John's Senior School, Ballybough Street. Mr Nolan is retiring from teaching having spent over thirty-seven years in St John's School where he began his teaching career in September 1975. The parish and wider community are deeply indebted to Mr Nolan for all the loyalty, dedication and commitment he brought to the school, and to all aspects of the education, development and well-being of his pupils during those years. All parents, past and present, as well as parishioners and friends, are invited and welcome to join in this thanksgiving ceremony.

## First Friday

Friday next is the first Friday. Holy Communion to the sick at the normal times.

## Pastoral Council

A meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will take place on Wed. next at 7.30 pm

## Deaths – Month’s Minds – Anniversaries

**Deaths:** Kay Barry-McBride, Waterford Road  
Brendan Kearns, Parnell Street

**Month’s Minds:** John Irwin (Sun 11.00am Dunmore)  
Nora Wise (Sat 10.30am)

**Anniversaries:** Seamus Burke (Sat 6.30pm); Michael Brennan (Sun 10.30am); Fintan Brennan (Sun 12 noon); Joe Maher (Sun 7.30pm); Frank Quinn; Frank McDonagh; William & Nora Lanigan; Patrick & Elizabeth Brennan; Abraham Anderson; Stan Landers; John Boland; Peter & Jimmy Browne; Jim Tobin; Paddy Barry; James Shortall; Nell & Joe Delaney; Patsy Purcell; William Holland; Martin Dermody; Tony Comerford; Martin Dooley; Catherine Neary.

## Eucharistic Ministers For Next Weekend – Panel 1 Readers for Next Weekend – Page 151 new book

8.00am	Ann O’Grady
10.30am	Peggy Wall & Declan Wall
12.00 noon	Tony Dalton
7.30pm	Ann Marie Grace
Johnswell	Kevin & Laura Murphy
Dunmore 11.00am	Maria McGroarty & Amy McGroarty

## O’Loughlin Gaels Lotto

Numbers: 8, 18, 25, 28 . Bonus No. 24. No Jackpot or Bonus winner.  
Next week’s prize fund €20,000

## World Day of Prayer

World Day of Prayer, Friday 2nd March at 8pm in the Methodist Church, William Street. All are welcome.

## First Saturday Devotion

First Sat Devotion in St Fiacre’s Church, March 3rd after 6.15pm Mass.

## Lenten Stations

The Lenten Station envelopes are available for distribution this weekend. Distributors are asked to pick up their envelopes from the Presbytery. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Also, sincere thanks to all our parishioners who offer material support to your bishop and priests.

## Trócaire

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

## Bereavement Support

Kilkenny Bereavement Support holds an open support group for adults bereaved by suicide. It is held in Villa Maria, Talbots Inch, Freshford Road, at 8.00pm on the first Thursday of every month. The group is open to anyone who has lost a family member, friend, or co-worker to suicide.

For further information, please contact: 056-7756538.

## Ossory Vocations Promotion # 14

*“Christ suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God.”*

Is He prompting you to suffer with Him, bringing others to God 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)

## Eucharistic Congress Updates

### Bookings:

There are three ways to book for the 50th International Eucharistic Congress –

- 1) Telephone the IEC2012 Booking offices on 01 2981122.
- 2) Book Online on the Congress website [www.iec2012.ie/registration](http://www.iec2012.ie/registration)
- 3) Download a paper booking form from the Congress website [www.iec2012.ie/registration](http://www.iec2012.ie/registration) and send the completed form to CSSL, 3rd Floor, Paradigm House, Dundrum Office Park, Dundrum, Dublin 14.

Advance bookings are open until the 9th of May 2012. After that date all bookings are onsite the RDS. BOOK NOW!

**Please note that at the back of the church you can take a Brochure with information about the Eucharistic Congress.**

**There are also applications forms to apply for tickets (€10) to the concluding Mass of the 50th International Eucharistic Congress which takes place in Croke Park on June 17th.**