

Novena to St Joseph

Mill Hill Missionaries' Novena to St Joseph begins on Sunday 11th March and finishes on Monday 19th March, the Feast of St Joseph.

Novena Mass and prayers each evening at 8.00pm in our Chapel at Mill Hill Missionaries, St Joseph's, Waterford Road.

Fr Michael Corcoran, Regional Superior, will be at the Closing Mass on 19th March at 8.00pm.

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

Lourdes 2012

The Ossory Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from May 22 - 27th.

Bookings: Glenmore@ossory.ie or 051 880414. Fare is € 720.

'Cois Nore' Cancer Support Centre

The Centre, which affiliated to the Irish Cancer Society, is due to open in Walkin Street this year to offer a safe confidential setting to provide compassionate support for the needs of individuals and families in the Kilkenny area meeting the challenge of cancer diagnosis.

A Fashion Show in aid of COIS Nore Cancer Support Centre will take place in Langtons at 8.00 p.m. on Tuesday next, March 6th. €10.00 at the door.

Johnswell Active Retirement Meeting

Johnswell Active Retirement Meeting in Johnswell Hall on Wed. 7.30pm.

Teen Between

Support for teenagers of separated parents. To find out more about Teen Between service, please contact Jane on 056 7761200 in Ossory Youth. Opening times are Tuesday 2-5pm, Wednesday 2-5pm. Lunch time drop in with pool room and computer access Tuesday to Thursday 1-2pm.

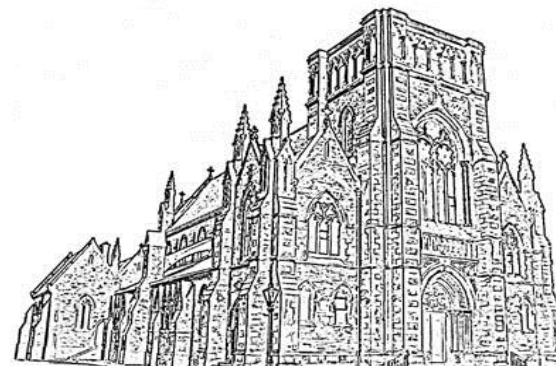
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Second Sunday of Lent

4th March 2012

SAINT KIERAN

OUR DIOCESAN PATRON

Tomorrow, Monday, we celebrate the feast of St Kieran – patron saint of our diocese. Kieran of "Saighir" is known as the "first-born of the saints of Ireland". Most of what we know about him comes from various stories which were written down much later.

St Kieran's life story is full of surprises. His mother was from Cape Clear in Co Cork, his father from Ossory.

As a young man Kieran set out for Rome, where he was baptised and studied scripture there. On his way back to Ireland he met St Patrick, who told him exactly where to found his monastery, giving him a bell which would only ring when he found the place. This turned out to be *Saighir Chiaráin*, about four miles south-east of Birr, Co Offaly.

Saighir Chiaráin was the chief church of Ossory for some time. Since then many churches, schools and cemeteries have taken the name of St Kieran.

This week we pray for all the people of our diocese and in a special way that St Kieran will help us to grow in our love of God and each other and that our diocese will be a place where we truly love Jesus as St Kieran did.

Deaths – Month’s Minds – Anniversaries

Deaths: Kevin Flannery, 13 Michael Street
Mary Parle, 4 O’Loughlin Road
Leo Fitzpatrick, Portlaw
William Grace, Loreto View
Paddy Delaney, Dean Cavanagh Place

Month’s Minds: Teresa Hewitt (Sat 6.30pm)
Nora Wise

Anniversaries: Christina O’Connor & Dolores Dowling (Sun 10.30am);
Patrick & Peg Callanan (Sun 11.00am); John McEnery (Sun 12 noon);
Jim, Mary & Colette Brennan (Sun 7.30pm); Paddy & Tess Hogan;
Matthew Lawlor; Michael O’Brien; Andy Henderson; Michael Comerford;
James & Bridget Evans; Esther McDonald & Larry McDonald;
Joseph Hodge; Dolly Blanch; Patrick & Julia Parsons

Eucharistic Ministers For Next Weekend – Panel 2 Readers for Next Weekend – Page 154 new book

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| 8.00am | Sean O’Grady |
| 10.30am | Mary Hanafin & Seamus Mahony |
| 12.00 noon | Anne Marie Walsh |
| 7.30pm | Marie Fogarty |
| Johnswell | Betsy Rice & Teresa Dowling |
| Dunmore 11.00am | Mark Brennan & Tom Comerford |

O’Loughlin Gaels Lotto

Numbers: 4, 8, 9, 28. Bonus No. 21. No Jackpot or Bonus winner.
Next week’s prize fund €20,000

Monthly Rosary

The monthly Rosary in James’ Green this Sunday at 3 o’clock.

St John’s Homes for the Elderly

St John’s Homes for the Elderly Committee meeting on Wed at 7pm.

Lenten Stations

Thank you for your Lenten contributions which go towards the support to your bishop & priests. If you have forgotten, you can hand them in at your convenience.

Ossory Vocations Promotion # 14

“Christ suffered for sins once for all, 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

Eucharistic Congress

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
- 3) Download a paper booking form from the Congress website www.iec2012.ie/registration and send the completed form to CSSL, 3rd Floor, Paradigm House, Dundrum Office Park, Dundrum, Dublin 14.

Please note that at the back of the church your 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 Eucharistic Congress which takes place in Croke Park on June 17th. Each parish only get a VERY SMALL NUMBER OF TICKETS for this Mass. So, if interested, PLEASE APPLY IMMEDIATELY to avoid disappointment.

Trócaire

During Lent we remember those who are in great need. Trócaire gives us a wonderful opportunity to do so. Every house is invited to take a Trócaire Box and use it during thi season.. They are available in the Church porch.

Kilkenny Coeliac Support

The third meeting of the newly formed Kilkenny Coeliac Support Group takes place from 8.00pm on Monday 5th at the Kilkenny Ormonde Hotel. All are welcome. For more information call Edwina on 086-8628626; email kkcoeliacsupportgroup@hotmail.com,

Edmund Rice Mass

The monthly Blessed Edmund Rice mass will take place in Wescourt on Monday, 5th at 7.30pm. A special welcome is extended to those who have been recently bereaved.