

**Login to [stjohnskilkenny.com](http://stjohnskilkenny.com) to join our Masses on church webcam!**

### **Johnswell Fun Run**

The Johnswell Fun Run will take place on the 17<sup>th</sup> June. By way of preparation, anyone who is interested in training for this event (running/walking) is invited to meet on Tuesday at the village at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

### **Eucharistic Adoration Mass at St John's**

A Mass for all adorers who pray in the Adoration Room will be celebrated on Tuesday evening at 7.30pm in St John's church.

### **St John's Homes for the Elderly**

St John's Homes for the Elderly Committee Meeting will take place on Wednesday at 7.00pm in the Presbytery.

### **First Friday**

Friday next is the first Friday of May. The sick and housebound will be visited at the normal times. Please inform the parish office or one of the priests if you have a relative or neighbour who would appreciate this service.

### **Saint Joseph**

There will be a Mass in honour of St Joseph at the Mill Hill Missionaries, Waterford Rd. on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wed. of each month. May mass this Wed. at 8.00 p.m.

### **The Kilkenny Choir**

The Kilkenny Choir are performing their Spring concert this Sunday at 8.00pm in St. Canice's Cathedral. On this occasion the choir will perform Cherubini's Coronation Mass in G, conducted by Philip Edmondson and accompanied by full symphony orchestra, leader Clodagh Vedres.

### **Ossory Vocations Promotion # 23**

On this Good Shepherd Sunday we celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pray for holy vocations to the priesthood, especially for our diocese, that God will raise up good shepherds in our midst. If you are considering such a vocation, Call Fr. Willie Purcell. Ossory Vocations Office, St. Kieran's College Kilkenny. 056 7770261/0876286858. [www.ossoryvocation.blogspot.com](http://www.ossoryvocation.blogspot.com)

*Newsletter Kindly Sponsored By*

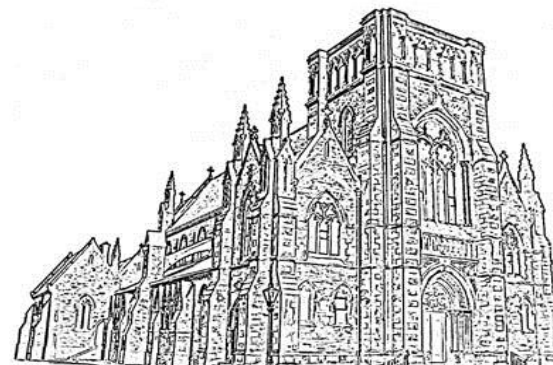
**PATRICK N MEANY & SONS  
FUNERAL DIRECTORS**

*Complete Funeral Service*

*Member of the Irish Association of Funeral Directors*

**Greenridge, Johnswell Road, Kilkenny. Tel: 056: 7751100 Mob:086 8688868**

## St John's Parish – Kilkenny



### **Parish Pastoral Council**

Claire Bowden, Mary Brennan,

Seamus Brennan, Seán Colgan,

Jimmy Kelly, Úna Lennon,

Fr Seán O'Connor, Mary O'Hanlon,

Fr Frank Purcell

Parish Tel: (056) 772 1072

E-mail: [stjohns@ossory.ie](mailto:stjohns@ossory.ie)

Fr Frank Purcell (086) 601 0001

Parish Fax: (056) 772 2209

Website: [stjohnskilkenny.com](http://stjohnskilkenny.com)

Fr Seán O'Connor (086) 389 5911

*SVP HELPLINE - 086 895 1239*

**Fourth Sunday of Easter – Vocations Sunday  
29<sup>th</sup> April 2012**

## **Prayer For Vocations**

Good and gracious God,  
you have called us through baptism to  
discipleship with your Son, Jesus Christ,  
and you have sent us to bring the Good News  
of salvation to all peoples.

We pray that you grant more priests and  
religious to build up your Church here  
within the Diocese of Ossory.

Inspire men and women to give  
themselves totally to the work of Christ  
and His Church.

Together may we seek the face of Christ  
in the poor, the marginalised, the forgotten,  
that they may know the wonders of your love.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen

## Deaths – Month’s Minds – Anniversaries

**Deaths:** Theresa Murphy, 9 Pearse Street  
Martin Neylon, 3 Willow Close, Ardnore

**Month’s Mind:** Liz Whyte (Sat 6.30pm)

**Anniversaries:** William & Elizabeth Trait (Sun 10.00am); Eamonn Walsh (Sun 11.00am); Seán Butler (Sun 12 noon); Agnes McCormack; James McDonald; Molly Dowling; John Joseph & Michael Kealy; Nancy Mahony; Bea Orr; Billy Dwan; Trish Grace; Des Hehir; Timothy Maher; Patrick Price; Joe Whyte; Bridget O’Carroll; Bridie Clooney;

## Eucharistic Ministers For Next Weekend – Panel 2 Readers for Next Weekend – Page 264

8.00am	Sean O’Grady
10.30am	Seamus Brennan & Deirdre Dowling
12.00 noon	Mary Lynch
7.30pm	Marie Fogarty
Johnswell	Linda Shore
Dunmore 11.00am	Philip Comerford & Esther Comerford

## O’Loughlin Gaels Lotto

Numbers: 1, 3, 10, 25. Bonus No. 15. No Jackpot or Bonus winner.  
Next week’s prize fund €20,000

## Pilgrimage to Knock

There will be a pilgrimage to Our Lady’s Shrine at Knock on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> May. For booking contact Ann on 056 7722204. Organised by the Irish Catholic Nurses’ Guild. Departure: Bus leaving the Butt’s Green at 7.30am.

## Johnswell Active Retirement Association

A meeting of Johnswell Active Retirement Association will be held in Johnswell Hall on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May, at 8.00pm. New members welcome.

## ME A PRIEST?

The word ‘vocation’ comes from the Latin word ‘vocare’ which means to call. A ‘Vocation’ is a call by Christ to live your life in a particular way. But practically what does this mean? Well at some level it involves a felt attraction to the vision and message of Jesus, and a desire to use ones energies for the kind of ministry that he was about. And a hunch this offers both meaning and a real happiness, deep and lasting happiness.

*To simply sum up:*

*If God has chosen you to be a priest, this is the first thing he will do:*

*He will make you think about it! Even if you do not want to.*

*And these thoughts will not go away easily.*

The call to vocation in the church is a call to use your gifts and talents and abilities to build up the Kingdom of God, depending upon his divine help and inspiration.

Vocation then is a generous and radical giving of oneself to the service of our brothers and sisters.

The call to priesthood is the call to give your life to making Christ’s presence real through the sacraments and especially through the Eucharist.

## St John’s Senior School

All parents who wish to enrol their children in St John’s Senior School next September should do so as soon as possible. Enrolment forms are available at the school in Ballybough Street.

## First Communion Meeting

A meeting of First Communion parents will take place on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May at 8.00pm in St John’s Junior School. This meeting will go through procedures/arrangements for the day of the communion. It is important that a representative from every family attend.

## Tax Rebate Scheme

Please fill in your ‘‘Chy2’’ form (if you’ve not already done so) and return it to the Presbytery as soon as possible. If you have received a ‘‘self assessed’’ receipt, please give it to your accountant, or whoever handles your accounts, and you are requested to increase your donation this year by the amount of the tax refund you receive. Thanks to all involved in this important scheme for the parish.