

New Booking Options – 24 May 2012

More than 20,000 people have now booked tickets to attend the 50th International Eucharistic Congress at the RDS from 10-16 June 2012 and the option to book online has now been extended until 4 June 2012.

The closing ceremony; 'Statio Orbis', at Croke Park on Sunday 17 June is a fully seated and ticketed event and the final allocation of tickets are now available through our new booking options.

IEC2012 has announced a number of new booking options for those who would like to be part of this historic event.

Special Events 'Dual Tickets' for the Opening Ceremony on 10 June and the Statio Orbis, Closing Ceremony, on 17 June, are now available to purchase together for €40 on the Congress booking page: www.iec2012.ie/registration

A limited number of tickets are also available for Statio Orbis, Closing Ceremony at Croke Park on 17 June in the Upper Cusack stand and Upper Hogan stand. These can be purchased for €10 from:

(a) Tickets.ie: <http://www.tickets.ie/event.aspx/iec-statio-orbis-mass-2012-croke-park-dublin-17-June-2012/Z3WGP>

(b) Selected Centra and Super-Valu stores: <http://www.gaa.ie/tickets-and-merchandise/tickets/super-valu-and-centra>.

Ossory Youth: There is a bus travelling on Sunday 17th to Croke Park and there are seats still available. Tickets may be acquired through www.ticket.ie or selected Centra or Super Valu.

Experiencing Taize: Monday June 11th as part of the Eucharistic Congress. A bus will leave Kilkenny on Monday at 3 p.m. for the RDS [free of charge] and a €3 entry fee to the Congress – Taize Experience. The Bus will leave Ossory Youth. For more information contact Maureen, Desart Hall 0879482753

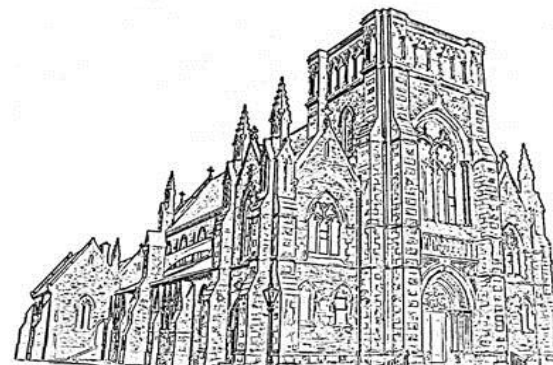
Ossory Pilgrims welcome to Stand 117: in the RDS for a cuppa. Stand 117 is the Vocations Stand and we appreciate their hospitality.

Decorating to welcome Congress: Congress is encouraging the Irish faithful to give pilgrims a warm welcome by decorating their homes, parishes and schools for this important occasion. Flags and bunting can be purchased through Irish Wholesale Flags directly on 093 42024.

Pilgrim choirs in the RDS and Croke Park: Choirs practice for the Dioceses of Ossory, Ferns and K&L (for the liturgies on Tues. 12th and Sun. 17th June) will take place in *Carlow Cathedral* on Tues. 29th May at 7.30 p.m.

Special Train for pilgrims: The special train on Tuesday 12th is cancelled. Bookings for Sunday 17th are slow and Irish Rail are urging us to advise pilgrims to book as soon as possible.

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Pentecost Sunday

27th May 2012

Eucharistic Congress OSSORY PREPARES

1. The diocesan Statio Orbis tickets have now been printed and will be sent out to the various dioceses early this week.
2. Tickets which were booked online by must be collected at the RDS on the day of the event (Pilgrims must register each day anyway, so can do both at once).
3. The Magnificat Books have arrived. If you require more than you originally ordered, it is vital that you let us know by close of business on Thurs. €1 per copy.
4. The Diocese of Ossory has 370 pilgrims booked in for the RDS and 40 volunteers.

If each parish could get 2 or 3 or even more pilgrims to go on Ossory Day that would bring the number up to c500...that would be a respectable number for our Diocese.....it probably will mean making personal contact and inviting them. As many Pastoral areas are organising buses transport should not be an issue. Please note that bus companies must be registered with IEC head office....without a permit buses will not be allowed into the RDS or Croke Park area!

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Deaths – Month’s Minds – Anniversaries

Deaths: Margaret Holohan, 130 Assumption Place
Breda Conaboy, 12 Woodlawn, Archers Avenue
Martin Phelan, Connolly Street

Anniversaries: Philip Morrissey (Sat 6.30pm); Joe Brennan (Sun 8.00am); Thomas Comerford (Sun 10.00am); Nancy Cummins (Sun 10.30am); Ian Kirwan (Sun 12 noon); Mary & Patrick Campion (Sun 7.30pm); Patrick Mahony; Eileen & Patrick Brennan; Jim Carew; Bridget Culleton; Mary Lanigan; Sally Loughman; Kitty O’Keeffe; James O’Hara; Sarah & Sheila Cleary; James Quirke; John Quirke; Agnes Dermody; Michael Smyth; Sean Monahan.

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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	Paul McKiernan
Dunmore 11.00am	Jim Kavanagh & Claire Hanrick

O’Loughlin Gaels Lotto

Numbers: 7, 16, 17, 28. Bonus No. 19. No Jackpot or Bonus winner.
Next weeks Prize Fund €20,000

Parks Tennis

Summer Tennis Coaching Camps start on 2nd July for 4 weeks (each programme runs for 2 weeks). For children aged between 6 and 17 years. Registration at Presentation Secondary School on Saturday 9th June from 2pm to 4pm. Cost €15 per child. For more information please call 085 2828846.

Login to stjohnskilkenny.com to join our Masses on Church Webcam!

Kilkenny Choir and Kilkenny Youth Orchestra

This weekend our parish is being treated to a veritable festival of music – with *Kilkenny’s Youth Orchestra* providing a free concert on Saturday evening at 7.30 p.m. and the *Kilkenny Choir* singing the ‘*Messe Breve*’ by the French composer, Leo Delibes, which they recently sang in Dubrovnick. Many thanks from us all at St John’s to both groups and to Mr Philip Edmondson, conductor and organiser.

Lourdes Invalid Collection

The *Lourdes Fund* collection takes place this weekend. Thanks for your support.

Cemetery Masses

The annual Cemetery Mass in St. Kieran’s Cemetery will be celebrated on Friday 29th June at 7.30pm.

The Cemetery Mass in Dunmore and Johnswell Cemeteries will be celebrated on Friday 6th July at 7.30pm.

St John’s Parish Annual Outing

This year’s “Parish outing” will take place on the 21st June. Names to Pat Hickey 0871279306, Maura Hickey 086 8758798, Anne Maria Walsh 087 2271136

Ossory Vocations Promotion #27

"When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all the truth."

Are you inclined to let the Holy Spirit lead you to your true vocation in the Risen Lord...perhaps as a priest? Call Fr. Willie Purcell. Ossory Vocations Office, St. Kieran’s College. 056 7770261/0876286858. www.ossoryvocation.blogspot.com

Life in the Spirit

A Baptism In the Spirit ceremony in the Black Abbey, this Pentecost Sunday at 2.30pm.. It will be led by Fr. Mark Condon of St. Mary’s Cathedral and a testimony will be given by Mrs. Margaret Keane followed by individual prayer.

Knock Summer Festival

The Knock Summer Festival takes place on Saturday the 28th July. This day will be full of talks, workshops, music, prayer and reflection. The theme for the day is ‘*ONE*’. The day is free of charge. It is for all people aged 17 – 30. For more information: www.knock-shrine.ie/youth festival, or call 087 6927850.

Motor Neurone Association

Next Thursday marks the first day of the Summer Wine for the charitable team on John Street. Presented by the Wine Centre, Gardenia, Kilkenny Skin & Scalp clinic and Langtons to raise money for the Motor Neurone Association. Tasting in Gardenia courtyard on Thurs. 7.30pm. Tickets, €10, from the wine centre. Entertainment by the Unity Singers. Tasty bites from Langtons. 056 7722907.