

Rathcoole Cemetery Mass

Rathcoole Cemetery Mass will take place on Friday, July 27th at 7.30pm.
Rathcoole is situated on the Sandfords Court Road, Johnswell.

Johnswell Active Retirement Group

A special meeting of Johnswell Active Retirement Group will take place in the Local Hall on Wednesday 25th July, at 8.00pm. The Kilkenny Lions Club "Message in a Bottle" will be available for distribution. All members are requested to attend.

Saint Mark 6:30-34

The apostles reported to Jesus all that they had done and taught. Perhaps you have had the experience of being able to check in with somebody and share an experience. What was that like for you?

Jesus saw that the apostles needed to rest and eat. What has been your experience of finding a restful place after a busy day? What kind of nourishment have you found necessary in order to live with energy and enthusiasm?

What have these insights taught you about life?

When Jesus saw the crowd, he recognised their need and reached out to them. Who has been a Jesus person for you, someone who recognised your need and reached out to you?

For whom have you been a Jesus person in that way?

It sometimes can be difficult to strike a balance between responding to the needs of others and meeting our need for rest and nourishment. What has helped you to keep the balance right?

Questions People Ask

Q. Isn't it wrong to hold concerts in churches?

A consecrated church is God's house and no place for secular music.

A. What do you mean by secular music?

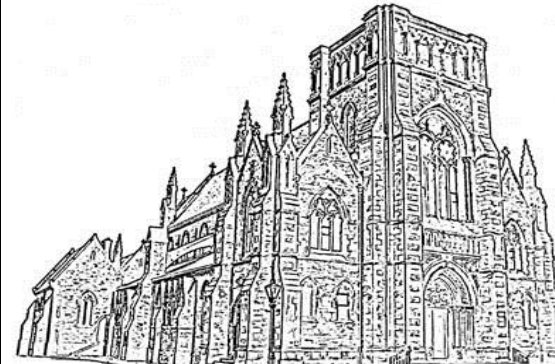
Just because a song does not directly refer to God doesn't make it unsuitable. Music, for those who have an ear to hear, is one of the greatest sources of beauty, and every time we experience beauty it is a tiny anticipation of the supreme ecstasy of the beatific vision.

Why should the devil have all the good music?

I have been at many concerts in church and felt spiritually uplifted by the beauty of the music and the God-given talents of the performers.

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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
22nd July 2012

Who am I, and I am who?

In the Jesus Story today, we are told that his companions hadn't time to eat, with all the comings and goings, and the rush of life. Our world too, gets faster and faster. Jesus invites his companions to come away to a lonely place to find themselves, to ask who am I, and I am who.

Henri Nouwen talks about human life being like a cart wheel, with hub and spokes. Spokes are the comings and goings of hectic action. Hub is the heart, the spirit, that keeps together the balance. So he advises, to give our human hub, moments of quiet, with a candle light, with a Hail Mary or Our Father, or a slow sign of The Cross, or a moments kneeling, or touching a personal medal or Rosary bead. As in today's story the activities, stresses, and challenges of life, don't go away. The crowd were still there in the quiet place waiting for Jesus and his companions, but somehow attitude was changed. We get help to handle the situation better. Jesus took pity on them. They were like sheep without a shepherd.

Deaths – Month’s Minds – Anniversaries

Deaths: May Tyrrell, 15 O’Loughlin Road.
Margaret Bambrick, Loughboy.
Kathleen Quinn, 90 Larchfield.

Month’s Mind: John Cahill,
Paddy McKillen,
Kitty McCarthy.

Anniversaries: Séan Kelly (Sat 6.30); Séamus Murphy (Sun 10.00am);
Clare Drennan (Sun 10.30am); Liam & Patsy Davitt (Sun 12.00 noon);
Regina Flemming (7.30pm); Molly Purcell; Patrick Phelan; Nellie Malone;
Michael Butler; Danny Galvin; Doreen Tallent; Joe McEnery;
Eamon Reidy; Jim Morrissey; John Feehan; Catherine Moriarty; Harry
Emery;

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8.00am	Ann O’Grady.
10.30am	Kathleen Ferguson.
12.00 noon	Bobbie Lahart.
7.30pm	Ann Marie Grace.
Johnswell 10.00am	Yvonne Hoban.
Dunmore 11.00am	Eddie Holohan & Liz Holohan.

O’Loughlin Gaels Lotto

Numbers: 6, 7, 11, 13 . Bonus No. 2. No Jackpot Winner. No Bonus
Winner. Next week’s prize fund €20,000.

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Parish Finance Committee Meeting

The Quarterly Meeting of the Parish Finance Committee will take place in the
Presbytery on Thursday evening at 7.30pm.
All members are requested to attend.

Ossory Vocations Promotion #35

*“He had compassion for them,
because they were like sheep without a shepherd.”*

Will you respond to the hunger of Christ’s sheep as a priest? Call Fr. Willie
Purcell. Ossory Vocations Office, St. Kieran’s College.
056 7770261/0876286858. www.ossoryvocation.blogspot.com

Follow Them

The disciples return from their ‘sending out’ and tell all that they have done. They
‘rejoin Jesus’. They have been so busy that Jesus invites them away to a deserted
place for some time out.

This is the first important point in this passage – even though we are sent out in
many different ways we must always come back to the source, stay connected
with the message, give time for reflection, prayer and those ‘deserted places’.
Only when we do this can we serve the needs of others.

Still the crowds find them and Jesus takes pity on them because they were ‘like
sheep without a shepherd’. They have no leadership or perhaps have only
experienced fruitless leadership. The crowd take a risk in following the disciples
and Jesus desperate for some new direction.

The biggest mistake is to sometimes play things safe in this life and end up being
moral failures.’

Divisions Amongst followers

It is a sad reflection on two thousand years of Christianity that there are still so
many divisions among those who claim to follow Christ.

However, this is a reminder to us that reconciliation is not something that we
merely wish for or give approval to. Being reconciled to those from whom we are
estranged can be very difficult. Wounds do not easily heal and recognising our
need to forgive and be forgiven takes courage and humility.

The readings remind us that our faith response to the difficulties we face as a
church must always be rooted in the compassion of God.

We are also reminded that teaching and learning will always be part of what we
do as a Christian community.