

First Friday

Friday next is the First Friday of August. 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.

Welcome Back Fr Tomasz

On Tuesday we welcome back Fr Tomasz Blazejowski to our parish for the month of August and the first week of September.

Many of you fondly remember him as a priest of the Archdiocese of Krakow. We congratulate him on achieving his degree in Social Studies with flying honours. We know you will, once again, make him most welcome.

Your Mental Health and Caring for It

GROW's FREE Introduction Course to Mental Health and Wellbeing will soon take place in Kilkenny. Topics Covered: Stress, Relationship, etc. Contact to book your place: Mary Walsh – 087 2843424

Medjuorge Youth Group

Kilkenny Medjuorge Youth Group are leaving for the 23rd International Youth Festival this weekend. There are fifty six young people going in total, twenty two of them are from St John's Parish. The Group would like to thank everybody who helped in any way with the various fund-raisers they had in the Parish. A Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, July 31st for all your intentions.

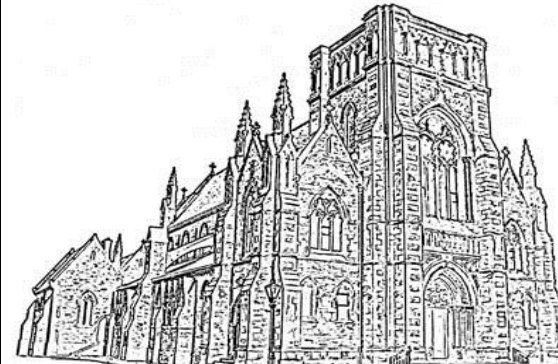
Citizens Information Centre

Kilkenny Citizens Information Centre provides a free and confidential information service to the people of Kilkenny City and County. The Centre is now recruiting additional volunteers to help with its work. If you can commit three hours per week and are interested in helping, please telephone for further information and for an application form, Tel: 0761 07 7910

Real Food for Thought

Jesus performs this great miracle of the feeding of the five thousand and it is the sign the crowds were waiting for. There is a lot of rich symbolism in this passage referring to Jesus as the Bread of Life, the one who will satisfy people's hunger. But perhaps the final lines tell us a lot about the type of 'King' Jesus is. Yes he can draw a big crowd and deliver and the crowds are so enthused by Jesus' miracles and teaching that they want to 'take him by force and make him King'. His Kingship involves a different path to the one the crowd are expecting. The crowd want their needs satisfied but perhaps are missing the deeper significance here. To crown Jesus as King at this point would only satisfy the crowds superficial needs. Jesus has to escape this. The miracles of Jesus are a call to a conversion of mind and attitudes.

ST JOHN'S PARISH – KILKENNY



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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
29th July 2012

Franciscan Brothers

Next weekend in our parish, the Franciscan Brothers will speak at all masses and conduct an appeal to assist them in their missionary work. They are currently doing a tour of all churches in the Diocese of Ossory. They will appreciate your prayers and support in their work. The Franciscan Brothers were founded in Ireland in the early 1800s. They were founded to work with the rural poor of Ireland. Their work included Religious and Secular Education, Agriculture and Rural Development. They are now working in the interior of Kenya and Uganda. Included in their work are education, sustainable agriculture and rural development, food security, famine relief and general social work.

Newsletter takes a break for August

From this weekend the Parish Newsletter takes its usual August break. During August, only deaths, month's minds and anniversaries will be announced. Thank you in anticipation of your cooperation in this matter.

Deaths – Month’s Minds – Anniversaries

Deaths: Bridget Sheehan (nee Butler) formerly of Tullabrin
Eileen McKenna, Drumquin, Co. Tyrone. (Sun 11.00)

Month’s Minds: Bridget Kavanagh (Sun 12.00 noon);
Gerard Quigley (Sun 7.30pm)

Anniversaries: Frank Power (Sat 6.30pm); Joe Purcell (Sun 10.30);
Tommy Dooley; Martin & Brigid Keane; Linda Reade; Betty Quelch;
Mary Murphy; Elizabeth Brennan; Martin Doheny; Joseph Browne;
Paddy Kirwan; Larry Connery; Maggie Connery; Michael & Bridget
Brennan; Mary Tynan; Peter Wiltshire; Patricia Dineen.

Eucharistic Ministers For Next Weekend – Panel 1

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8.00am	Ann Marie Hogan
10.30am	Paula Rogers & Louis Feeley
12.00noon	Caroline Mullins
7.30pm	Ann Fitzpatrick
Johnswell 10.00am	Paul McKiernan
Dunmore 11.00am	Jim Kavanagh & Claire Hanrick

O’Loughlin Gaels Lotto

Numbers: 1, 5, 9, 19. Bonus No. 20. No Jackpot Winner. No Bonus Winner. Next week’s prize fund €20,000.

Ossory Vocations Promotion #36

*“Lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called,
with all humility and gentleness.”*

Have you considered a vocation to the priesthood ? Call Fr. Willie Purcell.
Ossory Vocations Office, St. Kieran’s College. 056 7770261/087 6286858.
www.ossoryvocation.blogspot.com

Kilkenny County Council Roads Notice

Kilkenny County Council will be closing the N77 from the Kilkenny Ring Road to Hennebrys Cross to facilitate road reconstruction works on the following dates;

Saturday & Sunday 18th & 19th August from 7am to 9pm
Monday & Tuesday 20th & 21st August from 9.30am to 4.30pm
Saturday & Sunday 25th & 26th August from 7am to 9pm
Monday & Tuesday 27th & 28th August from 9.30am to 4.30pm

Diversions will be in place; however, local access will be facilitated on site via our traffic management operatives. We apologise in advanced for any inconvenience caused over this period.

Access to Dunmore Church on Sunday 19th will be via the Castlecomer Road Roundabout on Kilkenny Ring Road. For Further information please call Kilkenny Area Office at 056 7794516 or email Kilkenny Area Office at roads@kilkennycity.ie

Jesus Took The Loaves

At the heart of this story we are told that Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks and distributed them.

In our day this reminds us of the Eucharist, the bread of life with which Jesus feeds us. By sharing the bread and wine in the Eucharist we symbolise our unity with one another and with God.

Can you recall a particular Eucharist that was especially nourishing for you?

What was it that made it different?

Take, give thanks, distribute. The actions of Jesus also suggest an attitude to time, gifts and living.

We take what we are given, give thanks, and use what we have. Have you found that having a grateful heart for what you have been given has made it easier for you to share with others?

From what seemed meagre and inadequate resources many were fed.

When have you found that when you gratefully use what little resources you have the results are beyond your expectations?

Jesus chose to involve those around him in feeding the people.

Have there been times when you have experienced benefits from calling on those around you to use their gifts to help with a task?

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