

## Voices Of Hope

The speaker this week in St Canice's Church, Wed 7.30 p.m., is - **Fr. Desmond O'Donnell O.M.I.** –priest of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate.

## L'Arche Christmas Fair

L'Arche Christmas Fair on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec. in the l'arche workshop Callan. Cards, candles, garden produce, kids room, Santa , cake stand and much more.

## Have you time to spare?

S.O.S. are looking for families or individuals to provide short breaks in their home for adults from our services. An expense allowance is paid for each break provided. We are also looking for volunteers to support us in providing activities for people attending S.O.S. in the evening time or weekends. Contact 7764000.

## Cookery Demonstration

Cookery Demonstration takes place in the Newpark Hotel with Ann Neary & Edward Hayden on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November. Doors open from 7pm

## The CLASS Project

The *CLASS Project* seeks Volunteers to Provide Peer Support to Carers, Friends and Family Members whose Loved Ones are Experiencing Mental Health Difficulties. Training Provided. For Info. Contact: Clare Cody, 7721424.

## South Kilkenny Historical Society

South Kilkenny Historical Society is holding a Lecture '75 Years of Forecasting the Weather in Ireland' on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> at 8pm in Mullinavat Parish Hall Admission: €5 (members free). The speaker is Mr Michael Walsh, former head of forecasting at MET Eireann

## 'WILL' Provisions

'WILL' Provisions for People With Special Needs talk takes place next at 8.30pm in St. Patrick's Parish Centre, cost is €5 per person, includes tea/coffee.

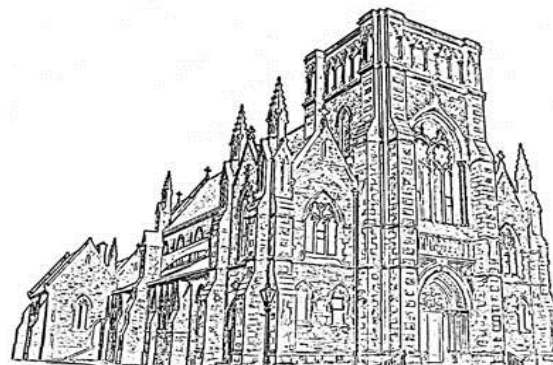
## Irish Pilgrimage Trust

The Kilkenny Group of the Irish Pilgrimage Trust will shortly take a fundraising table at a local car boot sale to raise funds for their Easter 2013 Pilgrimage to Lourdes. We invite donations of bric-a-brac, ornaments, pictures, CDs, etc. Drop off material at St. Patrick's Centre, Loughboy before Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> November.

## KCLR 's Spirit of Christmas Carol Concert

KCLR's *Soul Agenda* presenters Vicki Sandall and Fr Dan Carroll, present the first "*Spirit of Christmas Carol Concert*" in aid of the Carlow Kilkenny Homecare Team. Tickets €5, available from KCLR or on the door. The Carol Concert takes place in St Canice's Cathedral, on Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm.

## ST JOHN'S PARISH – KILKENNY



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**Thirty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**25<sup>th</sup> November 2012**

## Altar Servers

We are delighted to announce that twelve new Altar Servers in St John's Church and four in Johnswell Church commence their ministry this weekend. They, along with the current servers, undertake to generously and faithfully turn up to serve Mass and other ceremonies each week in their relevant churches. We hope that this will be an enriching experience and that they will enjoy being closer to the heart of the greatest prayer of all – the Holy Mass. We trust that serving Mass will nourish their faith and their membership of the Catholic Church as they grow up in life.

We thank their parents and families for granting these new girls and boys permission to serve the parish at our Masses, and we assure you that all National and Diocesan safeguarding guidelines are observed to the highest standards in our parish.

We also express our appreciation to Mr O'Neill, Ms Holohan and all the teachers in St John's Senior and Johnswell schools for their on-going co-operation with the parish in all the sacraments and related ceremonies.

## Deaths – Month’s Minds – Anniversaries

**Deaths:** Patrick Kavanagh, 38 Ossory Park.  
Billy Walton, Kells Road.  
Mary Maher, Fr. McCauley Place.  
Patsy Dawson, Willow Close, Ardnore.  
Michael Doyle, Connolly Street.  
Vera O’Connell.

**Anniversaries:** Kathleen & Michael McGarry (6.30pm), Jack & Kitty Hennessy (10.30), Margaret Corcoran (11.00am), Ned Lawless (12.00 noon), Paddy Byrne (7.30pm), Jim & Ann Doran & John Murphy, Johanne Maher, Nicola Hayes, Billy Hanaphy, Eileen O’Donnell, Martin Lawlor, Michael Gibbons, Michael Beale, Nancy Cullen, Fr. Ignatus Phelan, Catherine Farrell, Kate O’Brien, James Leahy, Eileen Barry.

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8.00am	Nora Webster
10.30am	Seamus Brennan & Deirdre Dowling
12.00noon	Mary Lynch
7.30pm	Eileen Kinane
Johnswell 10.00am	Josie Manning
Dunmore 11.00am	Christy Murray & Caitriona McDermott

### O’Loughlin Gaels Lotto

Numbers: 4,6,12,14. Bonus No.9. No winners. Next week’s prize fund €20,000.

### Ossory Vocations Promotion #53

*“My kingdom is not from this world.”*

Are you being called to proclaim the reign of Christ the King as a priest?

### Readers Rota 2013

The new rota is available for collection in the sacristy.

### The Carers Association

Public meeting for relatives and friends of people with mental health difficulties on Tue 4th Dec at 6.30pm in the Carers Association, Johns Quay.

## Christmas Cards

Christmas greeting cards are now available at the Parish office. They depict the winter snow-scene at the Parish Church at night time, with the beautifully illuminated stained glass windows. Pack of six cards are €5. Please note that, as stocks still remain, these cards are the same as last year’s.

## Ossory Priests Society

Many thanks to all who contributed to the collection this weekend towards *The Ossory Priest Society* and availed of the opportunity to show appreciation for the many years of service our retired priests have given to God and our Parishes throughout the Diocese. This Society makes suitable financial provision for the care of the priests in the Diocese of Ossory in infirmity, sickness and old age. Sincere thanks to the members of the Parish Finance Committee who explained the details and workings of the Society last weekend.

## Book Launch in Johnswell

Would you like to celebrate the publishing of "Townlands: a habitation" - a book about Johnswell, the parish, its fields and its environs? Come to the book launch in Johnswell Community Hall on Sunday December 9, at 11.15 am, after Mass. Have a chat with the local authors over tea. You might even discover yourself or a family member in its pages!

## Adult Faith Development

**From next week, *Adult Faith Development* present the following for Advent:**

*The Advent Scripture Reflection* booklet – an opportunity for groups of individuals to come together once a week to reflect on the scriptures.

*The Advent CD* is based on the central characteristics of ‘Lectio Divina’ and is an audio version of the scripture Reflection Booklet.

*The Advent Text:* Following on from the success of a similar venture at Lent the Adult Faith Development group is once again offering a *daily text message*.

Those who wish to receive these texts at no cost are asked to:

TEXT their mobile number to the Ossory Faith Development Group at 085 – 8313100; or EMAIL [afd@ossory.ie](mailto:afd@ossory.ie); or TELEPHONE 056-775 3624; or WRITE their mobile phone number in the sheets provided in the church porch.