

Christian Unity

The Annual Week of **Prayer for Christian Unity** (2013) will be celebrated between 18 and 25 January 2013. Pope Benedict XVI said the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity invites all the Lord's followers to implore the gift of unity. This year's theme – **We Will All Be Changed By The Victory Of Our Lord Jesus Christ** – was chosen by representatives of the Catholic Church and the Polish Ecumenical Council. The Holy Father said, "Poland's experience of oppression and persecution prompts a deeper reflection on the meaning of Christ's victory over sin and death, a victory in which we share through faith." By his teaching, his example and his paschal mystery, the Lord has shown us the way to a victory obtained not by power, but by love and concern for those in need. Faith in Christ and interior conversion, both individual and communal, must constantly accompany our prayer for Christian unity.

GROW Mental Health Movement

GROW Mental Health Movement are running a Bric a Brac Stall as a Fundraiser in Cillin Hill end of Feb 2013. We are looking for donations of glass, pottery, books or any unwanted gifts/toys etc. No clothes or shoes. GROW would be most appreciative of any donated goods to be delivered to Ormonde Home, Barrack St, Kilkenny.

Divine Mercy Hour

Divine Mercy Hour of Adoration and prayer will take place in the Friary Church on this Sunday 3pm – 4pm, all are welcome.

Catholic Schools Week 2013

Catholic Schools Week 2013 begins on Sunday, January 27, the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. The theme for this year, Catholic Schools in the Community of Faith: Sharing the Good News, reminds us that we are celebrating a Year of Faith and invites us to engage more fully, in our parish communities, with the resource that is the National Directory for Catechetics, Share the Good News. Perhaps even more significantly, it also seeks to situate and root the school firmly in the wider community of faith, in an effort to encourage and challenge us to be more aware of our responsibility towards our Catholic Schools as just one place within that community where the faith of children is nurtured, deepened and challenged.

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The Baptism of the Lord

13th January 2013

Annual Parish Social

The annual parish social will take place on Sunday 27th of January in Langton House Hotel starting at 8.30 p.m. Dancing to 'Cupla'. Tickets available at the Sacristy and the Presbytery at €5 each (including meal).

Parish Novena

The Parish Novena will take place from Sunday, February 3rd, (Feast of St. Blaise) to Monday 11th. Once again, it will be conducted by a team of Redemptorist Missionaries.

St. John's Junior School

St. John's Junior School (The Lake) is currently accepting enrolments for the school year 2013/2014. Please contact the school (7762888) for an application form. Closing date for receipt of applications is Wednesday February 13th. You are welcome to contact the school with any individual queries.

Parish Pastoral Council

A meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will take place on Wednesday at 7.30pm.

Deaths – Month’s Minds – Anniversaries

Deaths: Fred Lee, Kells Road.
Breda Phelan, Patrick Street.
Molly Minnock, Clara, Co. Offaly.
Michael O’ Connor, Funeral prayers 6pm Sun in Johnstons. Funeral mass Mon at 10.30am. interment in St Kieran’s cemetery

Month’s Mind: Paddy Mahony (6.30pm)

Anniversaries: Seamus Hennessy (10.30am), Alex Dewberry (12.00noon), William, Tess & Joan Murphy (7.30pm), James Cleary, Mary Leahy, Teresa Hewitt, Mary and Denis Purcell, Kathleen Wall, Maura Murphy, Ber and Michael Comerford, John, Mamie and Terry Brett, Patrick and Anne Dowling, Johnny Brennan, Denis Guilfoyle, Patrick Byrne, Nancy Ronan, Bernie Kelly, Bridget Slattery, Tom and Mary Gaffney, Alice Kinchella, Patrick Smyth, Bridget McEvoy, Molly Feehan, Leo and Patrick Farrell, Mary Ruth, Peter and Eileen Browne

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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	Yvonne Hoban
Dunmore 11.00am	Christy Murray & Caitriona McDermott

O’Loughlin Gaels Lotto

Numbers Bonus . No winners. Next week’s prize fund €20,000.

Side By Side Club

The Side by Side Club in St John’s Centre returns on Thursday 17th January. New members are welcome.

Parish Choirs – New Year – New Members

At this time of year the appeal usually goes out to parishioners to share their gift of singing and music at Mass and Church Services in our parish churches. Our choirs continually serve us so well throughout the year. If you are interested and willing, please contact the Office, one of the Priests or the Choir Leader of the relevant Choir to share your gift. Choirs: St John’s – Saturday Vigil, 10.30 a.m. & 12.00 noon; Johnswell – 10.00 and Dunmore – 11.00 a.m.

St. Vincent de Paul

The January collection for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will take place on Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th January. We thank you for your generous support of the Society.

Johnswell Badminton Club

Annual Table Quiz takes place on Friday 1st February at 8.30pm in the local Community Hall. Lots of Prizes. All are welcome.

World Migrant and Refugee Sunday

To celebrate World Migrant and Refugee Sunday, a Mass celebrating the diversity of the many cultures of the faithful living in the diocese, will take place in St. Mary's Cathedral, on Sunday 20th January 2013, at 11.00 a.m. All are welcome.

Ossory Vocations Promotion #7

“This is My beloved Son in whom I am well pleased.”

Are you considering making known the love of our Heavenly Father as a priest? Contact: Fr Willie Purcell. Vocations Director. ossoryvocdir@gmail.com. Tel: 056 7770261

Unite For Life

A coach will leave St. Fiacre’s Church at 1pm on next Saturday, for the unite for life vigil in Dublin returning to Kilkenny after the vigil. Cost €5. Tickets at St. Patrick’s Parish Center during office hours.

“Be Still and Know That I am God”

Meditation Group will resume in Peace in Christ on Wednesday 16th January at 4pm. All are welcome.

Scoil Aireagail - Ballyhale

Scoil Aireagail, Ballyhale will hold their Assessment for First Year Students on Sat. 19th January, 9.30a.m to 12.15p.m. Enquiries 7768632.