

## Christian Unity

We are currently within the Annual Week of **Prayer for Christian Unity** which concludes next Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> January. Our thoughts and prayers should be focused on its blessings and success.

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.

## Catholic Schools Week 2013

Catholic Schools Week 2013 begins next Sunday. The theme for this year, is: **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. 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.

## Cookery Demonstration

Loreto Parents Association are holding a cookery demonstration with Donal Skehan on Wed 30<sup>th</sup> January in Langtons. Tickets are €20 available from the School or Langtons. Doors open from 7pm, demonstration starts at 8pm. Raffle and spot prizes on the night. Great night guaranteed. All are welcome.

## Morning art class

Morning art class for adults will resume on Friday 1st February shortly. Beginners are especially welcome. Classes are small, friendly and all materials are supplied on the first class. The classes run in Bishop Birch Institute, Waterford Road from 10:30 am to 12:00. For info call Sonja at 083 3941220 or email artwithsonja@gmail.com

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**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**20<sup>th</sup> January 2013**

## Parish Social

The annual parish social will take place next Sunday in Langton House Hotel starting at 8.30 p.m. Dancing to 'Cupla'.

Tickets available at the Sacristy and the Presbytery at € each.

## Parish Novena

The Parish Novena takes place from Sunday, Feb.3<sup>rd</sup>, (Feast of St. Blaise) to Monday 11<sup>th</sup>. It will be conducted by a Redemptorist team, led by **Fr Derek Meskill CSsR, with Fr Ciarán O'Callaghan CSsR and Ms Sarah Smyth.**

## Johnswell School

Johnswell National School is now taking enrolments for the school year 2013/2014. Please contact the school on 7759895 for an application form.

## Finance Committee Meeting

A meeting of the Parish Finance Committee will take place on Thursday evening next at 7.30pm in the Presbytery, all members are request to attend.

## Deaths – Month’s Minds – Anniversaries

**Deaths:** Annie Drennan-Burke, Deloughry Place.  
Paddy Burke 34 Wolfe Tone Street, (Funeral Mass 12 noon Sun). Interment St Kieran Cemetery  
Helen Power, 122 Assumption Place. Funeral prayers in her residence on Mon. at 9.30am. followed by funeral Mass in St John’s at 10.30 am. Interment in St Kieran’s cemetery.

**Month’s Mind:** Bridget Comerford (nee Duffin)

**Anniversaries:** Richard Grace (6.30pm), Elizabeth White (8.00am), Rita Collins (10.00am), Seamus Parsons (10.30am), Jarleth Walsh (11.00am), Patrick Meany (7.30pm), Kathleen & Annie Dwyer, Maureen Fitzgerald, Frank McEvoy, Michael McDonald, John & Bernard O’Gorman, Desmond Mahony, Bridget & Matthew Corr, John Foster, Joe Brennan, May Murphy, Eamon Goulding, Mary Fanning, Billy Burke, Michael Cody, Christina Murphy;

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8.00am	Nora Webster
10.30am	Jimmy Connolly & Bernie Dermody
12.00noon	Peter Dwyer
7.30pm	Eileen Kinane
Johnswell 10.00am	Josie Manning & Catherine Bergin
Dunmore 11.00am	Jim Kavanagh & Claire Hanrick

### O’Loughlin Gaels Lotto

Numbers 9,18,22,27 Bonus 23. No winners. Next week’s prize fund €20,000.

### Ossory Vocations Promotion #8

*“There are a variety of gifts, but the same Spirit.”*

Is the Holy Spirit leading you to share your gifts as a priest . Contact: Fr Willie Purcell. [ossoryvocdir@gmail.com](mailto:ossoryvocdir@gmail.com). Tel: 056 7770261

## Saturday 6.30 p.m. Vigil Choir

New members are invited and welcome to join the Saturday Vigil Choir in St John’s Church.

They normally have a practice in the church on Monday evenings of each week. If you are interested, please contact the Director, Ms Orla Phelan or one of the Priests at St John’s – 056 772 1072.

## St John’s Homes for the Elderly

A vacancy has arisen at Homes for the Elderly located on the grounds of St John’s Church. Applications are invited in writing from suitable candidates to: *St John’s Homes for Elderly Committee, The Presbytery, Dublin Road, Kilkenny*. Closing date for application 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2013.

## Suicide Prevention Meeting next Wednesday

*Lifeline Kilkenny* will hold a Community Planning meeting in Butler House, Patrick Street, next Wednesday at 7.30pm.

The purpose of the meeting is to seek people’s ideas and thoughts on how we can put in place actions that can be included in a County Kilkenny Action Plan for Suicide Prevention, 2014-19.

All are welcome to this worthwhile event. Together we can make a difference.

## Johnswell Badminton Club

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

## 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 (056 776 2888) 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.

## Ossory Pilgrimage to Lourdes

The annual diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place from May 22 to May 27 inclusive .

Bookings can be made for both Regular and Assisted pilgrims - please call Glenmore Parish Office at 051- 880 414, (during office hours Mon. Tue, Thurs, Friday 10.30 to 2.30) The cost is €735 PPS.