

## The Sisters of St. John of God

The Sisters of St. John of God are sponsoring a workshop in the Parish Centre, Loughboy, on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> March with Sr. Colette Cullinan RSM on “How the Story of the Earth & the Universe connects with the God Story and with our own Human Story”.

### Forgiveness

Christian evangelist and Ravensbruck concentration camp survivor, Corrie Ten Boom, found herself ill-prepared to meet one of the SS camp guards – now a devout Christian – years later in a church in Munich. When he reached out his hand, her hand stuck to his. Recalling how ‘as the angry, vengeful thoughts boiled through me’ she realised that Jesus had died for this man – ‘was I going to ask for more?’ And yet she ‘felt nothing, not the slightest spark of warmth or charity’. ‘I cannot forgive him’, she prayed, ‘Lord, give me your forgiveness.’ And suddenly she felt his hand in hers.

### Yoga

Yoga classes at Dunmore Hall start again Tuesday 4th March 8-9.15pm. 6 weeks/€60. All levels catered for. Come to stretch and strengthen your body in a relaxed and light hearted environment! call Mary 0877631919.

### Walk The Camino This Summer, 31st May 2014

- 7 days in the beautiful hilly and historic surroundings of Northern Spain.
- See the Sights and Cultural Highlights of the Camino De Santiago.
- Flights, transfers, accommodation and a meal per day included.
- Anyone aged 18-65 can take part, no hiking experience needed just a basic level of fitness.
- All funds raised will go to Youth Programmes, Clubs and Opportunities for Young People in the Diocese of Ossory.
- For details call into Ossory Youth or contact Dave on 0567761200

### Computer Classes

Computer Classes for beginners will commence at Dunmore Community Hall in early March. To book your place please call 086-2428715.

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**The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time  
23<sup>rd</sup> February 2014**

## Revised Tax Relief Law

Under new legislation regarding charitable donations made by individuals, on or after 1st January 2013, tax relief is now granted directly to the approved bodies (*which includes our parish*) **regardless of whether the donor is registered as a PAYE or a Self Assessed taxpayer.** This relief, currently at 31%, is given on a grossed up basis.

In order to allow us claim tax relief under these new arrangements, you will be asked in the near future **to complete and return a CHY3 'Enduring Certificate'** which you will be sent. This allows us to claim tax relief in respect of your qualifying donations **during the lifetime of the certificate, which is 5 years.**

The income from this scheme has become more and more crucial for the fiscal health of the parish in these leaner times. Even though your CHY3 Certificate will 'endure' for 5 years, you will still receive an annual receipt for your donations.

To all of you who are eligible, and to whom this applies (taxpayers who donated €250 or more in 2013), we will be mailing you in the next week or two.

## Deaths – Month's Minds – Anniversaries

**Deaths:** Noel Murphy, Assumption Place.  
Seán Lanigan, Nottingham & Late of Maudlin Street.  
John Prendergast, Bishops Meadows.  
Bessie Healy, Athboy & Late of Creamsgrove.  
Stephen Bennett, College Rd. *Funeral Mass St Pat's. 12.30 Sun.*  
Maura Butler, Threecastles. *Removal from residence*  
*60.30pm Sun. to Tulla Church. Funeral Mass Mon. 11.00am*

**Months Mind:** Anne Hawe

**Anniv:** Joe Maher (6.30pm); Christopher & Julia Bergin (10.30am); Paddy Brennan (11.00am); Fintan Brennan (12 noon); Michael Brennan (7.30pm); Molly Cunningham; Martin Coogan; Chris Hoban; Mary Parle; Jimmy Gahan; Catherine Neary; Annie Dowling; Paddy Barry; James Shortall; Patsy Purcell; Stan Landers; Sarah & Edward Tynan; Nan Brennan; Tony Comerford; Martin Dermody.

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8.00am	Ann O'Grady
10.30am	Kathleen Ferguson & Saoirse Ryan
12.00noon	Bobbie Lahart
7.30pm	Marie Fogarty
Johnswell 10.00am	Kevin & Laura Murphy
Dunmore 11.00am	Stephanie Butler & Roger Curran

### O'Loughlin Gaels Lotto

Numbers.1, 2, 6, 28. Bonus 10. No Jackpot or Bonus winners.  
Fund is €20,000.

## Pastoral Council Meeting

The February meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will take place on Thursday evening at 8.00p.m. in the Presbytery. All members are requested to attend.

## Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

This year the three training nights for Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist will take place consecutively, thereby enabling people to undertake the course in one week.

In the Middle Deanery (i.e., Kilkenny City and surrounding parishes) the course will run from 11<sup>th</sup> to the 13<sup>th</sup> March.

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March – Speaker: Fr Dermot Ryan; Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March – Speaker: Fr Oliver Maher; Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March – Speaker: Mr Ken Maher.

## Newpark Close Family Resource Centre

Newpark Close Family Resource Centre in association with AONTAS will host an open morning centred on Adult Learning on next, Friday from 10.30am to 12.30pm.

Demonstrations and advice will be available on gardening, computers, and cookery. Professional service providers from VEC, Jobs Club, Kilkenny Leader Partnership and Ormonde College will be on hand to supply information on the wide variety of education and work related opportunities.

If you have a book you'd like to swap bring it along and you can avail of our book exchange which will be in operation on the morning. This is an ideal opportunity to make changes which will have a positive impact on your life.

Why not give it a try.

## Word Of The Lord

The WORD of the LORD Ministries invite you to join them for a Regional Retreat on Saturday 1st March, 10a.m - 5p.m. The venue is the Handball Club, Church View, Kells (opposite Colmcille's House).

Speakers: Frances Hogan and John McEvoy

## Ossory Vocations Promotion #12

*Have you tried what Jesus directs us to do? Love of enemy, no payback, and going beyond what is asked are difficult to observe in our world. Be attentive to these commands and ask for the grace to live them. (Matthew 5: 38-48).*

If you think God is calling you to be a priest, visit our website at [www.ossory.ie/vocations](http://www.ossory.ie/vocations) or contact Fr. Willie Purcell at [ossoryvocdir@gmail.com](mailto:ossoryvocdir@gmail.com). Facebook: [ossoryvocdir](https://www.facebook.com/ossoryvocdir) Tel: 056 7770261