

Trócaire

Many thanks to you who returned your Trócaire Boxes and Donations. To those of you who may have forgotten, we encourage you to remember to return them as soon as possible so that we can close out our account for this year.

Irish Childhood Bereavement Network

The Irish Childhood Bereavement Network is hosting its South East Regional Meeting in St John's Pastoral Centre, Waterford on Tuesday, April 29th. Professionals working with bereaved children in the region are invited to attend 10am-1pm. To attend, please email: Nicola.jordan@hospicefoundation.ie

St Luke's Hospital Annual Remembrance Ceremony

St Luke's Hospital will be holding its the annual remembrance ceremony for families who have been bereaved by the death of their child through miscarriage, still-birth or after birth. This ceremony will take place on Tuesday, April 29th in St Fiacre's Church, Loughboy, Kilkenny at 7.30pm. While we issue a special invitation to all families who have been bereaved during the past year, this ceremony is for all families who have been bereaved, regardless of how long ago. Refreshments will be available for everyone after the ceremony.

Vigil For Life

Join in the National Vigil For Life on May 3rd from 3.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. in Merrion Square, Dublin. Further information: NationalVigilforLife@gmail.com

The Kilkenny Choir

The Kilkenny Choir will present our Spring 2014 concert in St. Canice's Cathedral, next Saturday 26th at 8pm. We will sing Haydn; Mass in D Minor (Nelson Mass), his largest mass, and Mozart's *Vesperae solennes de Dominica* (KV 321), Mozart's sublime and operatic Vespers.

The Choir will be accompanied by a Symphony Orchestra, leader Clodagh Vedres with soloists Lynda Lee – Soprano, Sharon Carty – Mezzo, Tyler Clarke – Tenor and John Milne – Bass. All conducted by our musical director Philip Edmondson. Tickets available to purchase at the door on the night. (€20/€15)

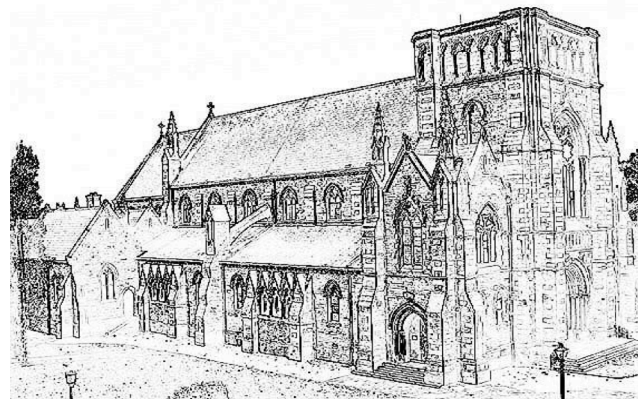
Meet the Candidates

In advance of next month's local elections, the Kilkenny Older People's Forum will host a 'Meet the Candidates' session next Wednesday 23rd April. All are welcome to attend the meeting in the Ormonde Hotel from 10:30am – 1pm.

Charity coffee morning

Charity coffee morning and Book sale will take place next Saturday 26th in St Mary's Day Care Centre, Haughney Green, (near the cinema). Proceeds to Chernobyl Children's International and is being hosted by the local Kilkenny Outreach Group. Funds help bring children to Ireland for rest and recuperation.

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Easter Sunday
20th April 2014

A Very Happy Easter To all Our Parishioners And Visitors

To believe in the message of Easter is not a matter of tombs long ago in Palestine, but having the conviction that it is worthwhile to seek to bring light into darkness, to oppose lies with truth, to work for justice in the face of human corruption, and to say that death does not have the last word.

When we profess our faith in the resurrection of Jesus we are not setting out something with the intention that our understandings should grasp it and comprehend it. Jesus has been transformed to a new kind of existence by the Father beyond our understanding and we can only express it in symbols such as that of the empty tomb – tombs, after all, are designed to hold their remains indefinitely. By contrast, the proclamation 'Jesus is Risen' is an invitation to share in a new way of seeing God and the universe, and it is only from within this new vision (faith) that it makes sense. Hence, the ancient theological dictum, based in Isaiah 7:9, 'unless you believe, you will not understand.' The message of Acts and the gospel is that we are invited to live, to live in a new way, to live in Christ – and that in living in this way we discover in that the Father will raise us

Deaths – Month’s Minds – Anniversaries

Deaths: Mary Mahony, New Orchard Estate.
Bernie Hoban, Danesfort.
Elizabeth McCorry, Gardens Villas.
Patrick Blanchfield, Africa and late of Fatima Place.
Catherine Condon, Lavistown.
Nicholas Ivory, Stephen Street. *Funeral prayers on Monday at 9.45 a.m. in Johnstons, followed by removal to St John’s for Funeral Mass at 10.30am. Interment in St Kieran’s cemetery.*

Anniv: Betty Connolly (8.00am); Ciss & Tom Purcell (10.00am)
Frank & Peg Wall (10.30am); Kay Kelleher (11.00am);
George Dewberry (12.00am); Michael Kelly (7.30am); Elizabeth Hanlon;
Delia Larkin; Agnes McCormack; Martin, Catherine & Mary Watson;
The Phelan Family; Dick & Patricia Ryan; Tom & John Dowling;
Mary Brennan; May & Billy Cleere; Thomas Dowling; Kevin Shortall;
Maureen O’Connor; Michael Dollard; James Morris; John Murphy;
Michael Holden; John Doheny; Joe Kelly; Mollie & Ann Martin; Molly &
Jack Brennan; Patrick & Martin Browne; Elizabeth & Edward Geoghegan;
John, Kitty, Billy & Paddy Cleere; Thomas & Noel Fry;

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8.00am	Ann O’Grady
10.30am	Paula Rogers & Louis Feeley
12.00noon	Marie Claire Mealy
7.30pm	Marie Fogarty
Johnswell 10.00am	Linda Shore & Fiona Whitely
Dunmore 11.00am	Fiona McGeary & Nora Guilfoyle

O’Loughlin Gaels Lotto

Numbers.6, 9, 20, 22. Bonus 18. No winners. Next week: €20,000.

Vaiva Receives Her First Holy Communion

We send congratulations and blessings from all our parish to a young Lithuanian lady, Vaiva Tamulionyte (now a parishioner), who received the Blessed Eucharist for the first time, on the feast of its institution, at the Holy Thursday ceremonies in St John’s church. We welcome her into our faith community and wish her and Lewis all the very best in their forthcoming marriage in July.

A Big Welcome To New Eucharistic Ministers

Thirteen new Ministers Of The Eucharistic were commissioned for service in our parish at the Holy Thursday Ceremonies.

For St John’s: Frances Connolly; Perle Leahy; Luke Leyden; Philip Meagher; Niamh McGuinness; AnnMarie Nolan; and Imelda Treacy.

For Dunmore: Maggie Burke.

For Johnswell: Mary Pyke; Martina Manning; Peter Scariff-Lalor.

For Archersrath Nursing Home: Laura Grogan and Kay Kavanagh.

Re-Commissioned: Bridget Ahearn; Ann Fitzpatrick; Aoife Lanigan; Mary O’Hanlon; Patricia Ryan; Anne Maria Walsh; Marian Eardly; Ann Hehir; Catherine Peters; Mary Kelly; Siobhan McKiernan.

Many thanks to each and every one of them on all our behalf for the invaluable service they give in our churches, nursing homes and to the housebound.

No 8.00 a.m. Masses This Easter Week

For the coming week, mass in St John’s Church will be at 10.30 a.m. only.

Ossory Times

The latest edition of the Ossory Times is on sale after all masses this weekend.

Johnswell Active Retirement

Meeting will be held in Johnswell Hall next Thursday 24th at 8.00pm. New members are always welcome.

Narcotics Anonymous Meetings

“We are recovering addicts who run meetings within the community for anyone with a desire to stop using drugs. Thursday and Sunday evening meetings at 8.30pm . **‘Hugs Not Drugs’** Group, Basement at rear of St John’s Church.”

Ossory Vocations Promotion #21

The angel said, “Do not be afraid.” Trust that the risen Christ empowers you to go and spread the good news. (Matthew 28: 1-10).

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