

Grow Mental Health

Table Quiz in aid of Grow Mental Health takes place in Cleere's Pub, Parliament Street on Tuesday 13th May at 8.30pm. Loads of fun, food and prizes, €5 per person and tables of 4. All are welcome and your support would be very much appreciated.

Kilkenny Leader Partnership May Courses

The following courses are commencing in O'Loughlin Court in May. The courses are open to all but priority will be given to people in receipt of Unemployment Benefits. Courses include: Basic Digital Photography, Improvers Computer Skills, Woodwork, Ceramics, Health & Fitness. We also have places left on the Sewing & Dressmaking Course. For more information contact Connie McGee on 086 7718040 or email Connie.mcgee@cklp.ie

National Irish Workhouse Conference

The first national conference on "The Irish Workhouse, Past & Present" will be held in Portumna, Co. Galway on Sat. 17th & Sun. 18th May. 163 workhouses operated in Ireland from the 1840s to the 1920s. For further info: tel: 090-9759200 www.irishworkhousecentre.ie

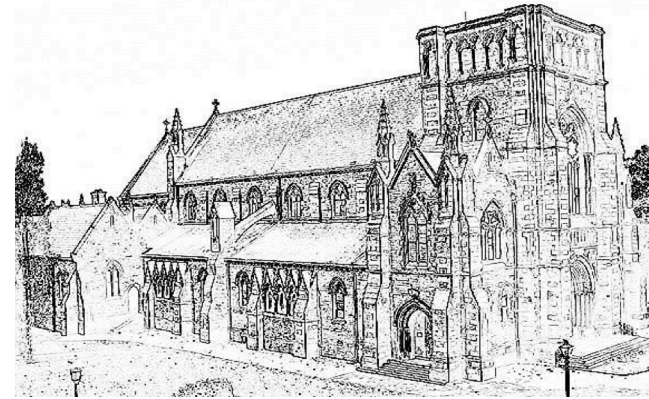
Aware Support Group

Aware Support Group meetings are for people, over 18, who are experiencing depression, stress, anxiety and other mood related conditions. The groups are confidential within the normal limits, free of charge and no referral is required. Aware holds a weekly Support Group on Thursdays from 7.30pm until 9pm in St Patricks Parish Centre, Bohernatounish Road, Loughboy.

Glencairn Monastic Experience Weekend 16 – 18 May

For those who feel drawn to the Cistercian Way to God, this weekend is an opportunity to join us in the daily rhythm of our life, to reflect on the monastic call, to meet the sisters and to find out more about our way of life here at Glencairn. Please contact Sr. Sarah if you would like to join us for this special weekend at 087 1909 830 or by email: vocations@glencairnabbey.org

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Fourth Sunday of Easter 11th May 2014

First Holy Communion

Next weekend St John's Parish will celebrate First Holy Communions. On Saturday at the 10.30am Mass our young people from St John's Junior School and the Model School will receive their First Holy Communion and on Sunday at 10am Mass pupils from Johnswell National school will receive their First Holy Communion. Please keep the young people and their families in your prayers at this time.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

On this Good Shepherd Sunday we celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life, especially for our diocese, that God will raise up good shepherds in our midst. If you think God is calling you to serve the Church as a priest in the Diocese of Ossory contact: www.ossory.ie/vocations or contact Fr. Willie Purcell at ossoryvocdir@gmail.com. Facebook: [ossoryvocdir](https://www.facebook.com/ossoryvocdir) Tel: 056 7770261

Login to stjohnskilkenny.com to join our Masses on church webcam!

Deaths – Month's Minds – Anniversaries

Deaths: Betty Birch, nee Shorthall, Oxford & late of Middleknock.
Mary Henebry, Dunmore.
Paddy Ryan, Dukesmeadows Avenue.
Stephen Lawlor, Austriala & late of Kennyswell.
Billy O'Brien, Tralee.
Michael Norris, Greenshill.
Berna Dowling Shandon Park & Dunmore. *(Prayers on Sun in Johnstons, at 6.00pm. Removal to St John's Church. Funeral Mass at 10.30am Mon. Interment in St Kieran's cemetery).*

Months Mind: Dick Corr (10.00am)

Anniv: Seán Byrne (6.30pm); Michael Hayes (8.00am);
Andrew Doyle (10.30am); Bridget McEvoy (11.00am);
Nan, Noel & Willie Meany (12.00 noon); James & Sadie Meaney(7.30pm);
John Joe & Michael Kealy; Jack & Ciss Mahoney; Margaret McCauley;
James Lanigan; Pauline Delaney; Margaret & Johanna Doran;
Paddy O'Brien; Jim & Kathleen Wall; Sally Goulding; William Brophy;
Peggy Lawlor;

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8.00am	Nora Webster & Margaret Leahy
10.30am	Mary Hanafin & Seamus Mahony
12.00noon	Anne Maria Walsh
7.30pm	Anne Marie Grace
Johnswell 10.00am	Josie Manning & Catherine Bergin
Dunmore 11.00am	Eddie Holohan & Liz Holohan

O'Loughlin Gaels Lotto

Numbers.8, 12, 23, 28. Bonus 7. No Jackpot winner 10 x €40 winners.
Next week: €20,000.

Holy Cross

Padre Pio mass will take place on Sunday 25th May at 3.00pm. A Coach will leave from St John's Church. Contact Vera on 059 9727313.

St Vincent de Paul

St Vincent de Paul monthly collection will be held on next Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th May. We thank you for your continued support.

Kilkenny Active Retirement Association

The May meeting will be held at The Club House Hotel next Monday 12th at 2.30pm.

Johnswell Active Retirement

Meeting will be held in Johnswell Hall on Thursday 15th May at 8.00pm. New members are welcome.

St Joseph's Mill Hill Missionaries

Prayer for healing will take place next Monday 12th May at 8pm in St Joseph's Mill Hill, Waterford Road. Everyone welcome.

Ossory Lourdes Pilgrimage

The annual Ossory Lourdes Pilgrimage will take place from the 22nd to 27th May, more than 300 pilgrims will travel from Ossory, if you are not one of those pilgrims and would like a **Petition** placed at the grotto, please write that intention put it in an envelope marked Lourdes petition and leave it in the Sacristy or Presbytery.

Some update on vocations ministry in our Diocese.

- Brian Griffin who did his Pastoral year here in St John's will be ordained Deacon on June 1st. Please keep him in your prayers.
 - The monthly Holy Hour for vocations in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel is proving to be a great source of gathering to pray for vocations in our Diocese. Thank you for including it each month in your parish newsletters.
 - Three men are following a monthly discernment programme in our Diocese. Please keep them in your prayers.
 - The Pope John Paul II Award programme is growing every year. This year we have 120 participants from our secondary schools. With God's help in the coming years many vocations will come from this programme.
- “Vocations come from Parishes that inspire, encourage and support men in discerning the Call of God in their lives. Parishes where priests are alive in their commitment to priesthood and witness to the joy of priesthood in their daily ministries encourage others to follow them as priests”*