

‘Rith Beo’ Fun Run

Rith Beo Fun Run takes place Sunday 25th May, 10km , 5km & 3k Family Fun Run at 12noon from Gelscoil Osraí . Prizes-10K Top 3 men/women and 5K Top 3 male/female. Register on the day from 9:30 am. Refreshments will be served after the race and proceeds in aid of an Astro turf pith for the school.

May Rosary Vigil

Dominican Black Abbey Rosary Vigil will take place at the Black Abbey this Sunday at 4.15pm and concluding with Sunday Mass at 6pm. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place from 4.15pm. Special Intention ‘An end to violence and it’s causes in Irish Society’.

Life in the spirit

Life in the spirit seminar in the Black abbey every Tuesday at 7pm. Baptism in the spirit, Pentecost Sunday at 2pm. Please come along.

Pie in the Sky

To an atheist – once described as someone with no invisible means of support – Christian hope must seem like a cry to on high for pie in the sky. What Christians hope for, i.e., a new heaven and a new earth has no scientific basis. Indeed it can’t have. At present, all that science can ultimately foresee is a frozen waste of nothingness. The heart-warming prospect of blissful eternal life has no basis other than in the word of God (Rev 21:1).

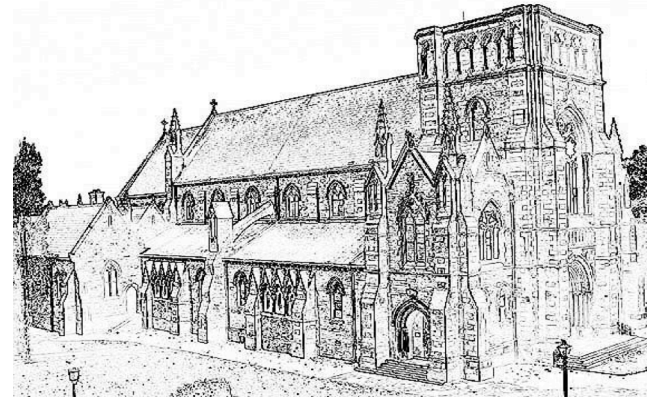
In today’s Second Reading (1 Pet 3:15-18) Peter exhorts us to be ready always to defend that hope. And we do that basically by showing how God has kept his promises historically and by showing that his promises continue to be fulfilled today.

Historically, God promised the seemingly impossible only to fulfill it: Abraham and Sarah in advanced age beget a son, down-trodden Hebrews gain freedom from their super-power slave-masters, an eagerly awaited messiah comes, but in the most unexpected manner. Killed and seemingly defeated, he rises from death to fulfil his mission.

Today, God’s promises continue to be fulfilled. God continues to bless us with new life, with freedom from slavery to sin, with the promise and hope of resurrection.

Yet, perhaps there is one other way to defend that hope: by allowing it put a pep in our step.

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Sixth Sunday of Easter
25th May 2014

Anointing Of The Sick In Conjunction With Our Diocesan Pilgrimage To Lourdes

The Sacrament of Anointing of The Sick will be administered during the 10.30 a.m. mass in St John’s tomorrow (Monday) morning. This is by way of spiritual solidarity and union with the Lourdes Diocesan Pilgrimage from Ossory as our pilgrims conduct their final day of the Annual Pilgrimage this year.

The Sacrament will be administered after the Gospel to all those who request it through their need and desire for healing in some area of their lives.

If you know of any relative, neighbour or friend who would like to be present, but is unable to find transport, you might offer or arrange a lift for them.

Annual Lourdes Pilgrimage Collection

In order to defray some of the costs of the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, there is a Special Collection at all Masses in the parish this weekend.

The organisers depend on this collection. So please do your best to help this wonderful experience for the Invalids and assist in reducing the running costs of the whole event.

Deaths – Month's Minds – Anniversaries

Deaths: Carmel McEvoy, Dunmore.
Peg O'Connor, Michael Street.
Christopher Brennan, Birmingham, late of Dunmore.

Months Mind: Moira O'Byrne (10.30am).
Kathleen Shortt.

Anniv: Ian Kirwan (6.30pm); Philip Morrissey (12.00 noon);
Sarah & Sheila Cleary; Joan Wall; Tommy McEneaney; Richard Shortall;
Nancy Cummins; Jim Carew; Ann Coffey; Bridget & Michael Long;
Michael Gleeson; Lil Lynch; Bridget & John Kealy; Billy & Moll Hayes;
Angela Quigley; Agnes Dermody; Thomas Cody; Bridget Culleton;
Annie Moore.

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8.00am	Seán O'Grady
10.30am	Seamus Brennan & Deirdre Dowling
12.00noon	Mary Lynch
7.30pm	Ann Fitzpatrick
Johnswell 10.00am	Fergal Brennan & Laura Butler
Dunmore 11.00am	Jim Kavanagh & Claire Hanrick

O'Loughlin Gaels Lotto

Numbers.5, 16, 22, 26. Bonus 1. No Jackpot winner 10 x €40 winners.
Next week: €20,000.

Ossory Vocations Promotion #26

The Spirit of truth is within you. You are not alone. Reflect on how God is calling you at this time in your life. (John 14: 15-21).

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.

Cemetery Masses

With just over a month to go, we take this opportunity to remind you of the Annual Cemetery Masses in our parish for 2014:

St Kieran's Cemetery: Friday, June 27th, 7.30 p.m.
Dunmore Cemetery: Friday, July 4th, 7.30 p.m.
Johnswell Cemetery: Friday, July 4th, 7.30 p.m.

We are encouraged to take care of, and tidy up if necessary, our family graves.

New Eucharistic Ministers' Rota

The new rota for Eucharistic Ministers is now available for collection in the sacristy. Please collect one as soon as possible, or have someone get one for you.

Summer Bridge in Dunmore

For the Summer, Bridge will be played in the beautifully renovated Community Hall in Dunmore, beginning on Monday, 9th June. It will commence at 10.00 a.m. and finish at 12.30 p.m. For booking and more information, call Stephanie Butler on 056-7767869 (6-8pm)

Cake Sale For Cancer Society

On Sunday week (June 8th) a group of young students will conduct a Cake Sale after the **three Sunday morning Masses in St John's church**. The sale will take place in the Parish Centre and is in aid of the Irish Cancer Society.

Johnswell Fun Run

Fun Run takes place on Sunday 8th June, 10km Road Race (over 18's only) & 5k Family Fun Run in Johnswell Village at 1pm. Prizes-10K Top 3 men/women and 5K Top man/woman/girl/boy. Entry fee €15 for 10K chipped runner. 5K Adult €10, child €5 & family of 4 €25. Register on the day from 11am. Reduced fee for online entry. Details at facebook.com/pages/Johnswell-Fun-run. Refreshments will be served after the race and proceeds in aid of Johnswell Community.

There will be a meeting to organise the 10K Challenge in Johnswell Community Hall on Monday 26th May at 8pm. Everyone is welcome to attend and your support for this annual event would be very much appreciated.

Educational Workshop for Carers

Free Educational Workshop for family carers and those concerned about Alzheimer's or other Dementias will take place on Thursday 29th May from 6.30pm-8.30pm in Butler House, Patrick Street.

The workshop will cover how to, Understand Behavioural Changes, Encourage Engagement, Care for Yourself While Caring for a Loved One
Registration or info. re. future dates call Marie or Enda on 056 7800508.