

Happy Holidays, Parish Choirs

At this time each year, many of our Choirs begin their Summer Recess. The parishioners who worship at the relevant masses that are accompanied with music and song would like to say a big 'Thank You' to these choirs for all their generous work and ministry: for the practices, the sacrifices, the sharing of their gifts and talents that so much enhance the celebration of the liturgies in our parish throughout the year. Enjoy your break and we look forward to your return after the All Ireland!

Youth 2000

Youth 2000 Summer Festival, Cistercian College, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary from Thursday 14th – Sunday 17th August. For young people aged 16-35, an opportunity not to be missed to experience the Catholic faith and meet many new people. This Festival has been nicknamed the "Holy Oxygen" with over 1000 young people from all corners of Ireland attending last year. The festival is donation only. Free buses available from towns throughout Ireland. For more information and to book online see www.youth2000.ie or phone 01 6753690.

Order of Malta

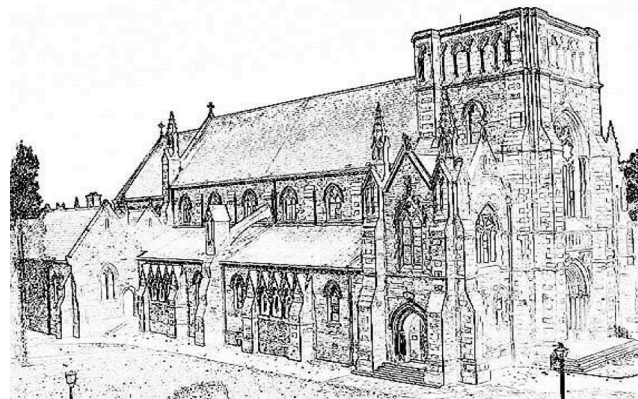
Order of Malta Kilkenny annual city church gate collection is fast approaching on the weekend of July 26 & 27. This the 75th year for the Kilkenny unit. Unfortunately after 75 years we still have no permanent home as a Registered Charity 4538, and one whom does not receive any government funding.

We rely on donations brought in from services we provide, teaching of first aid courses, donations from the public & fundraising events and of course our church gate collections are vital each year to our continuation. As we are currently trying to raise funds to help us on our way of getting to purchase a permanent home

Barnardos

Are you looking for a fun way to volunteer? Barnardos could use your help on Sunday 6th July from 9am for a few hours of colourtastic fun in Kilkenny! Barnardos is the official charity partner for Colour Me Kilkenny 5k fun run which takes place on Sunday 6th July in Kilkenny Castle and the surrounding areas. If you are interested in volunteering to assist us with this event please email Suzanne at volunteers@barnardos.ie or call 01 708 0431 for further details.

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29th June 2014

The Ossory Diocese CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

You and your family are invited and urged to join in the Corpus Christi Procession this Sunday afternoon, starting at 2.00 p.m. from the front steps of St John's church (assembling at 1.45 p.m.). Bishop Freeman, SAC, will bear the Monstrance containing the Blessed Sacrament through John Street, Rose Inn Street, High Street, James Street, concluding with Benediction of The Blessed Sacrament in St Mary's Cathedral.

At Each of the five stations (St John's, Canal Square, The Parade, Town Hall and Cathedral) a decade of the "Luminous Mysteries" of the Rosary, as written by St John Paul II, will be recited. To refresh your memories, these decades are:

1. *The Baptism in The Jordan*
2. *The Wedding at Cana*
3. *The Proclamation of The Kingdom*
4. *The Transfiguration*
5. *The Institution of The Eucharist*

Deaths – Month’s Minds – Anniversaries

Deaths: Tom Rothwell, Garden Villas.
Lil O’Brien, Dublin & Late of Fr Murphy Square.

Month’s Mind: Nicholas Ivory (10.30am).

Anniv: Elizabeth Gooch (6.30pm); The Jackman Family (11.00am); Malachy Daly (12.00 noon); Mary Connick (7.30pm); Tom McDonald; Michael Wall; Paddy Kirwan; John Fitzgerald; Patrick Foley;

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8.00am	Ann Marie Hogan
10.30am	Kathleen Ferguson & Saoirse Ryan
12.00noon	Bobbie Lahart
7.30pm	Eileen Kinane
Johnswell 10.00am	Robert Butler
Dunmore 11.00am	Bernard O’Gorman & Liz O’Gorman

O’Loughlin Gaels Lotto

Numbers.. Bonus. No Jackpot winner 10 x €40 winners.

Ossory Vocations Promotion #31

How do you welcome others into your heart? Are you willing to give of yourself for others? Let your heart lead you to follow Jesus.

(Matthew 10: 37-42).

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.

3,650 People Gather and Pray

As is traditional, a huge gathering of people, from all over the country – and even from outside the country – assembled in St Kieran’s Cemetery on Friday evening for the Annual Cemetery Mass.

Although surrounded by inclement weather in places like Carlow, Waterford, Clonmel and Borris-in-Ossory, we give thanks to God that our cemetery mass was celebrated in fine and fresh weather conditions.

The faith, reverence and emotion that is displayed on these occasions makes them all the more solemn and awe-inspiring. People feel a great sense of ‘companionship and togetherness’ as they tend to their graves, stare at their headstone, remember in fervent prayer their deceased family members and relatives. It’s also an annual and stark reminder that we are ‘all in the same boat’ when it comes to losing loved ones, and that none of us has an automatic or guaranteed lease on life.

Since the Cemetery Mass last year, exactly 80 families entered the gates of St Kieran’s cemetery, weighed down with grief and heartache, as they followed the remains of a precious loved one on the final stage of their earthly journey as they arrived to be interred.

But thank God, as a Christian Community, our faith comes to our aid at such times. We believe that this final earthly journey is only the beginning of that great new heavenly journey for our deceased as they enter into eternal life with Our Father in Heaven.

We express our gratitude to each and every person who attended, or was in any way involved in the celebration of our cemetery mass this year.

Dunmore – Johnswell

Please remember that the Cemetery Masses in **Dunmore** and **Johnswell** Cemeteries will be celebrated next Friday evening, July 4th, at 7.30 p.m.

First Friday

Friday next is the First Friday of July. The sick and housebound will be visited at the normal times. Please inform the parish office or one of the priests if you have a relative or neighbour who would appreciate this service.

School’s Out!

We take this opportunity to wish all the children, teachers and staff of our parish primary schools a very happy and safe holiday as they begin a well-deserved break this weekend.