

Volunteer in Africa

Humanitarian Volunteers are looking for volunteers to travel to East Africa in Sept 2014. The volunteers will work on a humanitarian project for two weeks. No experience required and no age restrictions. No large fundraising. Volunteers will pay their own costs. In addition, the Group will visit the resting place of the Venerable Edel Quinn during the mission. Contact Denis – 0868520271.

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.

The Parable Experience

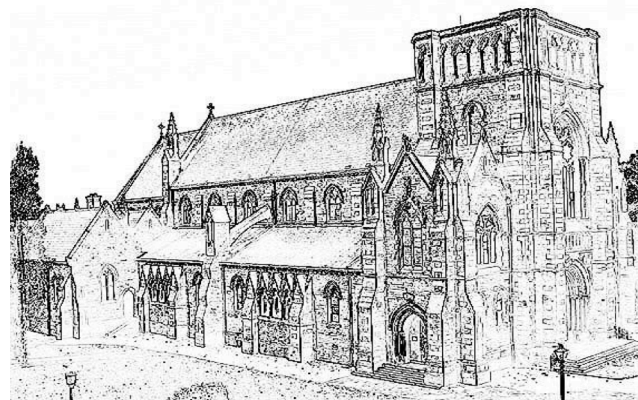
Parables are not simply a ‘story with a moral’; they are much more than that. Parables speak to the heart and command an alertness to all that is said and all that is unsaid. We need to pay attention to the detail, but must also be careful not to miss the hidden meaning in the parable experience. And it is an experience. The parable does not end once we are finished hearing or reading it. It stays with us; disturbs us; forces us to ponder. Parables should awaken our senses.

Today’s parable highlights the various ways that we do not allow God’s word to penetrate deep into our hearts and minds. Jesus tells the disciples: *‘The reason I speak to them in parables is that “seeing they do not perceive, and hearing they do not listen”*. Jesus emphasises the enormous harvest that is waiting for those who really ‘open their ears’. Recently, You Tube had a clip of a 40 year old woman who was able to hear for the first time thanks to cochlear implants. It was an emotional clip to watch and she cried and laughed and shouted with joy. She explained how ‘the switch-on was the most emotional and overwhelming experience of my life’. If we are open to the parable experience, if the soil is truly receptive, perhaps the Word can affect us in the same way.

In the coming Sundays we hear the parables of Matthew 13.

Perhaps we can hear them again for the first time.

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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
13th July 2014

Certificate in

Theological Studies

faith – seeking – understanding

Saint Kieran’s College offers its new course in Theological Studies beginning in September and finishing in May (Level 7 – 20 credit ECTS).

Aims of the Course:

- To provide general theological education and formation in the main aspects of the faith.
- To provide the theological background needed for lay involvement and leadership roles at parish and diocesan level.

Course Duration:

- 100 hours, part-time, over one academic year from September to May.

For application form and further information please contact Declan Murphy M.A., St Kieran’s College.

Email: declanmurphy@ossory.ie **Telephone:** 056-7753624 or 087-9081470.

Forms can be downloaded from: www.stkieranscollege.ie or www.ossory.ie

Deaths – Month’s Minds – Anniversaries

Deaths: Fr Joe Jones, Mill Hill Missionaries, Dublin, formerly Kilkenny.
Funeral arrangements later.

Anniv: Peggy Lanigan & Tosh O’Connor (6.30pm);
Cis & Daniel Kissane (8.00am); Martin Manning (10.00am);
Paddy Bergin (10.30am); Michael Burke (11.00am);
TJ Mealy (12.00 noon); May Tyrell (7.30pm); Patrick Slattery;
Peter Daly; Elizabeth & Charles Murphy; Kathleen Phelan;
Brenda Flynn;

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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	Paul McKiernan
Dunmore 11.00am	Philip Comerford & Esther Comerford

O’Loughlin Gaels Lotto

Numbers.5, 7, 16, 18. Bonus 21. No Jackpot winner 10 x €40 winners.

Ossory Vocations Promotion #33

God is sowing seeds of a vocation to ordained ministry and consecrated life. Are you cultivating good soil in you and your family? May the seek take root in your hearts. (Matthew 13: 1-23).

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

St. John’s Homes for Elderly

A meeting of St John’s Homes for Elderly Committee takes place this Wednesday 16th at 7.00pm in the Presbytery.

VMM

(Volunteer Mission Movement)

On behalf of the VMM, Mr Eugene Smith (regional officer) who spoke to you at masses in St John’s last Sunday, wishes to sincerely thank you for your generous donation of €1,495 in response to his appeal. VMM is a lay Catholic Movement, founded in 1969, which recruits, trains and supports skilled volunteers with technical expertise to share their lives of faith and skills in areas of need, in Africa, Asia and Latin America. Please be assured that all contributions made towards the work of VMM will have a positive impact on the lives of those they empower and on the work of VMM world wide.

Kilkenny Active Retirement Association

July meeting will be held at the Club House Hotel next Monday 14th at 2.30pm.

Kilkenny Folk Tales

“*KILKENNY FOLK TALES*” by Anne Farrell will be launched in Kilkenny City Library, John’s Quay, on Wednesday at 7.00 p.m. All are invited to attend.

St Vincent De Paul Society

St Vincent De Paul will hold their monthly collections on Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th of July. We thank you for your continued support.

Road Hurling

Road Hurling will take place on Saturday 19th July at 6.30pm in Johnswell Village. Teams of 3 €30. Under 14’s €15. Registration from 5.30pm onwards. Senior County hurlers, Brian Hogan and Tommy Walsh, will be in attendance.

Prayer and Adoration

There will be an hour of Prayer and Adoration in the Friary Church this Sunday from 3 – 4pm in honour of Divine Mercy. All are welcome.