

### **Blessed Edmond Rice**

The monthly mass to pray for the blessing of Blessed Edmund Rice in our lives and for his canonisation will take place in Westcourt on Monday at 7.30pm. The Callan Active Retirement group will organise the liturgy. All are welcome.

### **Positive Aging course**

Taking Stock is a free 8 week Positive Aging course for men and women of 55 years of age and older, it covers topics like, keeping connected, mental health, physical health, assertiveness and safety.

Starting 28th January from 11am -1pm in St Patrick's Parish Centre, Loughboy, for more information or to book a place ring or text Meabh on 087 1260979. This is an Age and Opportunity Course delivered by the HSE Health Promotion Department.

### **Operation Transformation**

Next Saturday, Operation Transformation National Walks will take place at venues all over Ireland. In Kilkenny, the walks take place in Castlecomer Discovery Park at 10am; Kilkenny City at 10am; and in Woodstock Gardens, Inistioge at 10am. There will be a walk leader, so no prior experience is necessary.

### **Kilkenny Active Retirement Association**

January meeting will be held in the Club House Hotel next Monday 12<sup>th</sup> at 2.30pm.

### **Prayer at the start of the Year**

*Lord, I sometimes wonder where I'm going  
and what is the meaning of my life.*

*I wonder especially  
what the new year holds for me.*

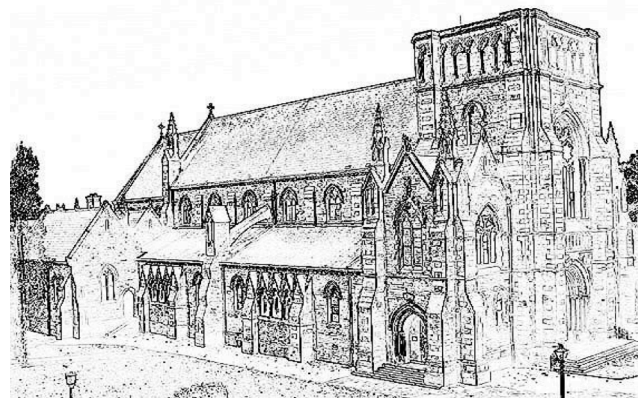
*Will it bring joy or sorrow,  
success or failure, life or death?*

*But then I remember that you came on earth;  
and that you still travel the road of life with me.*

*And so I say to my soul:*

*'Go out into the darkness,  
and put your hand in the hand of Christ, your Brother;  
that will be better than a light,  
and safer than a known path. Amen.*

## **ST JOHN'S PARISH <> KILKENNY**



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### **The Baptism of The Lord 11<sup>th</sup> January 2015**

## **The Parish Social**

The Annual Parish Social takes place in Langton House Hotel on, Sunday **1<sup>st</sup> February**, starting at 8.30 pm.

Tickets are now on sale at €7 each, for which you get a meal followed by music and dancing to the popular 'Cúpla' band.

Tickets can be bought from any member of the Pastoral Council (names on top of page), from the Sacristy or at the Presbytery.

### **Pastoral Council Meeting**

The January meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will take place on Wednesday evening at 7.30pm. in the Presbytery. All members are requested to attend.

### **Side By Side Club**

The Side by Side club will re-open next Thursday at 2pm in the Day Care Centre. New members welcome. Contact Helen Goode on 087 6884072.

## Deaths – Month's Minds – Anniversaries

**Deaths:** Vaidas Balsys, New Orchard Estate.  
Catherine McEvoy, Larchfield.  
Breda Clinton, Thomastown.  
Larry Carroll, Danesfort.  
Bridget Keogh, The Fairways, formerly of Coon, (*Funeral Sun 11am in Coon*).

**Anniv:** William, Tess & Joan Murphy (6.30pm);  
Anne, John & Madge Barry (10.30am); Alex Dewberry (12.00 noon);  
Michael O'Dwyer (7.30pm); Bernard O'Gorman; Bridget Slattery;  
Chrissie Bergin; Johnny Brennan; Denis Guilfoyle; Michael O'Grady;  
Alice & Justin Buckley; John Nolan; John Lanigan; Mary Feehan;  
Margaret Knox; Tom & Mary Gaffney; Mick Shorthall; Noel Dowling;  
Denis & Mary Purcell; Paddy Murphy; Bernie Kelly; James Cleary;

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8.00am	Ann Marie Hogan
10.30am	Peggy Wall
12.00noon	Tony Dalton
7.30pm	Eileen Kinane
Johnswell 10.00am	Betsy Rice & Teresa Dowling
Dunmore 11.00am	Tom Comerford

## O'Loughlin Gaels Lotto

Numbers:3, 8, 9, 19. Bonus 18. No Jackpot winner. 10 x €40 winners.

## Ossory Vocations Promotion #07 "Behold the Lamb of God."

Could it be that you are being called to point out the Lord to others as a priest, Call or Email. Fr. Willie Purcell Ossory Vocations Director:  
[ossoryvocdir@gmail.com](mailto:ossoryvocdir@gmail.com) 056 7770261

## Baptismal Team

We are updating our list, if you would consider being a member of St John's Baptismal Team please contact the Parish Office 7721072.

## Society of St Vincent De Paul

The St Vincent De Paul monthly collection will take place on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January. We thank you for your continued support.

## Blood Donor Clinic

The Blood Donor Clinic will be in The Rivercourt Hotel this week:  
**Monday & Tuesday from 4.30pm-8.00pm.**  
**Give Blood!** Help ensure essential blood supplies are always available.

## Christmas Offering & Weekly/Yearly envelopes

Thank you to all who have returned your Christmas Offerings. It's very much appreciated. Also, as far as you can, whether you do it by weekly or yearly contributions or by standing order, please try to maintain your donations to Parish Funds to maintain the buildings and property within your parish.

## Medjugorje Evening of Prayer

Rosary, Mass Adoration, Prayer for healing will take place at Mill Hill, Waterford Road this Monday at 8pm. All are welcome.

## New Pilates Session

In the Dunmore Hall from 8.00 - 9.00pm ( 7 weeks €60) All abilities catered for. Fully qualified Pilates Instructor. Places are limited so booking is essential. For further information please call (086 8547710) Margaret.

## Dates for your Diary

**Solemn Novena:** February 3<sup>rd</sup> – February 11<sup>th</sup>  
**Confirmation:** Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> (St John's): 25<sup>th</sup> April, 11am.  
**First Holy Communion** (St John's): Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May, 10:30am.  
**First Holy Communion** (Johnswell): Sunday May 17<sup>th</sup>, 10am  
**Ossory Pilgrimage to Lourdes:** May 22<sup>nd</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>  
**Cemetery Mass** – St Kieran's Cemetery: Friday June 26<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm  
**Cemetery Mass** – Dunmore and Johnswell: Friday July 3<sup>rd</sup>