

Kilkenny Musical Society

Kilkenny Musical Society's 42nd Production: **Sweeney Todd The Demon Barber of Fleet Street**, 12th-18th April - Watergate Theatre, 8pm nightly. Tickets: 15 euro (Sun-Tues)/ 20 euro (Wed/ Sat). Contact: Watergate Theatre 056-7761674/ www.watergatetheatre.com.

Monthly Rosary

The Monthly Rosary in James Green at the Statue of our Lady this Sunday 3.00pm.

The Carers Association

The Carers Association Carlow/Kilkenny will be having their 11th Annual Mini Marathon on The May Bank Holiday Kilkenny on May 4th 2015. We welcome people who have participated

In the Mini Marathon as well as any new participants. If you want more information or to take part please contact us here at the Carers Association Spring hill medical Centre, Phone us on 056-7721424 or email us at Kilkenny2@carersireland.com.

Children with Special Education Needs

The annual church gate collection for the children with special educational needs is taking place next weekend 11th & 12th April. All monies raised go to special needs projects which require additional funding to be raised locally.

M.S. Ireland

M.S. Ireland are currently recruiting Volunteers to help out by giving 1 hour of their time to help out in the World M.S. Day flag collection which will be held in your area on June 5th. Your support to people living with multiple sclerosis would be greatly appreciated. For more information please ring 086-8393964 or email annette@havocconsulting.com

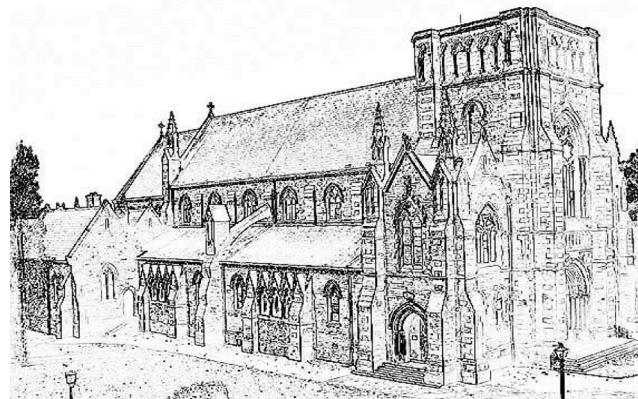
Some Sunday Bulletin Bloopers!

→ *This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs. Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.*

→ *The Pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday morning.*

→ *During the absence of our P.P., we enjoyed the rare privilege of hearing a good sermon when J. F. Stubbs supplied our pulpit.*

ST JOHN'S PARISH ↔ KILKENNY



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Easter Sunday
5th April 2015

Easter Joy & Blessings To All Our Parishioners & Visitors

We take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy, peaceful and blessed Easter Season. Thanks to all of you who took the time out to celebrate the Passion, Death and Resurrection Ceremonies.

Thanks to all our volunteers and helpers: Eucharistic Ministers; Readers; Choirs; Flower Arrangers; Altar Servers & Their Families; Jane and The Volunteer Sacristans; Collectors; those who erected and re-arranged Church Furnishings, etc. We hope that the journey through Lent and the Holy Week, to Easter itself, will bring many blessings upon you and your families, and that it has brought you closer to Christ and to each other.

Andreja

Welcome and congratulations to our Catechumen, Andrea, who at the Easter Vigil Ceremonies, underwent the Rites of Christian Initiation into the Catholic Church. Andreja, a Lithuanian national, received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation & The Eucharist. Please keep her in your prayers.

Deaths – Month's Minds – Anniversaries

Deaths: Jimmy Dunphy, Connolly Street.
Frances Harold, Walkin Street.
Bridget Boyle, Derry.
Seán O'Connell, Ardnore.

Anniv: Ciss Purcell (10.00am); Frank & Peig Wall (10.30am);
Ken McDermott (11.00am); Joan & William Dunne (12.00 noon);
Colin Owens (7.30pm); Thomas & William Grace; Katie Foley;
Michael Long; Peggy & Vincent Lambe; Moira O'Byrne;
The Phelan Family; Fintan Ryan; Anne Martin; John Jack Dowling;
James, Mary & Catherine Byrne; Sarah Mahony; Paddy Cahill;
Mary Hanlon; Maureen O'Connor.

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8.00am	Ann Marie Hogan
10.30am	Peggy Wall
12.00noon	Tony Dalton
7.30pm	Eileen Kinane
Johnswell 10.00am	Fergal Brennan
Dunmore 11.00am	Bernard O'Gorman & Liz O'Gorman

Weekly Envelope Collection

Thanks to all who contribute and those who pay by Standing Order. S.O. forms available in Parish Office.

Ossory Vocations Promotion #19

“God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power.”
Are you being called to proclaim the new life of the resurrected Christ to the world with His Spirit and His power? Call or Email. Fr. Willie Purcell
Ossory Vocations Director: ossoryvocdir@gmail.com 056 7770261

No 8.00 a.m. Masses This Easter Week

For the coming week, mass in St John's Church will be at 10.30 a.m. only.

Ossory Times

The latest edition of the Ossory Times is on sale after all masses this weekend.

Cosmology/ Spirituality Workshop

Explore how faith and science need not be in opposition to each other.
Join Colette Cullinan RSM on Saturday 18 April – 10am – 4pm to consider: Who is God? Who are we? How shall we live?
Venue: Parish Centre, Loughboy. Cost €10 – Please bring packed lunch
Book by contacting 056 7722870 before April 14.

Divine Mercy Celebration

Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration in The Friary Church next Sunday, April 12th from 2.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. approx..
Rosary, Holy Hour, Mass and blessing with Relic of St Faustina.
Celebrant: Fr Willie Purcell. All are welcome to attend.

The Open Door

The open tomb is a big part of the Easter story.
When Mary of Magdala visits the tomb on the third day after Jesus is crucified, she finds that the stone has been moved away. Along with Peter and the other disciples, the realisation gradually dawns that something wonderful has happened. Jesus is risen from the dead!
Easter is a time for openness.
The hearts of Mary and the disciples were opened that first Easter morning, and they suddenly understood what Jesus had been trying to teach them all along.
In rising from the dead, Jesus had broken down their barriers.
Are our hearts open? Are we ready to hear the good news?

*Look where the garden door is open wide!
Come to the garden, there's no need to hide.
God has broken down the fences
And he stands with arms wide open, come along inside!*