

## First Holy Communicants

Congratulations to all the fifty-four girls and boys who received their First Holy Communion in the Parish Church this weekend.

We wish them and all their families every blessing on the road to full, faithful and mature membership of our parish and the Catholic Church. Thanks to all the teachers and schools and all who assisted in making this a great occasion.

### The Lake School

Saibh Barry  
Elizabeth Bizane  
Charlie Butler De Costa  
Conor Coyne  
Ella Delaney  
David Doyle  
Chelsea Folan  
Katie Geoghegan  
Jack Holohan  
Matthew Howe  
Piotr Kawka  
Arkadiusz Kowalski  
Mia Larkin  
Evan Maher  
Sam Molloy  
Wiktorja Musczynski  
Isabelle O'Callaghan  
David Palczynski  
Anton Jose Patricio  
Hugo Pronobis  
Natalie Ryan  
Tania Sousa  
Martin Sweeney  
Dawid Tomkow  
Itan Wilczynski

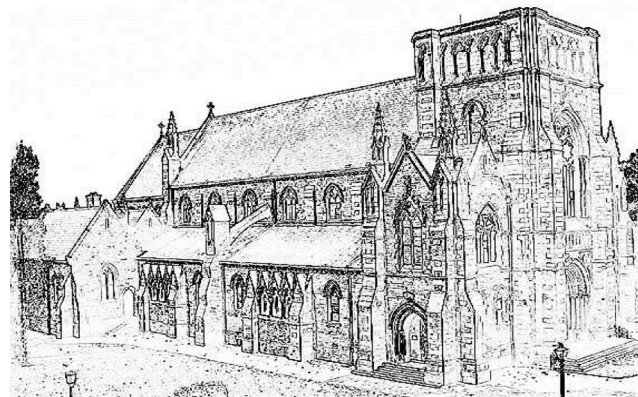
Patrick Bergin  
Ellen Breathnach  
Craig Constantin  
Dawid Dankowski  
Abbie Doyle  
James Evans  
Joshua Frayne  
Rachel Heckova  
Tommy Holohan  
Kaylem Hughes  
James Kerwick  
James Larkin  
Patrik Liszka  
Corey Middleton  
Zack Molloy  
Eli O'Dwyer  
Alex O'Sullivan  
Rafal Palczynski  
Emma Power  
Jan Redzikowski  
Igor Sijka  
Jakub Sura  
Mark Szilagyi  
Leon Walsh

### The Model School

Tadhg Berry  
Tom Clarke  
Jerry O'Donovan

Darragh Powell  
Joe Pielow

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### *Pastoral Council*

Mary Brennan,  
Alan Burke,  
Margaret Cleere,  
Jimmy Kelly,  
Sheila O'Callaghan,  
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Fr Frank Purcell,  
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## The Ascension of the Lord 17<sup>th</sup> May 2015

### New Vicar General

Bishop Seamus Freeman has appointed Fr. Frank Purcell, Vicar General of the Diocese of Ossory. Fr. Frank as with Mgr. Michael Ryan, Vicar General, will assist the Bishop with the governance of the Diocese of Ossory. We wish him all the best in his new ministry.

### Johnswell First Holy Communicants

Congratulations to the three girls and boys who received their First Holy Communion in Johnswell this weekend.

We wish them and all their families every blessing. Thanks to the teachers, school and all who assisted in making this a great occasion.

**Stephen Butler, Megan Farrell, and Sheena O'Keeffe.**

### The Marriage Referendum

Copies of Bishop Seamus Freeman's Pastoral Letter to the faithful in the Diocese of Ossory on the upcoming Marriage Referendum are available in the porch after all masses...

## Deaths – Month's Minds – Anniversaries

**Deaths:** Mary Denieffe, De la Salle Place.  
Gabriel Doran, Evans Lane & late of Larchfield.  
Joe Coyne, Assumption Place, *Funeral mass at 12 noon today. Interment in St Kieran's cemetery.*

**Anniv:** Jim Kelly (6.30pm); Brigid O'Connell (8.00am); Damien Mahon (10.30am); Carmel McEvoy (11.00am); Maureen Phelan (7.30pm); Noel Webster; Jack & Ciss Mahoney; Ann Coffey; Brian Mahoney; Peggy & Eamonn Holohan; Sally Goulding; William Brophy; Margaret Lawlor; Michael Smyth; David McGrath; Pierce, Bridie, Betty & Martin Clooney; Elizabeth Somers; Mary Murphy; Paddy Brennan; Sean Monahan; Margaret & Michael Lennon;

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8.00am	Ann O'Grady
10.30am	Peggy Wall
12.00noon	Tony Dalton
7.30pm	Marie Fogarty
Johnswell 10.00am	Josie Manning
Dunmore 11.00am	Jim Kavanagh & Claire Hanrick

## O'Loughlin Gaels Lotto

Numbers:3, 11, 17, 25. Bonus 26. No Jackpot winner. 10 x €40 winners.

## Ossory Vocations Promotion #25

*“And they went out and proclaimed the good news everywhere, while the Lord worked with them.”*

If you are discerning a vocation to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus as a priest, Call or Email. Fr. Willie Purcell Ossory Vocations Director:  
ossoryvocdir@gmail.com 056 7770261

## John Paul II Awards

Congratulations to Emma Manning and Sinéad Ryan from St John's Parish who have received the Papal Cross award which is part of the Pope John Paul II award scheme in the Diocese of Ossory

## Summer Camp

"Bí Beo Sports and Irish language summer camp at Loreto Secondary School. 29th of June - 3rd of July and 13th of July - 17th of July. Suitable for 11-15 year olds. Please contact 083-4690239 for more information. *Beatha teanga i a labhairt.*"

## Speech and Drama

Speech and Drama Classes for boys and girls from 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> class. Developing Confidence and Communication Skills, through Drama, Puppet Theatre, Mime and Public Speaking; with emphasis on correct speech. Contact Ann O'Grady 056 7765282.

## Computers Made Easy

One-to-one tuition or group sessions. Learn the basics about computers and apply it to your everyday life. Contact Majella on 086-3713573.

## Ossory Lourdes Pilgrimage & Collection

Next Friday, our Ossory Pilgrimage leaves for Lourdes. In all, almost 300 people including 61 assisted pilgrims and 50 youth. If you are not one of those pilgrims and would like a Petition placed at the grotto, please write that intention put it in an envelope marked Lourdes petition and leave it in the **Sacristy or Presbytery by next Thursday.**

***THE PILGRIMAGE WOULD NOT TAKE PLACE WITHOUT  
THE ANNUAL CHURCH GATE COLLECTION.  
AS USUAL, THIS WILL TAKE PLACE AT ALL MASSES NEXT WEEKEND  
– IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE PILGRIMAGE ITSELF.***

You, and all who helped us, will be included in our prayers, Masses and the lighting of the Diocesan candle while in Lourdes. Some of the ceremonies are streamed live on [www.en.lourdes-france.org](http://www.en.lourdes-france.org) especially the Blessed Sacrament procession at 4pm (Irish time). On Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> at 7.30am the Grotto Mass in English, involving Ossory, will be streamed.

## PRAYER OF INTERCESSION:

*We unite our prayers with those from our diocese who are on pilgrimage to Lourdes. May the sick find comfort and healing, may the young find direction in their lives and may all of us have our faith strengthened through the prayers of St Bernadette and the intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes, through Christ our Lord. Amen.*