

Youth 2000

Youth 2000 Summer Festival, Cistercian College, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary from Thursday 13th – Sunday 16th 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

..... will hold its annual city church gate collections on the weekend of July 25th & 26th. We are presently trying to raise funds for a forever home as after 75 years serving Kilkenny we still do not have a permanent base.

Divine Mercy

Hour of Adoration and Prayer takes place in the Friary Church on this Sunday 12th July from 3-4pm. All are welcome.

The Car Crash

A priest and a rabbi, who had a particular dislike for each other, are in a bad car crash. Both of their cars are were written-off, but neither one of them is hurt. After they crawl out of their cars, the rabbi says, "Wow, just look at our cars! There's nothing left of either of them, but neither of us is hurt. This must be a sign from God that we should make up and be friends and live together in peace."

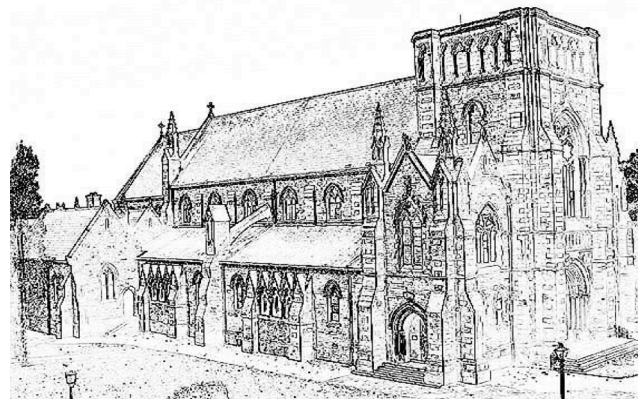
"Oh, yes, I agree," the priest replies, "it's a miracle that we survived and are alive at all."

"And here's another miracle," says the rabbi. "My car is destroyed but this bottle of wine didn't break. Surely God wants us to drink the wine and celebrate our good fortune," he says, handing the bottle to the priest. The priest nods in agreement, opens the wine, drinks half the bottle and hands it back to the rabbi. The rabbi takes it and puts the cap back on.

"Aren't you going to have any?" asks the priest.

"Not right now," says the rabbi. "I'll wait till after the police come and breathalyse us and make their report."

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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 12th July 2015

Our Individual Vocation

After his apparent lack of success in Nazareth, Jesus embarks on the next stage of the work of spreading the kingdom. He challenges his apostles to share in his radical trust in the Father as they go forward, believing that the power they have is from God and knowing that the message is one of repentance - that is, true conversion of heart. Their task is an urgent one and they are not to delay.

At least once a week we assemble as a people who have been called to be bearers of God's love to all humanity. Each of us is called to be a witness to God's presence in the world in some unique way in some unique part of the creation. Each of us has been sent out by the Christ to proclaim good news, announce forgiveness, and to build the kingdom of peace.

This is the reality of our common vocation as Christians. And thinking about and celebrating our individual vocations is something we are urged to do in a real and active way this week.

Deaths – Month’s Minds – Anniversaries

Deaths: Teresa Burke, Loughboy.
Patrick Lahert, Killenaule.
Brigid Conway, Clontarf.

Anniv: Peggy Lanigan & Tosh O’Connor (6.30pm);
Deceased members of the Kiffane Family (8.00am);
John Dowling (10.0am); Paddy Bergin (10.30am);
Richard Hennessy (11.00am); Michael Ryan (12.00 noon);
Seamus Murphy; Edward Kennedy; Alice Gallagher; Ellen Hanlon;
David Gaffney; Christy Murray; Patrick Slattery;

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8.00am	Ann O’Grady
10.30am	Kathleen Ferguson & Saoirse Ryan
12.00noon	Bobbie Lahart
7.30pm	Marie Fogarty
Johnswell 10.00am	Josie Manning
Dunmore 11.00am	Pierce Lennon & Liam Maddock

Weekly Envelope Collection

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

O’Loughlin Gaels Lotto

Numbers: 2, 7, 22, 25. Bonus 27. No Jackpot winner. 10 x €40 winners.

Ossory Vocations Promotion #33

“Before the foundation of the world God chose us in Christ.”

Are you discerning that the vocation which God has chosen for you in Christ may be to serve the Church in the priesthood? Call or Email. Fr. Willie Purcell Ossory Vocations Director: ossoryvocdir@gmail.com 056 7770261

St John’s Homes for the Elderly Committee

A meeting will take place next Wednesday at 7.00 pm in the presbytery.

Society of St Vincent De Paul

Monthly collection takes place next weekend 17th & 18th July. Thank you for your continued support.

Kilkenny Active Retirement Association

July meeting will be held in The Club House Hotel next Monday at 2.30pm.

Parish Finance Meeting

A meeting of the Parish Finance Committee takes place on Thursday evening in the Presbytery at 7.30 p.m. All members are requested to attend.

Travel Light

In today’s Gospel, the Twelve – each of whom has been called personally by Jesus – are given the title of apostle – “one who is sent.” These unlikely candidates for such a task are carefully prepared and taught by Jesus for this moment. They undertake their first preaching and healing tour depending only on God for their inspiration and on the charity of others for their needs -- remember that hospitality was considered a sacred responsibility in the east: it was not up to the stranger to seek hospitality but up to the prospective host to offer it.

Like the Twelve’s journey through the region of Galilee, our lives are journeys to the reign of God. Each step of the journey can be a moment of grace, of encounter with the holy, of rebirth and transformation, of healing. God calls all of us to the vocation of prophet (“one who proclaims”) and disciple (“one who follows, one who comprehends”). Like God’s call to the Amoses and Ezekiels, to the Peters and Andrews of Scripture, ours is a call to proclaim our faith in our places of work, study and play, to follow Christ in his vision of justice, peace and reconciliation.

Jesus instructs his missioners to “travel light” – to focus on the journey and the ministry with which they have been entrusted, not with accumulating wealth, status and power.

In our hospitality and welcome to those who come to our doors, we joyfully profess our faith in Christ, and our hope to realise his vision of one human family under the loving providence of the Father.