

Speech & Drama

A confidence-building course for boys and girls from 1st to 6th class, with emphasis on correct speech and communication skills. 5th & 6th class: Public Speaking, 1st to 4th class: Drama, Puppet theatre, Mime and Speech games, all in a fun setting. Enquiries: Ann O'Grady 056 7765282.

Kilkenny & Carlow Contact - Volunteer's Needed

Can you offer companionship to an Older Person in your area who may feel socially isolated? We are currently looking for male and female volunteers in the Johnswell and Kilkenny areas who can commit to 1 or 2 hours per week. For information: 7772151 or Eleanor on 086-8530994

Typing and computer class

One-to-one or group sessions, beginner and improver levels. For secondary school and college students, and older people. Majella: 086-3713573.

High Tea & Talk Morning

Newpark Close Family Resource Centre is Holding a High Tea & Talk morning on Wednesday 16th September from 10am to 12pm to help raise funds and awareness around the issues of coping with suicide and of suicide prevention.

Divine Mercy

Hour of Adoration this Sunday in the Friary from 3 to 4pm. All are welcome.

Loreto Secondary School

1st Year Enrolment – The closing date for application for a First Year Place is Wednesday 7th October 2015. Application forms and Admissions Policy can be obtained from our website www.loretokk.ie of the school office.

Open night for 6th Class Girls – Open night takes place on Wednesday 23rd September at 6.30pm. This is a ticketed event and tickets are available by either emailing your request to office@loretokk.ie or by calling to the school office.

S.O.S. Needs Volunteers

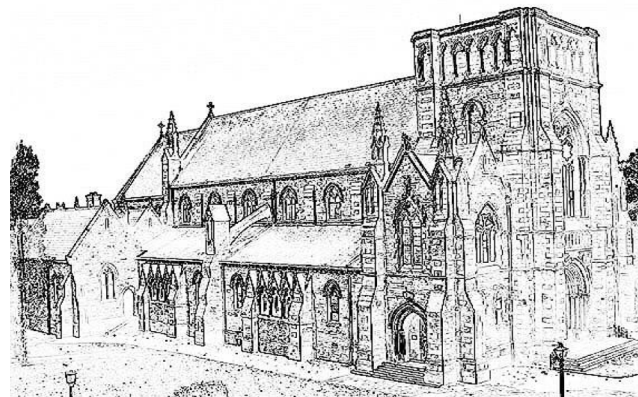
Do you have 2 hours a fortnight to assist? If you do, please contact Sinead Mehigan Tel: 7764000, Email: smehigan@soskilkenny.com

Drop Off Day For Calais

Next Saturday a **Drop Off Day For Calais** takes place in St Canice's Parish Hall, Granges Road, from 1.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m.

This initiative by **Carlow Kilkenny Solidarity with Syria** is to respond with compassion to the dreadful Refugee Crisis that is currently ongoing. Supplies of clothes, sleeping bags, and other items are urgently needed while they wait on our Governments to respond.

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Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
13th September 2015

A.C.T.S.

(Adoration, Community, Theology, and Service)

The ACTS Retreat is a spiritual retreat weekend. The ACTS Team mission is to provide the retreatants a time of reflection, prayer, and insight to help them rediscover a new trusting relationship with God, their families and their community.

It will foster a spiritual awakening that will be an ongoing witness to all. It is a time to relax and get to know yourself better and to develop friendships with other men from our community. While the first ACTS Retreat in the Diocese will be for men, a women's ACTS Retreat will take

For more information please text or call: Joseph Mahon (086) 7758709, Jim Maher (086) 1276649, or Trevor Hayes (086) 2409615.

October 15-18th De La Salle Pastoral Centre Castletown, Co. Laois

Deaths – Month's Minds – Anniversaries

Deaths: John Curran, Connolly Street.
Josephine Hoyne, Middleknock.
Mary Cotter, Hebron Park & late of Bantry.
Alice Stapleton, St Francis Terrace.
James Long, Ardnoe.

Anniv: Frances Geoghegan-Kelleher (6.30pm);
Michelle Reynolds (10.30am); Michael & Jim Brennan (11.00am);
Eamonn Byrne (12.00 noon); Luke O'Dwyer (7.30pm); Seán Hanaphy;
Phyllis Dunne; Anne McEvoy; Tony Malone; Tom Little; Sally Holden;
Molly Browne; Kathleen Murphy; Margaret Morris;
Patrick & Mary Halley; Ernie Harrington;

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8.00am	Seán O'Grady
10.30am	Jimmy Connolly
12.00noon	Peter Dwyer
7.30pm	Ann Fitzpatrick
Johnswell 10.00am	Paul McKiernan
Dunmore 11.00am	Fiona McGeary & Nora Guilfoyle

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 #42

"Who do you say that I am?"

The One who calls is the Messiah, the Son of the living God.

Will you follow Him as a priest ? Call or Email. Fr. Willie Purcell Ossory
Vocations Director: ossoryvocdir@gmail.com 056 7770261

Ossory Bus To National Eucharistic Congress Knock Saturday, 26th September 2015

Members of the faithful are invited to travel by us to attend the National Eucharistic Congress on Saturday, 26th September 2015.
Father Brian Griffin, St. John's Parish, will accompany the faithful on the bus. Bishop Seamus will attend the Congress and will meet the Ossory group in Knock. **Date:** Saturday, 26th September. **Collection points:** 7.00 a.m. Loughboy Car Park. **Cost:** €13.00 per person. **Contact:** Marian Fennelly at 086-0693510

John Paul II Awards

The *John Paul II* Awards presentations will now take place on October 3rd after the 6.30pm mass in St John's. They will be presented to last year's participants – many of whom are from St John's Parish. Congratulations to all concerned.

Pastoral Council Meeting

The June meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council takes place on Wednesday at 7.30pm. in the Presbytery. All members are requested to attend.

Society of St Vincent De Paul

Monthly collection takes place next weekend 19th & 20th. Thanks for support.

New Pilates Session

Commencing Thursday 17th in the Dunmore Hall from 7.00 -8.00 pm .
(6 weeks €50) All abilities catered for. Fully qualified Pilates Instructor.
Booking is essential. For information please call (086 8547710) Margaret.

Kilkenny Active Retirement Association

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

Self-Defence Classes

Kenpo karate and self-defence classes in Johnswell hall. All welcome.
Tuesday evening 6.30 - 8.30. Enquiries: contact Anne 087 0971803.

Our Lady's Children's Hospital

Church Gate Collection takes place next weekend 19th / 20th. Proceeds in aid of the Diabetic unit in Our Lady's children's hospital, Crumlin.

Camphill Community

The annual Open Day at the Camphill Community in Ballytobin, near Callan, takes place on Sunday 20th September from 2pm to 5pm.