

Lourdes Mass

The Annual Lourdes Mass will be celebrated in St John's Church next Friday evening at 7.30 p.m. The chief celebrant will be V. Rev. Fr M. A. O'Connor, P.P. of Kilmacow and Pilgrimage Director.

This Mass is by way of preparation for the Diocesan Pilgrimage (22-27 May) for all the pilgrims and the staff who organise and run the pilgrimage each year.

Kilkenny Lions Club

Kilkenny Lions Club are running a cookery demonstration with Neven Maguire on Thursday 19th May at Newpark Hotel. Doors open at 7pm. Booking is advisable. Contact Maevie on 0872476294 or Valerie on 086 8226619. Cost €20 and all proceeds are going to Cois Nore and Teach Tom.

South Kilkenny Historical Society

1916 Commemoration Conference and Exhibitions

Friday, May 20th - 7.30pm - Official opening, announcement of Primary Schools' Competition winner and keynote lecture by Mr Patrick Mannix.

Saturday, May 21st - 10am - 3pm - Panel discussions. Session 1 - Easter 1916 - The Case for and Against; Session 2 - 1916 to 2016 - Was it 'For this that all that blood was shed'; Session 3 - 2016 to 2116 - The ideals of 1916 - Their relevance for a new century. Panellists include: Mr David Begg, Mr Eamon O Cuiv, Mr Noel Whelan and Mr Pdraig Yeates. Venue: The Rising Sun, Mullinavat.

Camp Veritas

Camp Veritas is a one week 'play and pray' sleep away summer camp for teens 12 to 18 years old. This is its second year running in Ireland and it is being held in Maynooth University Campus from the 26th June to July 1st this year. Cost is 450 dollars with an early bird reduction for early registration. Volunteers are also needed and can be aged 18 and upwards... (free for volunteers). Lots of fun and lifelong friendships to be made and a chance to deepen your relationship with Jesus. A week not to be missed!!! For more information and registration log on to www.campveritas.ie.

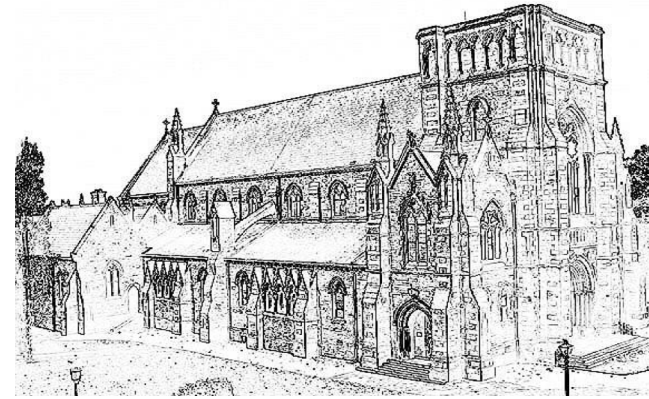
Kilkenny Arthritis and Fibromyalgia group

Arthritis Ireland Kilkenny Branch and Boots Chemist MacDonagh Junction Shopping Centre will host an information stand from 10am to 6pm next Thursday 12th May. Arthritis Ireland volunteers and pharmacists will be on hand to answer your queries on the day.

Kilkenny Flower Club

Kilkenny Flower Club members are looking forward to a demonstration by Lamber de Bie on Thursday 12th at 8 p.m. in Butler House.

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The Ascension Of The Lord

8th May 2016

Three More Days To Go

As we've just three more days left to join in with The Kilkenny Novena, we urge anyone who has not yet attended make a start tomorrow and begin a 'Triduum of Prayer' which is also an age-old Christian tradition in Spirituality.

Jockey Johnny Murtagh

Johnny Murtagh will give his personal faith testimony this Tuesday at 7.30pm, as part of The Kilkenny Novena. The former flat race champion jockey and current successful horse trainer will give a witness that's fuelled by his rich spirituality connected to his recovery from addiction. He will challenge us to appreciate the gift of every Moment of Life. *"Be grateful and appreciate life."*

First Holy Communions

Next weekend our Parish First Holy Communions will take place. We are all asked to keep the children and their families in your prayers as the children receive Jesus, the Bread of Life, in the Eucharist for the first time.

First Holy Communions will take place in St John's Church on Saturday at 10.30 a.m. and on Sunday in Johnswell Church at 10.00 a.m.

Deaths – Month's Minds – Anniversaries

Deaths: Maureen Butler, Kells Road.
Tommy Roche, 71 Newpark.
Gerard Griffin, England & late of O'Loughlin Road.

Months Mind: Andy Wall (10.30am);

Anniv: Jim Kelly (6.30pm); The Prendergast Family (8.00am);
Seán & Bernadette Dowling (12.00 noon); Joe O'Connor (7.30pm);
Gavin McBride; Andrew Doyle; John & Catherine Quigley;
Luke Murphy; Margaret & Matt Deegan; Paddy Price; Jim Lenehan;
James Lanigan; Ellen and Dan Brennan; Dom Malone;

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8.00am	Nora Webster & Margaret Leahy
10.30am	Seamus Brennan & Deirdre Dowling
12.00noon	Mary Lynch
7.30pm	Anne Marie Grace
Johnswell 10.00am	Betsy Rice & Teresa Dowling
Dunmore 11.00am	Tom Comerford & Maise Powell

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 #24

*Jesus promised his disciples that they would
be clothed in power from God.*

As a follower of Jesus, you are also given that same promise.

Pray for the grace to be a faithful witness. (Luke 24:46-53)

If you think God is calling you to priesthood, call Fr. Willie Purcell Ossory
Vocations Director. 056 7770261 or email ossoryvocdir@gmail.com.

Come and See

Ossory Vocations Information Day takes place next Saturday in The Chapter Room, St Mary's Cathedral at 10.30am with Fr Willie Purcell. (0876286858).

Music Workshop with Liam Lawton

Rathdowney Parish hold a *Faithfest* during the last two weeks of June in preparation for the Ordination to Priesthood of one of its parishioners, Eoin Casey OP.

The *Faithfest* begins on *Saturday 18th June* with a workshop for choirs from around the Diocese of Ossory and our neighbouring parishes in Kildare and Leighlin, Killaloe and Cashel dioceses. All choir members are invited by Fr Martin Delaney, P.P., to come and take part in this workshop which will be led by Liam Lawton.

The workshop begins at 3.30 in Rathdowney Parish Church and lasts for two hours. There will be a light supper at 5.30 and then preparation for Mass which begins at 7.30. Those who come for the workshop are asked to stay and sing at the evening Mass if possible.

The suggested cost for the afternoon is €10 euro per person and this includes a copy of the music to take away and supper. Booking for the Workshop is through the Rathdowney Parish Office Tel 0505 46282 or rathdowney@ossory.ie It would be appreciated if you could let Rathdowney parish know by Friday 10th June if choir members intend to take part and how many will be attending.

The Kilkenny Choir

The Kilkenny Choir will present a concert in St Canice's Cathedral, next Saturday at 8pm. The Choir will be accompanied by professional soloists and orchestra and conducted by Philip Edmondson. We will perform Haydn's Missa in Tempore Belli and Te Deum along with Mozart's Litaniae Lauretanae, Sancta Maria, Mater Dei K273 and Alma Dei Creatoris K 277. Tickets €20/€15 at the door

Johnswell Active Retirement

Meeting on Wed. 11th at 7.30pm in Johnswell Hall. New members are welcome.

Society of St Vincent De Paul

Monthly collection of St Vincent de Paul will take place next weekend 14th & 15th May. We thank you for your continued Support.

Rosary at the Grotto

Rosary recited each Sunday in of May at 3pm at the Grotto on the Callan Road.

Cois Nore Charity Shop

The Kilkenny Cancer Charity Shop, John St seek volunteers. Call 0567715001.