

Bicentenary of Dunmore & Johnswell Churches

Our two parish 'country Churches' - *The Church of the Most Holy Trinity* in Dunmore, and *The Church of St John the Baptist* in Johnswell - will soon celebrate their Bicentenaries.

We will all get to acknowledge and celebrate the tremendous faith and culture of these two communities in having these two projects undertaken and completed roughly at the same time.

Available historical records are pretty scant in relation to the accuracy of dates of the laying of foundation stones and the formal opening of the two churches.

DUNMORE CHURCH: Historian John Doyle's book *An Historical Survey of St John's, Kilkenny* (1990, p.130) cites that "This church was built ... some time between 1817 and 1820 ..."

Equally, the recent publication, *A Church Centenary*, proffers the same dates. The inscription on the plaque at the Church entrance states: "A.D. 1817 This chapel was built by public subscription; and on the 6th of October 1818 the adjoining yard was consecrated ..."

JOHNSWELL CHURCH: Rev Wm Carrigan's *History and Antiquities of the Diocese of Ossory* states that "the present chapel was built about 1817 by Fr Henneberry, Adm." (1905, Vol. III, p 278).

Miss M Hegarty's article, *Johnswell*, says that "The present church was built in the early 19th century..." (Old Kilkenny Review, 1956/'57, p 25).

John Doyle's *An Historical Survey of St John's, Kilkenny* (1990, p.157) states that "The present church in Johnswell was built by Fr Henneberry, Adm., St John's, about 1820."

Given the latitude of dates that have been sourced following exhaustive historical research by competent individuals, the Parish Pastoral Council, at its last meeting, unanimously agreed that it would be more practical for all concerned to have both churches celebrate their centenary during the same year.

And, after much discussion and reasonable debate, a token or compromise year was agreed for both churches to celebrate their centenary: **the year 2018.**

"ANGEL DAYS"

The Irish Wheelchair Association will hold its national fund raiser "ANGEL DAYS" on Thursday 10th and Friday 11th November. Thanks for your support.

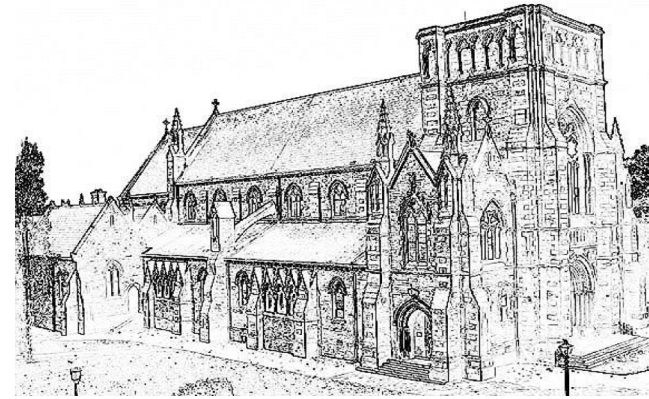
Kilkenny Flower Club

Gala Demonstration in Springhill Court Hotel, Thurs 10th at 8 p.m. Adm €15

St Kieran's College Mass for Deceased past pupils

An Annual Mass for Deceased Past Pupils of St Kieran's College and their family members will be held in St Kieran's College Chapel on Friday 25th November, 7.30pm.

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Thirty-Second in Ordinary Time 6th November 2016

Fourth County Championship for O'Loughlin Gaels

O'Loughlin Gaels proudly and deservedly took the Walsh Cup for the fourth time, taking it on the shortest victory procession possible – across the road to their clubrooms – following their terrific victory over Ballyhale Shamrocks in the County Final last Sunday in Nowlan Park.

There were great celebrations of victory and joy in our parish on the Bank Holiday weekend. Congratulations to the whole panel, the management and backroom staff. The Leinster Club Champions now beckons on November 20th when the opposition will be provided by either Oulart-the Ballagh (Wexford), or St Rynagh's (Offaly), who play this Sunday in Wexford Park.

Retired Nurses Association of Ireland

Mass for Retired and Deceased Nurses will be celebrated in St Fiacre's Church, Loughboy, on Thursday 17th at 10.30 a.m.

After Mass a Tea & Coffee Morning collection in aid of Carlow/Kilkenny Homecare Team will take place in the Parish Centre.

Deaths – Month’s Minds – Anniversaries

Deaths: Teresa Walsh, Newpark.
Gerry Landers, Castleknock, late of Greenfields.
Mick Butler, Freshford.
Ann Hallissey, Connolly Street.
Tony Murphy, Poulgour.

Months Mind: Mary Marnell (6.30).
Mary Clancy (10.30)
John Byrne (12 noon)

Anniv: Mary Dunphy (8.00); Michael & Ellen O’Gorman;
Patrick & Ann Nolan; Joe Phelan; Greg Moynihan;
Seamus Loughman; Elizabeth & Josie Melia; Dermot Butler;
Senan Brennan; Stephen & Josephine Deegan; Alec Bowen;
Bridget Phelan; Tom & Mary Dowling; Arthur & Gretta Somers;
Michael, Mary & Michael-John Dunphy; P.J. Marrinan;
Margaret & Owen Roe O’Neill.

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8.00am	Ann Marie Hogan
10.30am	Jimmy Connolly
12.00noon	Marie Claire Mealy
7.30pm	Ann Fitzpatrick
Johnswell 10.00am	Robert Butler
Dunmore 11.00am	Pierce Lennon & Nora Guilfoyle

Weekly Envelope Collection

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

St Joseph’s Young Priests’ Society

Their meeting will take place on Monday in the Presbytery at 11.00 a.m.

All Souls and the Bereavement Mass

The St John’s Parish Annual Bereavement Mass will be celebrated in St John’s on Thursday November 24th, at 7.30pm.

November Offerings

We invite you to return the **list of your deceased** with your November Offerings. Please do not leave your offerings in the basket in front of the altar – only leave the lists of your loved ones there. Blank forms are available in the church porch.

Kilkenny Active Retirement Association

November meeting will be held in The Club House Hotel on Monday at 2.30 p.m.

Sharing Fair

Sharing Fair Crafts Sale and Coffee Morning to support the work of Kilkenny Nun, Sr Mary Hayden, in Thailand will take place in Langtons on November 12th from 10.00 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.

Monthly Rosary

The monthly Rosary in James’ Green will be recited this Sunday at 3.00 p.m.

Ossory Vocations Promotion #50

You are alive for God.

Trust that God will welcome you into the kingdom.

If you think God is calling you to priesthood, call Fr. Kieran O’Shea Ossory Vocations Director. 056 7770261 or email ossoryvocdir@gmail.com.

Free Concert in the Black Abbey

On Staurday 12th a free concert will take place in the Black Abbey at 8pm. Proceeds of a voluntary collection will be presented to Our Lady’s Hospital for Sick Children Crumlin. All Welcome

Kilkenny Bereavement Support

Loughboy Library: A talk on Tuesday 15th at 11.00am., entitled “How to support children dealing with loss.” The speaker: Patricia Wilson, MIACP.

Coeliac Support Group

... will hold its monthly meeting in St Patrick’s Parish Centre, 8.00pm. on Mon.

The National Council for the Blind

... will hold a table quiz in Springhill Court Hotel, Monday 7th Nov at 7.30pm.