

## LISTENING SESSIONS

To enable him to listen to what people are feeling about the Church in the aftermath of the Ryan and Murphy Reports, Bishop Freeman is initiating a series of "Listening Sessions" throughout the Diocese. He writes *"I am now asking the three Deanery Pastoral Councils to organise listening sessions that will give an opportunity to all the people of the Diocese to express their feelings and have them heard. This will be the beginning of a process of reflective speaking, listening and discernment that will, I hope, be very fruitful as we move forward."*

In response to Bishop Freeman's request, the three Deanery Pastoral Councils have arranged for such listening sessions and the schedule is as follows:

**Gowran Parish Hall** on the 4<sup>th</sup> May at 8pm;

**The Concert Hall, Marshes Street** on the 6<sup>th</sup> May at 8pm;

**Castletown ICA Hall** on the 10<sup>th</sup> May at 8.00pm;

**Ferrybank Parish Hall** on 11<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm;

**Newpark Hotel** on 13<sup>th</sup> May at 8.00pm.

**Community Centre** on 14<sup>th</sup> May at 8.00pm;

**St Patrick's Parish Centre** on 17<sup>th</sup> May at 8.00pm;

**Callan Parish Hall** on 18<sup>th</sup> May at 8.00pm.

**Canon Malone Hall Ballyragget** on May 20<sup>th</sup> at 8.00pm;

**Castlecomer Community Hall** on the 21<sup>st</sup> at 8.00pm.

A facilitator will be present and a full report of each meeting will be recorded.

**Parishioners are invited to attend the venue for their parish but are welcome to attend one of the other gatherings if the date or venue is more convenient.**

These meetings will enable people to reflect upon the situation in the Church at this time, to speak with one another about the past and to reflect upon the present. Bishop Freeman will attend all of these meetings. It will be an opportunity for our bishop to hear the views and opinions from all parishes around the diocese.

## Pilgrimage to Rome

Why not join the Parish of Mooncoin on a pilgrimage to Rome this summer?  
COST €1195 (including all taxes).

## May Week of Masses for Blessed Edmund Rice

Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> Liturgy prepared by Windgap Parish. Theme: Vocations.

Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup>: Liturgy prepared by Dunamaggin Parish. Theme: Family.

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> Liturgy prepared by Ballycallan Parish. Theme: Reconciliation.

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>: Liturgy prepared by Danesfort Parish Community. Theme: Hope.

Friday 7<sup>th</sup>: Liturgy prepared by Callan Parish Community. Theme Suffering.

Anointing of the sick will take place during this Mass.

## ST JOHN'S PARISH – KILKENNY



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## Fifth Sunday of Easter 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2010

### First Communion

A meeting will be held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May in the Day Care Centre at 8.00p.m., for all parents of First Communion children who will receive their First Communion in St. John's on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May at 10.30a.m.

### St. John's Senior School

Parents who wish to enrol their children in St. John's Senior School, Ballybough Street, for the school year 2010-2011 should do so as soon as possible. Enrolment forms are available at the school.

### Monday – Bank Holiday

As usual, there will be no 8.00 a.m. Mass on Bank Holiday Monday.

### First Friday

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May is the First Friday of May. The sick and the housebound will be visited at the usual times.

### Eucharistic Ministers Meeting

A meeting of Eucharistic Ministers will be held in the church on Thursday May 6<sup>th</sup> at 7.30p.m. All Ministers are invited to attend.

## Deaths – Month’s Minds – Anniversaries

**Deaths:** Nat Bourke, Turbo, Co. Galway & late of Dublin Road  
Maragret Morrin, 16 Whitton Rd, Terenure, Dublin  
Eamonn Crosse, “Rose Villa” Dominic Street  
Joe Ayres, 60, Deans Court  
Sheilagh Delaney, 2 Larchfield

**Anniversaries:** Anne Brennan (6.30p.m.); Molly Dowling (10.30a.m.); Bridget McEvoy (11.00a.m. Dunmore); Ellen Cissie Fahey (12 Noon); Jack & Mary Mulcahy (7.30p.m.); Paddy Bergin; Catherine & Jim Byrne; Bernadette & Dinny Delaney; Catherine Grace; Michael & John Joseph Kealy; Patrick & Edward Kelly; Lil Lynch; Jack Mahoney; Michael Phillips; Richard Pielow; Christopher Pratt; Bea Orr.

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10.30 a.m.	Peggy Wall/Declan Wall
12.00 noon	Tony Dalton
7.30 p.m.	Marie Fogarty
Johnswell 10.00 a.m.	First Communion Sunday
Dunmore 11.00 a.m.	Christy Murray/Caitriona McDermott

## O’Loughlin Gaels Club Lotto

Numbers: 8; 13; 16; 21. Bonus No.27. No Jackpot Winner. 10 x Piltown Draw Tickets or €40.00. Next Weeks Prize Fund: €9,600.00.

## Kilkenny Alzheimer’s Centre

A Tea Morning will be held for the Kilkenny Alzheimer’s Centre on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May from 10.00a.m. – 12 Noon. The Tea Morning will be held in **St. John’s Day Centre**. Please Support. All monies raised are used in Kilkenny.

## Monthly Rosary

The monthly rosary on the first Sunday in James Green at the Statue of Our Lady of Kilkenny continues this Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> May at 3.00p.m. The Rosary will be recited at the grotto on the Callan Road at 3.00pm each Sunday during the month of May, the month of Our Lady

## Blood Donation Clinic

The Blood Transfusion Service will be holding a clinic at the Rivercourt Hotel on: Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> May, 11.45a.m. – 3.15p.m.; Monday 10<sup>th</sup>; Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>; Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May, 4.30p.m. – 8.00p.m..

## Catholic Schools: Envisioning a Future

At present the Church’s involvement in education is much debated. Should we be there at all? Have we anything to offer? What is distinctive about a Catholic School? And why would a parent choose to send their child to such a school? These, and questions like them, are not only timely but also important and they deserve our attention.

Therefore on the evening of Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May (7.30pm - 9.30pm) and the morning of Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> May (10am - 12.30pm), at St Patrick’s Parish Centre, Loughboy, Kilkenny, we will have the opportunity to explore and reflect on our involvement in education today. Can we offer positive reasons for our involvement in Education  
**Friday 7th May** - The Catholic School: Reflecting an Experience (7.30pm - 9.30pm) Speaker: His Eminence Sean Cardinal Brady, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of all-Ireland.

Reflections on the experience of Catholic Schools from: Mr John Curtis, Principal St Kieran’s College, Kilkenny. A Parent. Michelle Cullinane (A Student from Loreto Secondary School, Kilkenny).

**Saturday 8th May** - The Catholic School: Envisioning a Future (10am – 12.30pm). Speakers: Fr Michael Drumm, Chairperson of Catholic Schools Partnership. Ms. Cora O’Farrell, Dept. of Religious Studies & Religious Education, St Patrick’s College, Drumcondra. Ms. Maria Spring, Chairperson of the Catholic Primary School Managers Association (CPSMA).

Why not join us and take part in the discussion.

## Africa Day

You are invited to an upcoming Conference to be held at **NUI Maynooth, Kilkenny Campus, College Road, Wed 26<sup>th</sup> May from 7-9pm.**

**Africa Day** will take place during the last week in May. All the events are free! The theme of the event for 2010 is Education in Africa. The event hopes to promote the positive opportunities available in African education, the possibility of research and development studies based in Africa and volunteering and cross – cultural exchanges between Africa and Ireland.

Our keynote speakers include Eimear Burke who is a Counselling Psychologist and Lecturer of Human Development Studies in Ireland and Tanzania and Stephanie McDermott lecturer St Patricks Carlow college Maynooth. Light refreshments and Authentic African finger food will be served. If **please email or ring Jane at [jfurey@ossoryyouth.com](mailto:jfurey@ossoryyouth.com) or 056 7761200.**