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### **Update from the IEC2012 Team**

With less than 8 weeks before the 50th International Eucharistic Congress the teams of staff and volunteers are busy with our final preparations for the Theology Symposium and the 50th International Eucharistic Congress. We have over 32,000 pilgrims registered and the count is increasing daily. Please look at the website regularly as it is being updated every day with information about the Congress programme and our speakers. We are also updating details in our events section of activities that are scheduled all around Ireland in preparation for the Congress. The IEC2012 team is excited about welcoming everyone to all the venues hosting the Congress programme, we hope you are looking forward to joining us in June.

*Once every 4 years, somewhere in the world, for 8 days; 25,000 participants every day; 12,000 international pilgrims from 5 continents; 80,000 participants in the Closing Ceremony; 2 main venues - RDS & Croke Park; 2,000 volunteers; Over 100 exhibition stands; Over 150 workshops and discussion groups; 18 keynote addresses by International speakers; Masses, prayers & liturgical celebrations in 7 languages; Eucharistic Procession, Adoration and Benediction; Film, music, concerts, theatre, 100s of choirs; Dedicated space & events for over 2,500 young people; Simultaneous translation in Spanish, English and French; 7 websites, 5 social media channels, 100s of media; 1,000s of preparatory gatherings around the globe; 1 Congress Bell, 4 icons calling to over 2,000 parishes; 1 immense opportunity of renewal for all Catholics; The world watching and joining us in prayer; 1 Lord, 1 Faith, 1 Baptism.*

Yours sincerely, Anne Griffin, General Manager.

### **GROW**

GROW Mental Health meetings: Tues 10-12 noon and Wed 8-10 p.m. every week at Ormonde Home, Barrack Street, Kilkenny.  
Contact 056-7761624 if you are interested in attending a meeting, or just come along. GROW is a Mental Health Organisation which helps people who have suffered, or are suffering, from mental health problems e.g worry, anxiety or depression. Helping people to help themselves.

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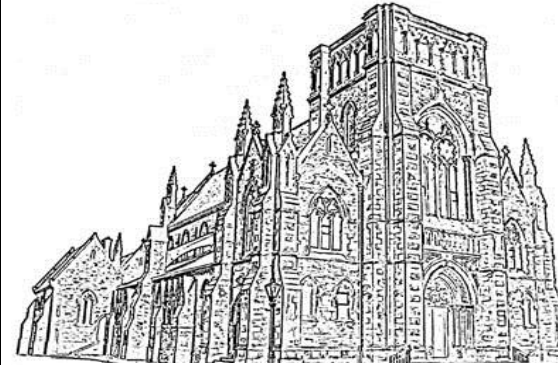
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**Second Sunday of Easter  
15<sup>th</sup> April 2012**

## **The Feast Of Mercy**

During the course of Jesus' revelations to Saint Faustina on the Divine Mercy He asked on numerous occasions that a feast day be dedicated to the Divine Mercy and that this feast be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter.

The liturgical texts of that day, the 2nd Sunday of Easter, concern the institution of the Sacrament of Penance, the Tribunal of the Divine Mercy, and are thus already suited to the request of Our Lord. This Feast, which had already been granted to the nation of Poland and been celebrated within Vatican City, was granted to the Universal Church by Pope John Paul II on the occasion of the canonization of Sr. Faustina on 30 April 2000.

In a decree dated 23 May 2000, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments stated that: "throughout the world the Second Sunday of Easter will receive the name Divine Mercy Sunday, a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that mankind will experience in the years to come." These papal acts represent the highest endorsement that the Church can give to a private revelation, an act of papal infallibility proclaiming the certain sanctity of the mystic, and the granting of a universal feast, as requested by Our Lord to St Faustina.

## Deaths – Month’s Minds – Anniversaries

**Deaths:** Michael Cash, Freshford.  
Margo Bell, 40 Beechlawns. Funeral Mass on Mon at 10.30am in St John’s. Interment in St Kieran’s cemetery.

**Month’s Mind:** Kevin Flannery (Sun. 10.30am)

**Anniversaries:** Michael Kelly (Sat 6.30pm); John, Agnes & Michael Stapleton (Sun 11.00am); Joseph & Ann Duffe (Sun 12 noon); Neddy Doyle (Sun 7.30pm); Kathleen O’Gorman; Mary Wiles; Patsy, Michael, Julia & Christy McElligott; Peggy Beckett; Martin O’Driscoll; Nano Brennan; Geraldine Carroll; Annie Connick; Elizabeth McGrath; Arthur Connick; Mary-Kate Coyne; Johnny Delaney; Miley Delaney; Catherine-Anne & Noel O’Dwyer; Michael O’Reilly; Thomas Roche; Patricia & Richard Ryan; Mary Quirke; Fr Joe Cuddy.

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8.00am	Nora Webster
10.30am	Mary Hanafin & Seamus Mahony
12.00 noon	Anne Marie Walsh
7.30pm	Eileen Kinane
Johnswell	Kevin & Laura Murphy
Dunmore 11.00am	Bernard O’Gorman & Claire Hanrick

## Ossory Vocations Promotion # 21

*“Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, so I send you.”*

Will you respond to God's call to be sent as priest?  
Call Fr Willie Purcell. Ossory Vocations Office, St Kieran’s College Kilkenny.  
056 7770261/0876286858. [www.ossoryvocation.blogspot.com](http://www.ossoryvocation.blogspot.com)

## Annual Cake & Bread Sale

St John’s Childrens Liturgy Group are holding their annual Cake Sale to support a sick child in the parish. It takes place this weekend before and after all Masses this Saturday and Sunday in the Day Care Centre. Please come and support the children and enjoy our goodies. For further details contact 087 9101769.

## Life in the Spirit

Life in the Spirit Seminar in the Black Abbey, starting on 24th April - 5th June each Tuesday at 7.30pm. The event will renowned, christian speaker Mr Joe Dalton. Other Speakers include: Fr John Harris op, Mrs Margret Keane, and Bishop Séamus Freeman. We will have Baptism in the Spirit on Pentecost Sunday at 3pm. lead Fr Mark Condon of St Marys Parish.

## Men’s Club for St. John’s Parish

A meeting will be held in the Newpark Close Resource Centre on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> at 8.00 pm with a view to setting up a Men’s Club for the St John’s parish area in general. All interested are welcome to attend. Contact No. 087 29254646.

## Men’s Action Network

M.A.N. will hold a Day Trip to Kilmainham Jail, Dublin Castle and Chester Beatty Library on Tuesday, June 5<sup>th</sup>. Booking: 086 129 0284 or 056 778 9749.

## Divine Mercy

Today, Sunday, sees the celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday in the Friary Church beginning at 2.00 p.m., and ending with Mass at 4.00 p.m.  
Chief concelebrant at the Mass is Bishop Séamus Freeman. All are welcome.

## Collection for Society of St Vincent De Paul

The April collection for the Society of St Vincent De Paul will take place next weekend, 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. Thank you for your continued support of the society.

## Horticultural Society

Meeting – Thursday at 8.00 pm. at the Club House Hotel. Demonstration of Floral Art by Olive O’Shea qualified demonstrator Kilkenny Flower Club.  
Title "As The Garden Beckons". All arrangements will be raffled. Admission €5.

## I C A

Kilkenny City I C A present an afternoon of Fashion in the Rivercourt Hotel this Sunday afternoon at 2.00 pm. Proceeds to Carlow/Kilkenny Homecare & Cois Noir service. Compere & Stylist – Karen Morrissey; featuring Belle Femme, Pamela Scott, Carrig Donn, hair by Peter Mark, Speakers, Caroline Seale Nutritionist, Noel Sugrue Osteopathy, entertainment, prizes, Ticket at door, €10.