

### No Fr Tomasz this Summer

We regret to inform you that Fr Tomasz, who has been with us for the past four years during August and part of September, is unable to assist as 'holiday supply' this Summer. Instead, he is caring for his ill mother at home in Krakow since last Lent, while still continuing to write his PhD. He requests that you keep his mother in your prayers and says he'll miss the highlight of his year – the St John's experience – very much indeed. However, the Kiltegan Missionary Society has graciously given us a priest, Fr Billy Fulton, from August 4<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> which encompasses three weekends and four weeks. We look forward to meeting Fr Billy, who, incidentally had a Seminarian brother in St Kieran's that some of you might remember (a great soccer player with EMFA), Ray Fulton, ordained for the Diocese of Down and Connor in 1976.

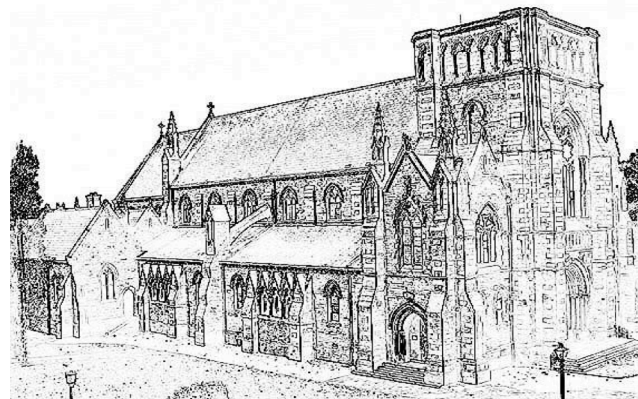
### Volunteer in Africa

Humanitarian Volunteers needed to travel to East Africa in Sept. for two weeks. Volunteers will pay their own costs. Contact Denis – 0868520271.

### The Mustard Seed Revolution

The mustard seed parable is often explained away by stating how God takes a tiny seed and makes a big tree out of it. There is, as usual, a lot more going on here. Matthew strategically places a mustard seed parable in the middle of a story about gardening. Jesus surprises his listeners by telling them not to cut the weeds out of the wheat. The mustard seed's growth could also be compared to wild weeds that grow through cracks in footpaths or a vine that vigorously takes over an area. There is an ancient text which forbade planting mustard seeds in Palestinian gardens because the shrub takes over, like how yeast works its way through dough! It is wild, out of control, and attracts unwanted birds. Author and activist, Shane Claiborne, compares it to Kudzu, a wild vine that could blanket entire mountain areas, smother trees, even crack cement buildings. People of Jesus' time may have preferred the image of the 'lofty cedars of Lebanon' to explain God's Kingdom, where the nations could build nests like the eagles do. Now that image may have gotten a few cheers from the crowd! Mustard plants however, only stand a few feet tall. Jesus is turning the ideas of power and triumph on their head again. The image we have here is of the unwanted, detestable birds who find a home in this little shrub which cannot be curtailed. It will grow even where it is not wanted.

## ST JOHN'S PARISH <> KILKENNY



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**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**20<sup>th</sup> July 2014**

## **WORLD WAR ONE** **MEMORIAL MASS & TALK** ***"Kilkenny's Involvement"***

To remember the thousands of people from Kilkenny City and County who left home and family to participate in the 'Great War', and to pray for the hundreds who never returned, a special Centenary Memorial Mass will be celebrated in St John's Church on Wednesday week (July 30<sup>th</sup>) at 7.30 p.m. The keynote speaker on ***"Kilkenny's Involvement"*** will Mr Paddy Neary, Wolfe Tone Street. The wreath laying ceremony in honour of those who perished will be jointly conducted by Bishop Séamus Freeman SAC, Bishop of Ossory, and Mr Andrew McGuinness, Mayor of Kilkenny. Thukolo Gospel Choir will provide music and song for the liturgy. We invite people from all across the City and County: lay, religious and clergy, to join in this ***Centenary Memorial Mass and Talk*** on Wednesday week, July 30<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 p.m. when we join in prayer for all the Kilkenny people involved, especially those who died in W.W.1.

## Deaths – Month's Minds – Anniversaries

**Deaths:** Sr Brid Griffin, St John of God Convent.  
Michelle Heffernan, Ardnore.  
Mary Mulloney, The Sycamores.

**Anniv:** Frank Power (6.30pm); Noeline Foley (10.00am);  
Claire Drennan (10.30am); Dick Hennessy (11.00am);  
Liam & Patsy Davitt (12.00 noon); Gina Fleming (7.30pm);  
Catherine Moriarty; Stephen Cassin; John Joe Dowling; Danny Galvin;  
Eamonn Reidy; John Feehan; Richard Cassin; Christy & Kate Burke;  
Mary Fitzpatrick; Joe Byrne;

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8.00am	Seán O'Grady
10.30am	Jimmy Connolly
12.00noon	Peter Dwyer
7.30pm	Ann Fitzpatrick
Johnswell 10.00am	Fergal Brennan & Laura Butler
Dunmore 11.00am	Pierce Lennon & Liam Maddock

## O'Loughlin Gaels Lotto

Numbers.1, 11, 19, 28 . Bonus 12. No Jackpot winner 10 x €40 winners.

## Ossory Vocations Promotion #34

*Good and evil exist together in the world. Pray that good may grow and take root in you like a mustard seed that, when full-grown, is the largest of plants. What are you doing to nurture good in our world?  
(Matthew 13: 24-43).*

If you think God is calling you to be a priest, visit our website at [www.ossory.ie/vocations](http://www.ossory.ie/vocations) or contact Fr. Willie Purcell at [ossoryvocdir@gmail.com](mailto:ossoryvocdir@gmail.com). Facebook: [ossoryvocdir](https://www.facebook.com/ossoryvocdir) Tel: 056 7770261.

## Samaritans

A Samaritan volunteer will be coming to speak at all masses next weekend the 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> July to acknowledge World Mental Health Week.

## Medjugorje Pilgrimage

Medjugorje Pilgrimage €450: 11<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> October and 18<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> October. 7 nights B&B + Flight + Airport transport Tel 00353 1 4434510 / 048 82 241 888 [www.med-irishcentre.com](http://www.med-irishcentre.com), [noelle@med-irishcentre.com](mailto:noelle@med-irishcentre.com).

## Alzheimer Day Centre

The Village Day Centre, Kilkenny City, for People with Alzheimer's Disease/Dementia. Open Mon-Fri 9.30am-4pm. Lots of activities to suit all services users; bingo, music, cards, art. garden walks, quizzes, reminiscence, day trips, and rings... For more information contact your local GP/PHN or phone Ruth on 0567771230.

## Feast Day of St. Joachim & St. Anne

Joachim & Anne are traditionally named Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Grandparents of our Lord. The 10.00am Mass in St. Mary's Cathedral, on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July, will be offered up to all Parents and Grandparents. All welcome.

## Certificate in Theological Studies *faith – seeking – understanding*

Saint Kieran's College offers its new course in Theological Studies beginning in September and finishing in May (Level 7 – 20 credit ECTS). For application form and further information please contact Declan Murphy M.A., St Kieran's College.

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