

October Stations

October Station & November Offering envelopes are now distributed. This collection goes towards the salary for the Priests of the parish and the Bishop. Your contributions and support are greatly appreciated.

Parish Finance Meeting

The Quarterly Meeting of the finance Cmte takes place on Wed. 7.30 pm.

Irish Catholic Catechism for Adults Meeting

A Veritas representative will attend a short meeting this Monday at 7.30pm at St Patrick's Parish Centre to meet with those interested in the diocese to outline the possibilities of how we might use in our parishes the new *Irish Catholic Catechism for Adults* and a Workbook that accompanies it. All welcome.

Next Sunday is Mission Sunday

The Annual Mission Sunday Collection is taken up at all Masses next weekend, 18th & 19th October. The theme for this year's Mission Month of October is *"That they may have life"*.

Pope Francis urges us to immerse ourselves in the joy of the Gospel.

Sharing this message of Faith and Hope to our modern world is our Christian duty, as is assisting financially the growth of our young churches in the South. **Please help us at World Missions Ireland to share that gift of faith through your prayers and financial support of our missions.**

Dunmore Community Hall Committee

... is pleased to announce that the Community Hall and facilities are available for use by groups. Anyone wishing to organise an event or a series of events should contact one of the following to discuss details. Helen O' Neill (0871306976), Martin Gibbons (0868360782) or Rodger Curran (0862428715).

Kilkenny Cancer Support Charity Shop

We urgently require volunteers for our shop due to expansion. We need men and women who have four hours a week to spare. You will be fully trained in retail and customer service. Please call Margaret on 085171100 or 0567715001.

Barnstorn

Barnstorm's play *Monday's Child* is on next Saturday at 2.30pm & 4.00pm at The Barn Theatre. For children 4+ and families. Tickets €6; Family of 4: €20..

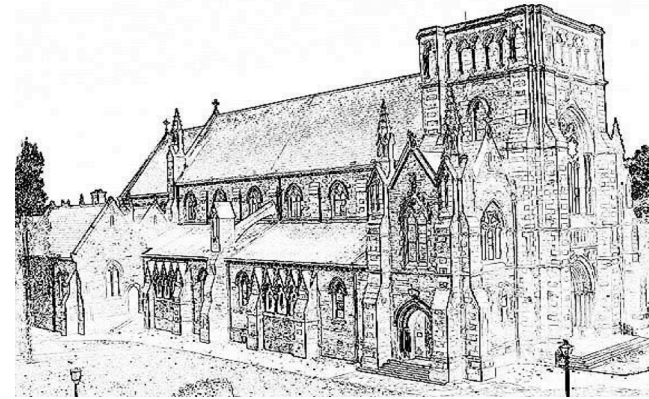
Kilkenny Horticultural Society

Lecture by Shirley Lanigan takes place on in The Club House Hotel, Wed. at 8pm

Medjugorje Evening of Prayer

Rosary, Mass Adoration, Prayer for Healing takes place next Monday 13th October at 8 pm in the Mill Hill, Waterford Road. All are welcome.

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Twenty Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time
12th October 2014

Synod of Bishops in Rome

Summary of presentation by Archbishop Diarmuid Martin

Archbishop Diarmuid Martin stressed the importance of consulting married couples. He said parents, especially those in the poorer areas, have experienced all the economic and social difficulties which have affected Ireland during a dramatic economic crisis, yet they continue to live the daily realities of family relationships and commitment to the education of their children.

He said many men and women, without making explicit reference to the teaching of the Church, actually live out the value of marital fidelity day-by-day, at times heroically.

"They would hardly recognise their own experience in the way we present the ideals of married life. Indeed many in genuine humility would probably feel that they are living a life which is distant from the ideal of marriage as presented by Church teaching."

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Deaths – Month’s Minds – Anniversaries

Deaths: Joan Brennan, Mountnugent, Johnswell.
Matty Hayes, Bennettsbridge.

Anniv: Kathleen Murphy (6.30pm); Mollie Bergin (10.30am);
Marion Campion (7.30pm); Elizabeth Rooney; John Dowling;
The Dullard Family; John Kelly; Teresa Kennedy; Michael Corr;
Eileen Barry; Billy Maher; John & Gertie Murphy;

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8.00am	Seán O’Grady
10.30am	Jimmy Connolly
12.00noon	Peter Dwyer
7.30pm	Ann Fitzpatrick
Johnswell 10.00am	Fiona Whitely
Dunmore 11.00am	Eddie Holohan & Liz Holohan

O’Loughlin Gaels Lotto

Numbers.4, 11, 20, 21. Bonus 12. No Jackpot winner 10 x €40 winners.

Ossory Vocations Promotion #46

You are invited to a rich feast. Don’t ignore the invitation. Perhaps you are called to service through ordained ministry or the consecrated life. Trust that you will receive the grace you need.

If you think God is calling you to be a priest, visit our website at www.ossory.ie/vocations or contact Fr. Willie Purcell at ossoryvocdir@gmail.com. Tel: 056 7770261.

Divine Mercy

Divine Mercy prayer and adoration in the Friary Church today 3pm – 4pm.

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The Archbishop added that we need to find a new language for this dialogue between the teaching of the Church and the lived experience of Christian spouses. He said this new language begins with “a theological language of listening”. “To many the language of the Church appears to be a disincarnated language of telling people what to do, a “one way dialogue. I am in no way saying that the Church is not called to teach. I am not saying that experience on its own determines teaching or the authentic interpretation of teaching. What I am saying is that the lived experience and struggle of spouses can help find more effective ways of expression of the fundamental elements of Church teaching.

Jesus himself accompanied his preaching the Good News with a process of healing the wounded and welcoming those on the margins. His teaching was never disincarnated and unmoved by the concrete human situation in which people could come to be embraced by the Good News. Jesus’ care for the sick and the troubled and those weighed down by burdens is the key which helps to understand how he truly is the Son of God.”

Archbishop Martin said the Church must also listen to where God is speaking to the Church through the witness of those Christian married couples who struggle and fail and begin again in the concrete situations of the harshness of life today and fail again. “The experience of failure and struggle cannot surely be irrelevant in arriving at the way we proclaim the Church’s teaching on marriage and the family.” he added.

He said the Sacrament of Marriage is a gift given for the building up of the Church in holiness. Marriage thus holds a special ecclesial status.

Lumen Gentium notes that “Christian married couples help one another to attain holiness in their married life”. As an ecclesial reality the witness and holiness of married couples contributes also to the building up and the understanding of the Church. Thus, consulting married couples is not simply an option which we take up on special occasions.

The authentic living out of the married vocation, sanctified by a sacrament, can become in a unique way a true theological source. ‘*Familiaris Consortio*’ spoke of the law of graduality rather than a graduality of the law. There is still difficulty in accepting the significance of human endeavour which fails to reach the high ideals, but is part of the struggle for perfection. None of us would be capable of living the teaching of our calling in the Church without the help of the mercy of God.” ENDS