

Confirmations 2015

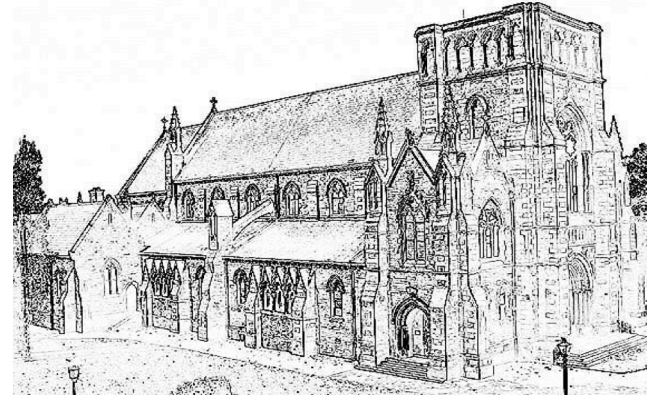
Congratulations and best wishes to the Fifty One girls and boys who received the Sacrament of Confirmation in our parish yesterday. Thanks Bishop Freeman and all who helped in any way during the preparations and at the ceremony itself.

Leah Anderson	Ayianna Piggott
Oliver Baros	Chantelle Quigley
Ela Cwynar	Nicolas Ruth
Jamie Doran	Laura Ryan
Louise Dullard	Tamás Sebok
Fufu Emeordi	Ellie Shiel-Walsh
Leah Farrell	Marata Sida
Katie Flynn	Leah Smith
Lucy Frayne	Leah Meagan Smith
Tomas Gruca	Ismena Surma
David Hoyne-Casey	Amara Uzowuru
Milca Ikuma	Jordan Wall
Maggie Jackman	Charlotte Murphy-Wallace
Ola Karabin	Eric Walsh
Candice Keating	Ryan Walsh
Joshua Kennedy	John McNamara (<i>M Sch</i>)
Wiktoria Korytowska	Lucy Oakes (<i>M Sch</i>)
Michal Krupski	Sebastian Ruanu (<i>M Sch</i>)
Nadia Lynch	Aaron Condron (<i>Jw Sch</i>)
Mark McBride	Lieke Hoban (<i>Jw Sch</i>)
Alex Molloy	Evan Kelly (<i>Jw Sch</i>)
Nicholas Mullins	Katie Malone (<i>Jw Sch</i>)
David Muszynski	Sarah Manning (<i>Jw Sch</i>)
Courtney O'Dwyer	Winita McDonagh (<i>Jw Sch</i>)
Nicole O'Leary	Brid O'Keeffe (<i>Jw Sch</i>)
Megan O'Sullivan	(32 girls, 19 boys)

St Mary's Restoration Fund Draw

New members encouraged to join St Mary's Cathedral Fund Draw. Please consider playing your part in the restoration of our Cathedral. Parish promoters: *Ann Brennan, Áine Butler; Teresa Trehy; Paul McKiernan; Peggy Wall; Veronica McGuane; Jane Dineen; Mgt. Hanlon; Marian Eardly; Ann Marie Hogan; Kay Foley; Eddie Langton; Linda Nolan; Brian Roche; Tracey Maher & John Lennon.*

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Fourth Sunday of Easter
26th April 2015

MESSAGE OF POPE FRANCIS FOR THE 52nd WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Fourth Sunday of Easter offers us the figure of the Good Shepherd who knows his sheep: he calls them, he feeds them and he guides them. For over fifty years the universal Church has celebrated this Sunday as the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. In this way she reminds us of our need to pray, as Jesus himself told his disciples, so that "the Lord of the harvest may send out labourers into his harvest" (Lk 10:2). Jesus' command came in the context of his sending out missionaries. He called not only the twelve Apostles, but another seventy-two disciples whom he then sent out, two by two, for the mission (cf. Lk 10:1-6). Since the Church "is by her very nature missionary" (Ad Gentes, 2), the Christian vocation is necessarily born of the experience of mission. Hearing and following the voice of Christ the Good Shepherd, means letting ourselves be attracted and guided by him, in consecration to him; it means allowing the Holy Spirit to draw us into this missionary dynamism, awakening within us the desire, the joy and the courage to offer our own lives in the service of the Kingdom of God.

Deaths – Month’s Minds – Anniversaries

Deaths: Luke Bateman, Oxford and late of Patrick Street.
Stella Hynes, Kilkenny.
May Mulhall, Knocknew, Ballyfoyle. *Requiem Mass Monday at 11.00 a.m. in Ballyfoyle.*
Kitty Murray, Fr. Murphy Square. *Funeral prayers Sunday 5.30 pm, followed by removal to St. John's Church. Requiem Mass on Monday at 10.30 a.m.*
Bill Denieffe, formerly Cellarstown. Arrangements later.

Month’s Mind: Andy O’Driscoll (6.30pm).

Anniv: William & Elizabeth Trait (10.00am);
Martin Ryan (10.30am); Peggy Tynan (11.00am);
Liam Maher (12.00 noon); Kathleen & Richard Shortt (7.30pm);
Agnes McCormack; Maura Plouffe; Molly Dowling; Paddy Friel;
Mary Crotty; Molly & Ann Martin; Joseph & Austin Kelly;
Martin & Patrick Browne; Mary & Jack Brennan; James Morris;
John Murphy; Jim Frawley; Fr Joseph Cuddihy; Des Hehir;
Eily O’Connor.

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8.00am	Seán O’Grady
10.30am	Seamus Brennan & Deirdre Dowling
12.00noon	Mary Lynch
7.30pm	Ann Fitzpatrick
Johnswell 10.00am	Betsy Rice & Teresa Dowling
Dunmore 11.00am	Pierce Lennon & Liam Maddock

Weekly Envelope Collection

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

Blood Donor Clinic

...takes place Sunday 26th from 12 noon to 3.30pm and again from Monday 27th to Thursday 30th April from 4.30pm to 8.00pm in The Rivercourt Hotel.

Ossory Vocations Promotion #22

On this Good Shepherd Sunday we celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pray for holy vocations to the priesthood. Call Fr. Willie Purcell, Vocations Director: ossoryvocdir@gmail.com 056 7770261.

Prayer for Vocations

Lord Jesus, You said to your disciples:

“The harvest indeed is great but the labourers are few”.

We ask that we may know and follow the vocation to which you have called us.

We pray for those called to serve: Those whom you have called, those you are calling now, and those you will call in the future.

May they be open and responsive to the call of serving your people. Amen.

Finance Committee Meeting

A meeting of the Finance Committee will take place next Thursday 7.30pm in the Presbytery. All members are requested to attend.

The Ossory Guide

A very useful booklet, “The Ossory Guide” is now available for purchase at €5 each. This “guide” or “directory” is a handy and up-to-date compendium of Parish and Diocesan information – such as administration, committees, reports, services, diary, schedules, churches, parish & priests’ information, phone numbers, etc.....

First Friday

Friday next is the First Friday of May. The sick and housebound will be visited at the normal times. Please inform the parish office or one of the priests if you have a relative or neighbour who would like this service.

St John’s Homes for the Elderly Committee

A meeting will take place on Wednesday at 7.00 pm in the presbytery.

Pilgrimage to Knock

Pilgrimage Knock on Saturday 2nd May. Contact Ann on 056 7722204.

Art classes

Art classes commencing the end of June in Blackwatch Studio Kilmogar, Johnswell Co. Kilkenny, for further information or to enrol please email blackwatchstudiokk@gmail.com , or telephone Alice on 086 396 9290.

Carlow Choral Society

Carlow Choral Society launch 50 years Exhibition Carlow College Tullow Street 1st to 4th May 10am to 6pm daily. Carmina Burana at Visual Sat May 9th.