

Vocations Awareness Afternoon

An afternoon of conversation and reflection for men 18+ on becoming a priest in the Diocese of Ossory will take place in the Chapter Room St Mary's Cathedral Kilkenny on Sunday 4th from 2pm to 5pm. Information from Fr Willie Purcell, Vocations Director. Tel: 087 628 6858, ossoryvocdir@gmail.com.

Six Week Suicide Grief Awareness Programme

Kilkenny Bereavement Support are running a six week programme (1 ½ hours per week) that could support you and your family and friends. The programme will cover a range of themes including the stages of grief. Venue: Villa Maria, Talbot's Inch, Time & Dates: 8.00pm Tues. 29th Sept, Tues. 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th Oct and 3rd November. Enquiries to Kilkenny Bereavement Support 77565 38.

Future of our Church

A series of important public talks will take place in St Patricks Parish Centre, Loughboy in the coming weeks:-

Talk One - "A Poor Church for The Poor" by Fr Peter McVerry.

Does Pope Francis challenge our understanding of God and traditional spiritually we have inherited?

Monday 28th September @ 8.00pm

Talk Two - "The Church of Pope Francis" by Fr Eamonn Conway

Explore the direction in which Pope Francis wishes to lead the Church, drawing in particular on *The Joy of the Gospel* and *Laudato Si*.

Monday 5th October @ 8.00pm

Talk Three - "Woman, The Elephant in the Church" by Dr Mary T. Malone.

How women can take a necessary and vital place in renewing the Church.

Monday 12th October @ 8.00pm

Admission €10 for each talk or €20 for the Series.

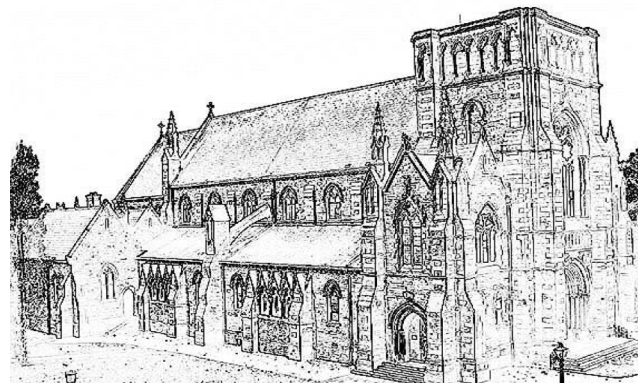
In aid of - Fr Peter McVerry Trust, Aiseiri Aislinn Adolescent Treatment Centre and the Good Shepard Centre.

A Boring Sermon ?

A boy was listening to a long and excessively boring homily during Mass. Suddenly the red sanctuary lamp caught his eye.

Tugging his father's sleeve, he said, 'Daddy, when the light turns green can we go?'

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Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 27th September 2015

Monster Bingo

A Monster Bingo with €15,000 prize money will be held in Cillin Hill, Kilkenny on Sunday 18th October at 3.00pm in aid of St Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund. Gowran Parish Bingo Committee will be taking charge of staging this Bingo. Books €15 and €20 Single Sheets (3 in number) €2. Raffle tickets €2 or more. Please support.

First Penance and First Communion

St John's Junior School

An enrolment meeting for parents of First Holy Communion Children will take place in St John's Junior School on Monday 5th October at 7.00pm. Please bring your enrolment form along if it has not been completed already.

First Friday

Friday next is the First Friday of October. 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.

Deaths – Month's Minds – Anniversaries

Deaths: Lily Hipwell-Power, Lintown Mews.
Kathleen Meally, Maddoxtown.
Kit Holohan, Castlecomer.
Fr Kieran Rice, New Zealand & late of Ballyraffton
(*Memorial Mass Dunmore 11.00am*)
Ted Whearty, Clifden. (*Rosary Sunday evening at 7pm at his residence. Funeral Mass Monday at 11am in Clara.*)

Anniv: Elizabeth Brett (6.30pm); Margaret Butler (10.00am);
Eleanor Molly (10.30am); Frank Coyne (12.00noon);
Statia & Stephen Buckley (7.30pm); Patrick Sutton; Alan Bergin;
Johnny Parker; Kathleen Beale; Derek Groves; Terry Kelly;
Elizabeth Connick; Mary Barry; Jane, Richard & Seamus Shorthall;
Margaret & Owen Roe O'Neill; Billy & Patty Reinhardt;

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8.00am	Nora Webster & Margaret Leahy
10.30am	Mary Hanafin & Seamus Mahoney
12.00noon	Anne Maria Walsh
7.30pm	Anne Marie Grace
Johnswell 10.00am	Seán Colgan
Dunmore 11.00am	Pierce Lennon & Liam Maddock

Ossory Vocations Promotion #44

“Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put His spirit on them.”

All Catholics share the prophetic ministry of the Lord through baptism. Is He calling you to bear witness to His truth as a priest? Call or Email. Fr. Willie Purcell Ossory Vocations Director: ossoryvocdir@gmail.com 056 7770261.

Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration takes place in Dunmore Church every Tuesday from 3-4pm. All are welcome.

10.30am Choir

10.30am choir will be resume on Sunday 4th October. **New members are welcome.**

St Joseph's Young Priest Society

A meeting will take place in St John's Presbytery next Monday 28th September at 11.00am (immediately after the 10.30am Mass) with a view to forming a Branch of the St Joseph's Young Priests Society in St John's Parish. All who are interested are asked and encouraged to attend.

The Chosen Path

Rita Shore Author of 'The Chosen Path' will be promoting her book this weekend a book of Prayer, Reflection & Poetry. The book is on sale for €10. All proceeds from the sale of her book goes to the Thomas Hayes Trust.

St Mary's Restoration Fund Draw

The Seventh Draw for the Restoration fund takes place this coming Wednesday in the Chapter Room, James Street. All are welcome to attend. **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.*

St Luke's Hospital Memorial Mass

St Luke's Hospital, Carlow and Kilkenny will be holding its Annual Memorial Mass for all deceased patients of the Hospital on Tuesday, October 13th at 7.30pm. This year, the Mass will take place in the Parish Church of St Clare, Graiguecullen, Carlow. We extend a very warm welcome to all families who have been bereaved during the past year. The names of those who died between September 1st 2014 and August 31st 2015 at St Luke's Hospital will be displayed close to the Altar. All attending the Mass will be invited to light a candle on arrival at the Church and place it close to the display of names before Mass begins. The Choir of Graiguecullen Parish will provide the hymns. Family members and Staff members of the hospital will also participate. All are invited to tea and refreshments afterwards.