

## Mercy – Understanding the Papacy of Francis

The Papacy of Francis has attracted the attention, and captured the imagination, not only of Catholics but also of the wider world. His words, spoken clearly and simply, seem to offer hope to a world in need of it.

Searching for a common theme or thread around which his papacy can be understood is not a difficult task. Through this series of talks and Ossory Faith Development group hope to explore this important topic and how it is to be lived/experienced in our Church today.

**Venue: St Patrick's Parish Centre, Loughboy. Adm. Free.**

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November:** Albert McDonnell

the new process of marriage annulments – a mercy applied.

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November:** Seán McDonagh

Laudato Si' and caring for our world – Mercy lived.

## Service for Healing of the Generations

Service will take place in St Brigid's Church, Coon next Wednesday.

Commences with Adoration at 6.30pm. Mass at 7.30pm.

## Camphill Community

Annual craft fair at Camphill takes place next Sunday from 1pm to 5pm.

## Retired Nurses Association of Ireland

Mass for Retired and Deceased Nurses will be celebrated in St Fiacre's Church, Loughboy on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> at 10.30am. After Mass a Tea/Coffee morning will take place in the Parish Centre. All proceeds to the Carlow/Kilkenny Homecare Team.

## Kilkenny Flower Club

Flower Demonstration by Teresa Collins (AOIFA) will take place next Thursday in Springhill Court Hotel at 8 pm. Entrance: €15 includes refreshments. Proceeds in aid of Irish Motor Neurone Disease Assoc.

## Fibromyalgia Group

There will be a talk by Dr. Pat Crowley about the use of LDN in the treatment of fibromyalgia in the Ossory Park Community Centre on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. All are welcome. Please contact Doris - 086 62346491 or Tommy - 086 1080291.

## Sharing Fair

The annual Sharing Fair Craft Sale and Coffee Morning to support the work of Kilkenny nun, Sr Mary Hayden in Thailand, will take place at Langton's of John Street next Saturday from 10am to 1pm.

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Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
8<sup>th</sup> November 2015

## Annual Bereavement Mass

The St John's Parish Annual Bereavement Mass will be celebrated in St John's on Wednesday November 18<sup>th</sup>, at 7.30pm.

## Ossory Priests Society

The Ossory Priests Society is responsible for making suitable financial provision for the care of the priests in the Diocese of Ossory in infirmity, sickness and old age. The Annual Collection for this good cause takes place *next weekend, 14/15<sup>th</sup> November* outside church.

A contribution to Ossory Priests Society is an opportunity to show appreciation for the many years of service our retired priests have given to God and to the faithful in our parishes throughout the diocese. The priest is a part of every Catholic family. They offer counsel and comfort, and they lead us in celebrating the sacraments. Your support is very much appreciated.

*Declan McCann, Ossory Priests Society*

## Deaths – Month’s Minds – Anniversaries

**Deaths:** Tommy Purcell, St John’s Court.  
Bridget Maher, Fatima Place.

**Months Mind:** Liam Nolan (6.30pm)  
Joe Hennessy (10.30am)

**Anniv:** Mary Dunphy (12.00 noon); Deceased Members,  
Management & Staff of Kilkenny Co-operative Livestock Mart (7.30pm);  
Stephen & Josephine Deegan; Bridget Phelan; Alec Bowen; Patrick Walsh;  
Nellie Lanigan; Greg Moynihan; Thomas Dowling; Teresa Parkinson;  
Kathleen & Tim Sullivan; Bridie & Terence Doherty; Daniel Rowe;  
Arthur & Gretta Somers; Senan Brennan; Eddie Byrne Junior;  
James Leahy; Dick Phelan.

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8.00am	Seán O’Grady
10.30am	Mary Hanafin & Seamus Mahoney
12.00noon	Anne Maria Walsh
7.30pm	Ann Fitzpatrick
Johnswell 10.00am	Paul McKiernan
Dunmore 11.00am	Stephanie Butler & Roger Curran

### Weekly Envelope Collection

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

### Ossory Vocations Promotion #50

*“Out of her poverty she has put in everything she had.”*

Will you respond with generosity should the Lord choose you for priesthood?  
Call or Email. Fr. Willie Purcell Ossory Vocations Director:  
ossoryvocdir@gmail.com 056 7770261.

### Westcourt

The monthly Blessed Edmund Rice Mass will take place in Westcourt on Monday, 9 November at 7.30pm. Please note the change of date.

## SUPER AUCTION

A Super Auction in aid of St Mary’s Restoration Fund will take place on Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> Nov. in O’Loughlin Gaels Complex.  
Viewing from 10.00 am; Auction 11.30 am. Catalogue: €3.  
Contributions of Original Paintings; Garden & Household Furniture; Antiques; Firewood; Crockery; Lamps; Toys, etc. would be most welcome.  
‘Every Little Helps’ and your support in any manner will help this event for the Diocese to be a great success.

### November Offerings

Please return your November Offerings at this time. Blank forms for the list of your deceased are available in the church porch – Place them in the basket in front of the Altar.. **Please do not leave your November Offerings in the basket because it’s only for the list of your loved ones.**

### St John’s Young Priests Society

A meeting of the St John’s Young Priests Society will take place in the Presbytery on Monday at 11.00am (immediately after the 10.30am Mass) for 30 minutes approx. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

### The Thomas Hayes Trust

Giving Light and Hope service to commemorate the lives lost through Suicide. Join with us Fri. 20<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00pm in St Canice’s Church.

### Frances Black and Kieran Goss In Concert

*Watergate Theatre next Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup>*

Frances Black, founder of the **RISE Foundation** which runs here in St John’s, and Kieran Goss will be performing in concert next Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> November in the Watergate Theatre. Frances has become a friend of the parish through her captivating contribution to the Kilkenny Novena two years ago, and also through her ongoing and successful program, RISE, which she founded to assist families who struggle to overcome addictions of various kinds, as well as coping with the fallout caused by these addictions.

This concert promises to be a great ‘reunion’ - a gig not to be missed. You can book tickets at [watergatetheatre.com/events/frances-black-kieran-goss-reunion/](http://watergatetheatre.com/events/frances-black-kieran-goss-reunion/)

### Forthcoming Events To Note

**Sat 28<sup>th</sup> Nov:** Auction in aid of St Mary’s – O’Loughlin Gaels Complex.  
**Sun 29<sup>th</sup> Nov:** Celebrating Religious Life in our Diocese – St Kieran’s College.  
**Tues 24<sup>th</sup> & Tues 1<sup>st</sup> Dec:** Formation for Readers of The Word – St Fiacre’s.  
**Sun, 31<sup>st</sup> Jan:** Annual Parish Social – Langton House Hotel.