

## Divine Mercy

Holy Hour takes place in The Friary today from 3-4pm. All are welcome.

## Kilkenny Active Retirement

March meeting will be held at the Club House Hotel on Monday at 2.00pm. Please note change of time.

## Women's A.C.T.S. Retreat

The A.C.T.S. Retreat is a spiritual retreat weekend. It takes place on 14<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> April at the De La Salle Pastoral Centre, Castletown, Co. Laois. For more information, or to book a place, call: Monica Colgan on 087 2021500.

## Lough Derg

You are invited to consider going on Pilgrimage or Retreat to the sanctuary of St Patrick, Lough Derg. Pope Francis has placed pilgrimage at the heart of the Jubilee Year of Mercy 2016. Organised parish and community groups will come to this unique place of pilgrimage this year – varying in size from a car load to a mini bus. The Lough Derg team can offer support if you decide to organise a group. Contact Nuala or Lorraine on 071 9861518; email: info@loughderg.org.

## Kilkenny & Carlow Contact

We are currently looking for volunteers in Kilkenny & surrounding area. If you can commit to 1 or 2 hours per week to befriend an Older Person, please contact Coordinator Eleanor Doyle on 056/7772151 or 086/4108902.

## Novena to St Joseph

Mill Hill Missionaries' Novena to St Joseph begins Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> March, and finishes on Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> March.

Novena Mass and Prayers every evening at 8.00 p.m. in the Chapel at Mill Hill Missionaries, St Joseph's, Waterford Road. All are welcome.

## Rehab Care

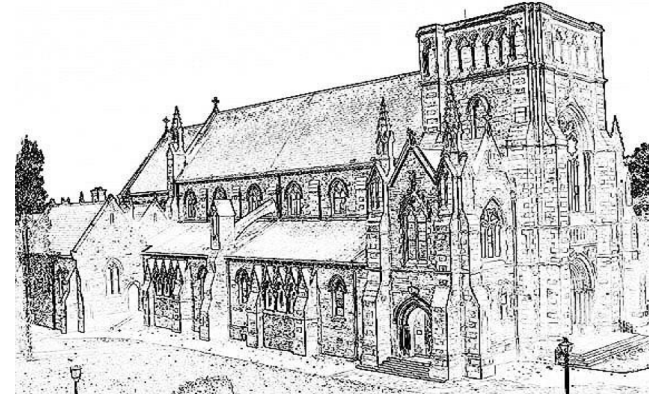
Annual church gate collection in will take place next weekend, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> March. Rehab Care provides services for Adults with disabilities. All money raised from the event will go directly to rehab Care in William street.

## Spring Literature Course

Kilkenny Campus at St Kieran's College, Thursdays, 7-9 pm, March 31st – April 21st. Four-week course includes the poetry and prose of Eavan Boland and Edna O'Brien. Final class explores Othello, with group outing to see the play at the Abbey theatre on Sat. May 14th at 2 pm.

Course fee €60 (excl. theatre). To book, email margaret.irish@nuim.ie or call 086 3935513.

# ST JOHN'S PARISH ↔ KILKENNY



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**Fifth Sunday of Lent**  
**13<sup>th</sup> March 2016**

## *Lá Fhéile Pádraig Sona Daoibh*

### Mass Times for The Feast of Saint Patrick

#### SAINT JOHN'S:

Vigil (Wed.) 6.30 p.m.; (Thurs.) 8.00 & 10.30 a.m., 12.00 noon and 7.30 p.m.

JOHNSWELL: 10.00 a.m. DUNMORE: 11.00 a.m.

### Remembering & Praying for Our Emigrants

We always think of our emigrants during the annual festival of our Patron Saint. You are therefore invited to pray for them in a special way this week.

*Please write their names in the Emigrants' Book in the porch. This book which will be placed at the altar for all St Patrick's Day Masses.*

### Lenten Alms Collection

The traditional annual Lenten Alms Collection **will be taken up at all Masses next weekend.** This collection, which takes place in every parish, goes towards various charities nominated by the Church. Your generous 'Almsgiving' will be much appreciated.

## Deaths – Month's Minds – Anniversaries

**Deaths:** Andy Wall, New Orchard Estate.  
Mary Mackey, Michael Street.  
Bridget O'Brien, Loreto Avenue.  
Michael Morris, Fr Albert Place.  
Anna Oakes, Talbot's Inch.  
Christina Kelly, Archers Avenue.

**Months Mind:** Marie Power (6.30pm);

**Anniv:** Edel Cullen (10.30am); Bridget Guilfoyle (11.00am);  
Patricia Brady (12.00noon); Denis Brennan (7.30pm); Maureen Burke;  
Nora & William Lacey; Seán Byrne; Patrick Guidera; Theresa O'Leary;  
James & Ellen Phelan; Katherine Whitney; John & Kitty Cleere;  
James Doheny; Mary Browne; Ellen Audoire; Michael Parsons;  
Sr Maura Lanigan; Noreen Whelan; The Parkinson Family;  
James Byrne; John P & Ely Francis.

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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	Paul McKiernan
Dunmore 11.00am	Martina Brennan & Tom Keating

### 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 #16

*God continues to open a way for us.*

*How is God doing something new in your life?*

*Perhaps God is inviting you to be a priest or religious. (Isaiah 43: 16-21)*

If you think God is calling you to priesthood, call Fr. Willie Purcell Ossory Vocations Director. 056 7770261 or email [ossoryvocdir@gmail.com](mailto:ossoryvocdir@gmail.com)

## STAIN MARY'S CATHEDRAL RESTORATION

*(Please take home a copy of Bishop Freeman's letter from the porch)*

### DIOCESAN DRAW

The 1st of the Diocesan Monthly Draws for the coming year in aid of St. Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund will take place on **Wednesday, 30th March** in the Chapter Room. Subscribers and Promoters very welcome. **Prize fund is €60,000 and the subscription is €120 per annum or €10 per month.**

Tickets are available locally at the Parish Office; the Sacristy; or from:  
**Ann Brennan; Aine Butler; Jane Dineen; Marian Eardly; Fr Brian Griffin; Jody Murphy; Veronica McGuane; Linda Nolan; Fr Seán O'Connor; Irene Purcell; Peggy Wall; Eddie Langton and others still to come.**

### FR LIAM LAWTON CONCERT

Fr. Liam Lawton accompanied by the RTE Light Orchestra, in St. Mary's Cathedral, **Friday, 8th April 2016 at 8.00 p.m.** Tickets €25, Tickets available in every parish in the Diocese, at the Cathedral Bookshop and at Diocesan Office.

### Dunmore Community Alert Area AGM

Dunmore Community Alert Area AGM will take place on Tuesday, March 15th at 8pm in Dunmore Community Hall. New members welcome.

### St Johns Junior School

Some of the cheery trees at the school are diseased need to be removed. The most dangerous and diseased trees will be removed first and trees replanted in their place. When they are established we will remove any remaining diseased trees.

### Statement of the of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference

At the Spring 2016 General Meeting of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference in Saint Patrick's College, Maynooth the following issues were discussed:

1. Prayers for (i) nuns who were murdered in Yemen (ii) Blessed Mother Teresa
2. Protection of unborn human life
3. General Election 2016
4. Centenary of the Easter Rising of 1916
5. Proposed NCCA curriculum 'Education about Religions & Beliefs and Ethics'
6. Publication of the Irish Language Missal *An Leabhar Aifrin Rómhánach*
7. World Meeting of Families in Ireland in 2018
8. Trócaire's Lenten campaign 2016
9. Safeguarding Children
10. Saint Patrick's Day
11. Good Friday collection to support the persecuted people/places in Holy Land
12. Lent and preparation for Holy Week and Easter
13. Episcopal Ordination of Bishop Paul Tighe.

*(Full statement on parish website)*