

Saint Mary's Cathedral Restoration

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 next **Wednesday**, 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; Margaret Hanlon; John Lennon; Jody Murphy; Veronica McGuane; Paul McKiernan; Linda Nolan; Fr Seán O'Connor; Irene Purcell; Brian Roche; Peggy Wall; Eddie Langton.

**PAY MONTHLY BY STANDING ORDER? NO PROBLEM.
CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE OR ANY OF THE PROMOTERS**

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, **Ticket Outlets: 0.**

- St John's Parish Office – John's Presbytery
- Cathedral Bookshop
- Diocesan Office – James Street
- Porters Newsagents – High Street
- Book Centre – High Street
- St Patricks Parish Centre – Loughboy
- St Canice's Parish Centre – Dean Street

Healing Service

Come and enjoy the healing power of Jesus.

With Janice and Moss Carraig. The Holy Spirit prayer ministry (as seen on 'Would You Believe') at 3pm on the 2nd April 2016 in St. Fiacc's Church, Loughboy. For more info, contact: Janice on 069 77628 or 0876174639 or Teresa on 0861680370. To view Web site www.calcuttaaid.com

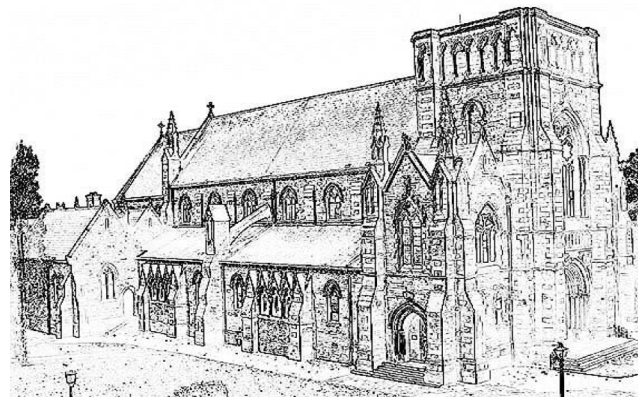
Blessed Edmund Rice

A mass to pray for the intercession of Blessed Edmund Rice in our lives and for his canonisation will take place in Westcourt on Monday, 28th March at 7.30pm. The liturgy will be organised by the Callan 1916 Centenary Committee.

Pilates

New Pilates Session Thursday 7th April, Dunmore Hall from 7.00-8.00 pm. 8 weeks €70. Places limited. Booking is essential. Call Margaret (086 8547710)

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**Easter Sunday
27th March 2016**

Have a Blessed Easter.

Happy Easter to you and your family as we celebrate our Father's greatest sacrifice through his Son, Jesus Christ. We join you in gratitude for Christ's sacrifice and the joyful renewal it brings to all .

Thank You

The priests of the parish wish to say a big 'Thank You' to all who prepared the churches so fittingly for the Easter Ceremonies. We thank all those who participated in the ceremonies in any way and for making them ceremonies so meaningful. Above all, we thank you if you joined in any of the ceremonies and made the effort to celebrate Holy Week appropriately.

Masses This Easter Week

For the coming week, mass in St John's Church will be at 10.30 a.m. only.

Ossory Times

The latest edition of the Ossory Times is on sale after all masses this weekend.

Deaths – Month’s Minds – Anniversaries

Deaths: Terry Walsh, St John’s Court.
David Glynn, Glendine Road.
Tommy Kiely, Bishop Birch Place.
John O’Sullivan, Outrath Road. Funeral Sun. 12noon, St Fiacre’s
Kevin Lynch, Archers Ave. Funeral Mon 12noon Foulkstown.
Pat Grogan, Newpark Up. Funeral mass Mon 12noon, St John’s.

Anniv: Michael Heary (8.00am); Frank & Peg Wall (10.30am);
John, Agnes & Michael Stapleton (11.00am);
Mary & Jack Parle (12.00 noon); Scon Donnelly (7.30pm); Bridget Tallis;
Tony Feighery; Mary Brophy; Fr Tom Cassin; The Phelan Family;
Judy Masterson; Alice Byrne; Richard Fanning; Maureen O’Connor;
May McCann; John Curran; Sarah Mahony.

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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	Fiona McGeary & Nora Guilfoyle

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 #18

What stones are being moved away so you can be a minister of the Gospel? Who would you invite to consider being a sister, brother, priest, or deacon? Spread the good news: “Jesus is risen!” (John 20: 1-9)

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

Pope Francis Easter Message

Dear Brothers and Sisters, a Happy and Holy Easter!

The Church throughout the world echoes the angel’s message to the women: “Do not be afraid! I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised... Come, see the place where he lay” (Mt 28:5-6).

This is the culmination of the Gospel, it is the Good News par excellence: Jesus, who was crucified, is risen! This event is the basis of our faith and our hope. If Christ were not raised, Christianity would lose its very meaning; the whole mission of the Church would lose its impulse, for this is the point from which it first set out and continues to set out ever anew. The message which Christians bring to the world is this: Jesus, Love incarnate, died on the cross for our sins, but God the Father raised him and made him the Lord of life and death. In Jesus, love has triumphed over hatred, mercy over sinfulness, goodness over evil, truth over falsehood, life over death.

That is why we tell everyone: “Come and see!” In every human situation, marked by frailty, sin and death, the Good News is no mere matter of words, but a testimony to unconditional and faithful love: it is about leaving ourselves behind and encountering others, being close to those crushed by life’s troubles, sharing with the needy, standing at the side of the sick, elderly and the outcast... “Come and see!”: Love is more powerful, love gives life, love makes hope blossom in the wilderness.

Comfort all those who cannot celebrate this Easter with their loved ones because they have been unjustly torn from their affections, like the many persons, priests and laity, who in various parts of the world have been kidnapped.

Comfort those who have left their own lands to migrate to places offering hope for a better future and the possibility of living their lives in dignity and, not infrequently, of freely professing their faith.

We ask you, Lord Jesus, to put an end to all war and every conflict, whether great or small, ancient or recent.

We pray in a particular way for Syria, beloved Syria, that all those suffering the effects of the conflict can receive needed humanitarian aid and that neither side will again use deadly force, especially against the defenceless civil population, but instead boldly negotiate the peace long awaited and long overdue!

Jesus, Lord of glory, we ask you to comfort the victims of fratricidal acts of violence in Iraq and to sustain the hopes raised by the resumption of negotiations between Israelis and Palestinians.

Lord, we pray to you for all the peoples of the earth: you who have conquered death, grant us your life, grant us your peace!