

## Saint Mary's Cathedral Restoration Diocesan Draw

The 2<sup>nd</sup> of the Diocesan Monthly Draws for the coming year in aid of St. Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund will take place on **Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> April** 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**

## Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine

Irish Catholic Nurses Guild Annual Pilgrimage to Knock takes place Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May. Bus departs at 7.30am from the Butts Green. For bookings, please contact Ann Kennedy on 7722204 or 087 9329561. All are welcome.

## Walking the Camino

You are invited to an night on 'Walking the Camino' from Kilkenny to Santiago on Wednesday April 20<sup>th</sup> in the Chapter Room in St Mary's Cathedral at 7.30 pm.

## Service for Healing

Family Tree Mass takes place in St Brigid's Church, Coon on 22<sup>nd</sup> April. Adoration at 6.30pm; Mass at 7.30pm and concluding with Benediction.

## Give Blood

The next Blood Donation clinic will be at the **River Court Hotel:** Sun. 24<sup>th</sup> 12pm-3.30pm; Mon.-Tues. 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> from 4.30pm-8.00pm. and at the **Newpark Hotel:** Wed.-Thurs. 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> from 4.30pm 8.00pm

## St John's Homes for the Elderly

A vacancy has arisen at the Homes for the Elderly, St John's Court, located on the grounds of St John's Church. Application forms are available from the Parish Office during office hours 9.30-2.00pm Monday to Friday. Closing date for applications is Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April.

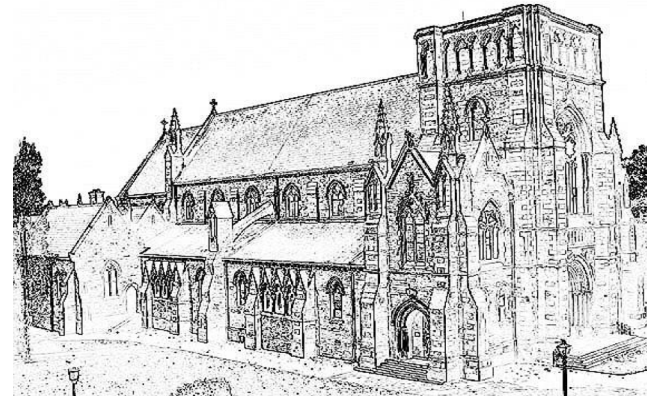
## Parish Pastoral Council

A meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council takes place this coming Thursday at 7.30pm in the Presbytery.

## Society of St Vincent De Paul

Monthly collection of St Vincent de Paul will take this weekend.

## ST JOHN'S PARISH ↔ KILKENNY



### Pastoral Council

Mary Brennan,  
Alan Burke,  
Margaret Cleere,  
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**Fourth Sunday of Easter – Vocations Sunday  
17<sup>th</sup> April 2016**

## The Kilkenny Novena in Two Weeks and Two Days

Preparations are well underway for this year's 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Kilkenny Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help. The organisers are confident that the new date in May will bring out a larger attendance of people from Kilkenny and surrounding parishes than did the colder, darker month of February. This year's Novena will be conducted by Fr Brendan Keane (leader) and Fr Denis Luddy, Redemptorists. Our parish choirs will provide the music for the evening (7.30) sessions, while the Redemptorists will lead the singing at the morning (7.30 & 10.30) sessions. New prayer booklets (€1) by The Redemptorists will be available. A guest speaker will also feature at the evening mass – the exact day yet to be confirmed. We look forward to the characteristic help and good will from all our parish in the distribution of publicity, erection of signage and the general promotion of this great Spiritual Grace-filled event that had its inception back in 2008, the Centenary Year.

Prayer Leaflets for the success of the Novena will be handed out next weekend.

## Deaths – Month’s Minds – Anniversaries

**Deaths:** Jim Doyle, Melville Heights.  
Martin Coyne, Fr Albert Square.  
Jackie Byrne, Larchfield.  
Tom Lawler, New Road.  
Martin Roche, Ballyraggett. *Funeral Mass Mon 12 noon in St Fiacre’s Church.*

**Months Mind:** Gretta Murphy (7.30pm);

**Anniv:** Christy Burke (6.30pm); Paddy Dooley (10.00am)  
Ned Doyle (10.30am); Kay Kelleher (11.00am);  
Nicholas Ivory (12.00noon); Moira & Fintan O’Byrne; Elizabeth Hanlon;  
James, Mary & Catherine Byrne; Thomas Dowling; Mary Brennan;  
Enid & Micheál Shortall; Patrick, Mary & Seán McGrath; Mary Hanlon;  
Joseph Whyte; Thomas & Noel Fry; Elizabeth & Edward Geoghegan;  
Tom Roche; John Brennan;

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8.00am	Ann O’Grady
10.30am	Peggy Wall
12.00noon	Tony Dalton
7.30pm	Marie Fogarty
Johnswell 10.00am	Josie Manning & Fiona Manning
Dunmore 11.00am	Eddie Holohan & Liz Holohan

## 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 #21

***Who will shepherd God’s people? Pray that good leaders, filled with joy and the Holy Spirit, will serve our Church. (Acts 13:14, 43-52)***

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)

## VOCATIONS SUNDAY 2016

**The Church is the house of mercy, and is the “soil” where vocations take root mature and bear fruit (Pope Francis)**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

It is my great hope that, during the course of this Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, all the baptized may experience the joy of belonging to the Church and rediscover that the Christian vocation, just like every particular vocation, is born from within the People of God, and is a gift of divine mercy. The Church is the house of mercy, and it is the “soil” where vocations take root, mature and bear fruit.

For this reason, on the occasion of the 53rd World Day of Prayer for Vocations, I invite all of you to reflect upon the apostolic community, and to give thanks for the role of the community in each person’s vocational journey. In the Bull of Indiction for the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, I recalled the words of the venerable Saint Bede, describing the call of Saint Matthew: “Miserando atque eligendo” (Misericordiae Vultus, 8). The Lord’s merciful action forgives our sins and opens us to the new life which takes shape in the call to discipleship and mission. Each vocation in the Church has its origin in the compassionate gaze of Jesus. Conversion and vocation are two sides of the same coin, and continually remain interconnected throughout the whole of the missionary disciple’s life.

*Father of mercy, who gave your Son for our salvation and who strengthens us always with the gifts of your Spirit, grant us Christian communities which are alive, fervent and joyous, which are fonts of fraternal life, and which nurture in the young the desire to consecrate themselves to you and to the work of evangelisation.*

*Sustain these communities in their commitment to offer appropriate vocational catechesis and ways of proceeding towards each one’s particular consecration. Grant the wisdom needed for vocational discernment, so that in all things the greatness of your merciful love may shine forth.*

*May Mary, Mother and guide of Jesus, intercede for each Christian community, so that, made fruitful by the Holy Spirit, it may be a source of true vocations for the service of the holy People of God.*

From the Vatican  
Franciscus