

Saint Mary's Cathedral Restoration Diocesan Draw

The 2nd of the Diocesan Monthly Draws for the coming year in aid of St. Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund will take place on **Wednesday, 27th 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 7th May. Bus departs at 7.30am from the Butts Green. For bookings, please contact Ann Kennedy on 7722204 or 087 9329561. All are welcome.

Give Blood

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

Family Carers

Family Carers Ireland will run Modules as part of the QQI FETAC Level 5 Full Healthcare Award due to commence in Kilkenny May. For further enquiries please contact the training unit on 0579370223.

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 27th April.

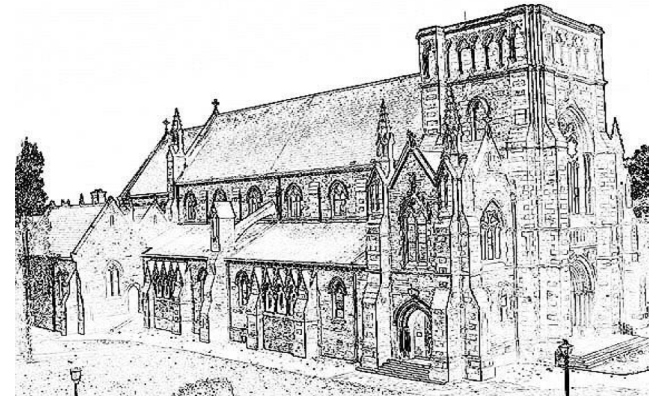
Marian Movement of Priests

A meeting of the Marian Movement of Priests will take place next Monday 25th April at 7.30PM in St Joseph's Mill Hill on the Waterford Road. Mass, Rosary and Holy Hour. All are welcome.

St Canice's Parish Homes

Last weekend's church gate collection for St Canice's Parish Homes yielded €2,700 in total. Thanks to all who supported.

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**Fifth Sunday of Easter
24th April 2016**

The Kilkenny Novena

Please take home a 'flier' containing detailed timetable of services at our Novena beginning Tuesday week.

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 this great Spiritual Grace-filled event that had its inception back in 2008, the Centenary Year.

Prayer Leaflets for the success of the Novena are also available this weekend at the back of the church.

Deaths – Month's Minds – Anniversaries

Deaths: Vera Walsh, Granges Road.
Josephine Fitzpatrick, Portlaw, Waterford.
Ellen Costello, Wallslough.
Michael Bergin, Lower Dunmore. Arrangements later.

Months Mind: Maura Tyrrell (7.30pm);
Tommy Kiely;

Anniv: Liam Maher (6.30pm); Eamon Walsh (10.30);
Peggy Tynan (11.00am); Kathleen & Richard Shortt (12.00 noon);
The McElligott Family; John Joe & Michael Kealy; Mary Monagle;
Bernadette & Kathleen McDermott; Nora Lawlor; Lorraine Quinn;
Mary Crotty; Brigid O'Carroll; Mick & Alice Kinchella; Kevin Shortall;
Luke Bateman; Jim & Alice Healy; Michael, Mary & Ger O'Brien;
Bernadette Snow; Anna & Noel O'Dwyer; Michael Holden;
Catherine Foley; Ellen Walsh; James Morris; John Murphy;
Martin Browne; Mary & Jack Brennan; Joe Kelly; Patrick Browne;
Des Hehir; Mairead Dowling;

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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	Christy Murray & Caitriona McDermott

Ossory Vocations Promotion #22

*God has chosen to dwell with us. How can you best share your gifts to
revel his presence? (Revelations 21:1-5)*

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

Special collection for Ukraine

On Divine Mercy Sunday, at the heart of the Jubilee Year, The Holy Father, Pope Francis ended Mass in St. Peter's Square by calling all Catholics to offer their solidarity to the long suffering millions in Ukraine who have been enduring a war for the last two years.

The Pope announced his desire that a special collection be taken up in all Catholic churches, particularly in Europe, on Sunday, 24th April 2016, to both raise awareness and alleviate the suffering of the people of Ukraine.

We would very much appreciate your support for the people of Ukraine by contributing to a collection this week end.

The Diocese of Ossory

invites applications from suitably qualified persons for the position of Coordinator of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan

This co-ordinator will be given the task of implementing the Diocesan Pastoral Plan 2016-2020 across the forty-two parishes of the Diocese.

This will be a temporary part-time post for a three-year term. Prospective candidates should hold a degree in Theology or a commensurate discipline, have excellent communication skills, both verbal and written, be holders of a valid driving licence with the use of a car and have proven experience of active engagement and leadership within the Church.

The applicant will be committed to the ethos of the Catholic faith. Please send your CV and cover letter, specifying your suitability for the position of Coordinator of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan, by post, in confidence, quoting ref *Coordinator of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan*, to

Fr Dermot Ryan,
Selection Committee Chairperson,
St Kieran's College,
College Road, Kilkenny.

Closing date for applications Friday 6th May 2016, 5.00pm

Interviews will be held Friday 20th May 2016 and Saturday 21st May 2016

Shortlisting will apply. The Diocese of Ossory is an equal opportunity employer. Canvassing will disqualify.

St John's Prayer Group

St John's Prayer Group Mass will be held in the Day Centre at 8.15pm next Wednesday 27th April. All are welcome.

Finance Committee

A Meeting of the Finance committee will take place next Thursday in the Presbytery at 7.30pm. All members are requested to attend.