

Barrow Walk

The annual Barrow Walk takes place on September 24th This year's event will take you on a breath-taking walk along the Barrow towpath from Ballyteigelea Bridge to historic St. Mullins. Registration is €10. Transport is provided from James Stephens GAA Club, Larchfield at 10.30am to Borris where the walk begins. Please feel free to contact Margaret or Louis on fundraising@firstlight.ie or 01-8732711 to register and receive your Walking Pack!

Divine Mercy

Adoration & prayer in the Friary Church today from 3-4pm. All welcome.

ACTS Retreat

The men's ACTS retreat will take place in the Pastoral Centre, Castletown from 13th – 16th October. For further information, contact Seán Colgan on 086 6005511.

Free Dementia Workshop

This September Home Instead Senior Care is running a Free Dementia Workshop in Butler House, on Tuesday the 20th September 2016 from 7 – 9pm. This **FREE** educational workshop helps Family Carers and those concerned about DEMENTIA how to provide individualised relationship based care that Helps maintain a safe and calm environment for the person with dementia To book your place or register for future dates call Jillian on 056-7800508 or www.homeinstead.ie – All Welcome.

Camphill Community

The Annual Open Day at the Camphill Community in Ballytobin near Callan takes place on Sunday 18th September from 2pm to 5pm. All are welcome.

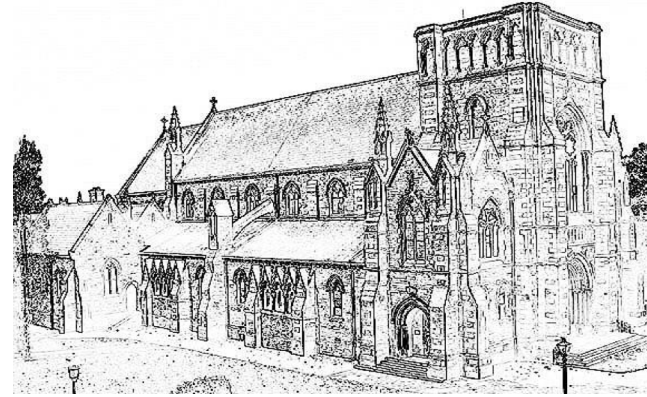
Arthritis Ireland Kilkenny Branch

The Arthritis Ireland Kilkenny Branch are starting a regular coffee chat every Tuesday morning from 10.30am in the fantastic Ossory Park Community Centre. Do you live with Fibromyalgia or Arthritis? Don't suffer alone. Come for a chat, make new friends & know you're not alone.

Kilkenny Age Friendly

Kilkenny Age Friendly Seniors' Forum Annual Gathering takes place on September 15th in the Ormonde Hotel. Minister Helen McEntee is launching the Memory Matters Project. Tickets from 42 Parliament St, on Tues and Wed or phone 056-7772787.

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Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time 11th September 2016

Coordinator of Diocesan Pastoral Plan

In 2004 the Diocese brought together a group of laity and clergy, with the intention of establishing and supporting a network of pastoral councils. It was from the members of these groups that the call for a Pastoral plan for the Diocese emerged. The Ossory Diocesan Pastoral Plan has since been ratified and approved.

Ms Gemma Mulligan, who has recently been appointed as Coordinator of the newly developed Pastoral Plan, will speak at all masses in St John's church next weekend. Gemma's task will be to help support the good work that is already being done in parishes and to offer the vision and leadership that will enable priests and people to adapt and make the changes needed so that parishes continue to be vibrant faith communities in an era of rapid change.

Gemma will be inviting all those who care about the future of the Church to become actively involved in shaping it. We look forward to an exciting future.

Deaths – Month's Minds – Anniversaries

Deaths: Francis Phelan, Newpark Close.
Denis Staunton, Greenshill.
May Tallent, Sheastown.
Pat Cody, Kylefarney, Ballyfoyle.

Anniv: Alice & Joseph Bambrick (6.30pm); Catherine & Fr Bill Bennett (10.00am); Michael Denieffe (10.30am); Carmel Hickey (11.00am); Joan & Eamonn Byrne (12.00 noon); Michael & Kathleen McGarry (7.30pm); Joey Downey; Michelle Reynolds; Ernie Harrington; Thomas & Katie Dillon; Michael & Bridget Slattery; Kathleen Murphy; Margaret Morris; Molly Browne; Bridget Bateman; Jane, Richard, Seamus Shortall; Catherine Kenna;

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8.00am	Ann Marie Hogan
10.30am	Seamus Brennan & Deirdre Dowling
12.00noon	Mary Lynch
7.30pm	Ann Fitzpatrick
Johnswell 10.00am	Betsy Rice & Teresa Dowling
Dunmore 11.00am	Christy Murray & Caitriona McDermott

Ossory Vocations Promotion #42

We are called to proclaim God's abundant love for all people. How can you be an instrument of that love? Our world needs you! (Luke 15:1-32)
If you think God is calling you to priesthood, call Fr. Willie Purcell Ossory Vocations Director. 056 7770261 or email ossoryvocdir@gmail.com.

Newpark 60th Anniversary Reunion

Congratulations to all who were involved in organising the Newpark reunion party on Friday night. A wonderful night was had by all with great music food and dance. Many thanks to the committee for their efforts especially those who arranged the exhibition of old photographs and 'The History and Life' commemorative booklet which brought back many happy memories.

Camogie All-Irelands

Best of Luck to O'Loughlin Gaels members Laura Murphy on the Senior panel, and Laura Greene on the intermediate panel. Both Laura's have played with the club since they were under 6 and it is with great source of pride to all at O'Loughlin Gaels to see the club represented at county level as they mark the 25th year of the club existence. We all join in wishing both Kilkenny camogie teams the very best and we look forward to fantastic celebrations on Monday and the coming week.

St Vincent De Paul

Monthly collection will take place next weekend, the 17th & 18th September. We thank you for your continued support.

Kilkenny Active Retirement

September meeting will be held at the Club House Hotel on Monday 12th at 2.30pm.

Certificate in Theological Studies 2016/17

Do you want to know more about your church and your faith.? If so why not take part in a course offered in St Kieran's college for the coming year, two nights a week Oct to Dec and Jan to May. This course will explore areas such as scripture, moral theology, the Church, liturgy, the sacraments and Church history. It is intended for those who are new to theology and those who want to explore it a little further. For information see www.ossory.ie or contact 7753624 or 087 9081470.

Rosary St John's

The Rosary in St John's on Friday mornings will be offered for the protection of unborn babies.