

## Rosary at the Grotto

The Rosary will be recited each Sunday during October at the Grotto on the Callan Road at 3pm.

## Good News in Difficult Times

Come and let God's Spirit touch you on a day of reflection with Fr Pat Collins on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October in the Chapter Room, St Mary's Cathedral from 9.30am to 6pm. More details will be available in the church porch.

## South Kilkenny Historical Society

A Lecture entitled: - From headstones to homesteads - how an archaeologist does genealogy. This takes place on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> at 8pm in Mullinavat Parish Hall (opposite church). Guest speaker: Mr John Tierney. Admission: €5 (members free). All welcome.

## Pro Life Talk

Pro Life talk and training on "*How to argue the case for the Pro Life Amendment*" with Kate Bopp, Paddy Manning and Michael Dwyer of Family & Life next Monday October 24th in the Springhill Court Hotel, Kilkenny at 7:30pm. All welcome!

## Taize Youth Trip 2017

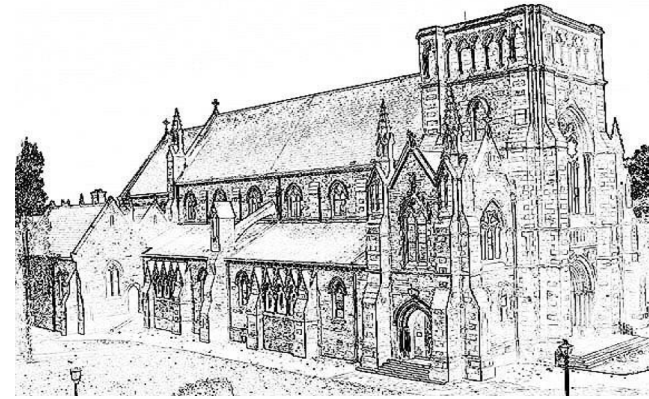
A youth trip to Taize in France organised by Ossory Youth will take place from 25<sup>th</sup> June to 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2017. A week in Taize is an opportunity for reflection and contemplation and a little step back from daily life. But bringing people together is also the essence of Taize and it is a week of meeting young people from different countries and cultures where new friendships are made. Over 100,000 young people from around the world make the trip to Taize each year. The trip is open to Transition year, 5<sup>th</sup> year and Leaving Cert Students. Numbers are confined to 25 young people. For Additional information, including cost, and application forms, contact Patrick Bookle, Ossory Youth at 7761200, 087 212 9006 or pbookle@ossoryyouth.com.

## Saint Mary's Cathedral Restoration Draw

The 8<sup>th</sup> of the Diocesan Monthly Draws in aid of St. Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund will take place next **Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> October** in the Chapter Room. Subscribers and Promoters very welcome. €10 per month.

Tickets are available at the Parish Office; the Sacristy; *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.*

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## Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2016

## Today is World Mission Sunday

World Mission Sunday takes place this weekend. The theme this year is '*Every Christian is a missionary*'

The Second Collection at Masses this weekend will go to the Missions.

## Obituary

Fr. Richard Somers, 76, passed away peacefully last Wednesday in Jackson-Mississippi. He was a regular visitor to our parish when he retired a few years ago as he had a house in Lacken Drive. He was born in Clogh, Castlecomer, on August 8, 1940. Fr. Somers was ordained for the Diocese of Natchez-Jackson in June 12, 1966. However, after 46 years of priestly ministry, Fr. Somers retired for health reasons on February 1, 2012 and this period of service has left a lasting impression on the church in Mississippi. His infectious optimism touched the lives of many people because of his enthusiasm, his energy, his faith and his great love of the Catholic Church. He will be greatly missed by a large number of people in the U.S., and by the friends he made here, in Lacken Drive. May he rest in peace.

## Deaths – Month’s Minds – Anniversaries

**Deaths:** Fr Richard Somers, Mississippi, formerly Kilkenny.  
Seán Smith, Ennisnag, formerly Newpark.

**Months Mind:** Ann Breen.

**Anniv:** Joe Hennessy (6.30pm); Mollie Bergin (10.30am);  
Julia & Mark Downey (11.00am); Ann Lacey (12.00 noon);  
Michael Heffernan (7.30pm); Paddy Hayes; John Cunningham;  
Seán Nolan; Esther Mullins; Anastasia Holohan; Eileen Barry;  
Margaret Dooley; Olive Barry; Tom Bateman; Peggy Pielow;

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8.00am	Margaret Leahy
10.30am	Seamus Brennan & Deirdre Dowling
12.00noon	Mary Lynch
7.30pm	Anne Marie Grace
Johnswell 10.00am	Betsy Rice & Teresa Dowling
Dunmore 11.00am	Fiona McGearry & 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 #48

Be humble and allow God to do great things through you. (Luke 18:9-14)  
If you think God is calling you to priesthood, call Fr. Kieran O’Shea  
Ossory Vocations Director, or email [ossoryvocdir@gmail.com](mailto:ossoryvocdir@gmail.com).

## Voices of Hope

Reflections for October at St Canice’s Parish, each Wednesday during  
October at 7.30pm. 26<sup>th</sup> October - Sr Consilio.

## Ossory Times

The latest edition of the Ossory Times is available after Mass this weekend.  
It contains news and information from around the diocese throughout its pages,  
including extracts from Johnny Murtagh’s Novena Address, and some picture - all  
at a cost of just €2.

## Pastoral Council Meeting

The October meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will take place on Thursday  
evening at 7.30pm.

## The Three Tenors

### *St Mary’s Cathedral Restoration Fund*

Christmas Concert with the Three Tenors at St Mary’s Cathedral, Saturday 10th  
December, in aid of St Mary’s Cathedral Restoration Fund. Tickets €25, tel.  
7721253 or online at [www.ossory.ie](http://www.ossory.ie).

## AIM HIGH – Parish Ministry for Young People

The *AIM HIGH Parish Ministry Programme* was developed to encourage young  
people to take an active part in their Church, parish and community.  
It helps young people to understand that religion is not just for learning, nor is it a  
list of rules, but that it is for living, for living life to the full. More importantly it  
is a journey of faith.  
The programme is open to all young people 16 years and over. The award is  
flexible, non-competitive and requires an ongoing commitment. The program is  
coordinated through the Parish, in conjunction with parish organisations, second  
level schools and youth clubs.

## Pope Francis on Mission Sunday

“This Jubilee year marks the 90th anniversary of World Missionary Day, first  
approved by Pope Pius XI in 1926 and organized by the Pontifical Society for the  
Propagation of the Faith.

It is appropriate then to recall the wise instructions of my Predecessors who  
ordered that to this Society be destined all the offerings collected in every diocese,  
parish, religious community, association and ecclesial movement throughout the  
world for the care of Christian communities in need and for supporting the  
proclamation of the Gospel even to the ends of the earth.

Today too we believe in this sign of missionary ecclesial communion. Let us not  
close our hearts within our own particular concerns, but let us open them to all of  
humanity.”  
*(Full text of the Pope’s message on Parish website)*