

## Mass of Thanksgiving to honour our retired bishop Bishop Séamus Freeman, SAC.

Sunday next 20<sup>th</sup> November, is the Feast of our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe and is also the day chosen by Pope Francis for the official closing of the Jubilee Year of Mercy.

I invite you to join with us in a con-celebrated Mass of Thanksgiving in St. Mary's Cathedral, on that evening at 5.30 p.m.

After the celebration of Mass our retired bishop, Bishop Séamus Freeman, SAC., will formally close the Holy Door in St. Mary's Cathedral which he officially opened by him at the beginning of the Year of Mercy on the First Sunday of Advent last year.

Refreshments will be available in the Presentation Primary School afterwards and you are very welcome to join with us.

This Diocesan Celebration will be an occasion to say 'thank you' to Bishop Séamus for his almost nine years as our bishop.

In his letter announcing his early retirement Bishop Séamus wrote:

*I extend my deepest gratitude to the people of Ossory whom I have served for almost nine years. I continue to be overwhelmed and indeed very much humbled by the kindness and absolute goodness shown to me by the good people of God during that time and, in particular, the kindness and prayerful good wishes I have received in recent times.*

Our celebration of the Eucharist on the Feast of Christ the King is a fitting way for all of us to express our sincere appreciation to Bishop Séamus and to pray that God will bless him with good health and many other blessings in the years ahead.

With prayerful good wishes.

**Mgr. Michael Ryan, Diocesan Administrator.**

### Remembrance Walk for Jo Jo Dullard

Twenty-one years ago this week, Jo Jo Dullard disappeared, she was 21 years old. The annual remembrance walk for Jo Jo this Sunday at 2.00 pm. It begins at the gates of the Castle moving to the Missing Persons Tree for prayers for Jo Jo.

### Benefit Gig

A Benefit Gig in the Set Theatre takes place on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> to raise funds for a Kilkenny musician undergoing cancer treatment in St Luke's Hospital. Performers: Uptown Band, Bobbie Carey, Phoenix HOT4, Andy Murray, Little Routes, Gavin Carroll – beginning at 9pm. Tickets €10 available from Langtons.

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**Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
13<sup>th</sup> November 2016**

## The Three Tenors

### St Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund

Christmas Concert with the Three Tenors at St Mary's Cathedral, Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December, in aid of St Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund.

*Tickets €25 available in Sacristy, Parish Office or online at [www.ossory.ie](http://www.ossory.ie)*

## Confirmation 2017

**Confirmation meeting** for parents will take place in the Senior School next Tuesday at 7.30pm.

**Enrolment mass** for all candidates for confirmation will take place next Saturday at 6.30pm Mass.

## November Offerings

Thank you for your Nov. Offerings with the **list of your deceased** loved ones you wish to be remembered. If you've forgotten, it's still not too late.

## Deaths – Month's Minds – Anniversaries

**Deaths:** Winifred O'Dwyer, Bansha, Co. Tipperary.  
Frank (Fun) Coyne, Lintown, late of Nuncio Road.

**Anniv:** Tom Brennan & Peggy Hoyne (6.30pm);  
Mary Fitzgerald (10.30am); Walter Tallis (12.00 noon);  
Michael & Margaret Smullen (7.30pm); Brigid Holohan (10.30am);  
Jim Fogarty; Patrick Kavanagh; Mary Mulcahy; Daniel Rowe;  
Eddie Byrne Jr.; The Brennan, Forristal & Dullard Family's;  
Peter Blanchfield; Philip O'Keeffe; James Healy; Dick Phelan;  
Ned Delaney; Josephine Geoghegan; Dick and Annie Burke;  
Tom Moloney;

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8.00am	Nora Webster
10.30am	Peggy Wall
12.00noon	Tony Dalton
7.30pm	Eileen Kinane
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 #51

*Patient endurance will see you through to the end. God will give you the wisdom and the words to speak. What is holding you back from a wholehearted "yes"? (Luke 21:5-19)*

If you think God is calling you to priesthood, call Fr. Kieran O'Shea Ossory Vocations Director. 056 7770261 or email [ossoryvocdir@gmail.com](mailto:ossoryvocdir@gmail.com).

## Pilates Johnswell

A 5 week Pilates class starts in Johnswell Hall each Thursday from 17<sup>th</sup> November from 7 to 8pm. Cost €35.

## The 'Twelve Noon' Choir

Like all parish Choirs, the 12 O'clock Choir is currently looking for new members. Please consider sharing your talent and ability with our congregations. Male and female are most welcome. Rehearsals for this choir take place Monday nights at 8.00 p.m. in The Presbytery. So please, come along and give it a try.

## 'A Prayer for Ossory'

Prayer Cards of intercession as we await a new Bishop, are available at the back of the church. Please pray for Ossory frequently during this interregnum period.

## Annual Bereavement Mass

Annual Bereavement Mass will take place St John's, Thurs. 24<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm.

## Johnswell Development Committee

The AGM of Johnswell Development Committee will take place on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 8.00pm in Johnswell Hall.

## St Vincent De Paul Society

Monthly collection will take place next weekend. Thank you for your support.

## St Kieran's College Mass for Deceased past pupils

An Annual Mass for Deceased Past Pupils of St Kieran's College and their family members will be held in St Kieran's College Chapel on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> Nov. 7.30pm.

## Kilkenny Bereavement Support

Loughboy Library: A talk on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> at 11.00am., entitled "How to support children dealing with loss." The speaker: Patricia Wilson, MIACP.

## Kilkenny Horticultural Society

A lecture by Deborah Begley R.H.S.I. on "Gardening with Sensational Plants" takes place in the Club house hotel next Wednesday at 8pm. Adm. €7.

## Kilkenny Alzheimer Society

Calling all Kilkenny Alzheimer Society supporters - Run, Walk or Jog the Kilkenny Fun Run Sunday Nov 20<sup>th</sup> @ 11am in Castle Park. Entry: €10, and proceeds go towards The Alzheimer Society– Kilkenny Region, Day Care Centre.

## Chernobyl Aid Ireland

Chernobyl Aid Ireland hold a Coffee Morning and Cake sale in St Patricks Parish Centre, on November 18<sup>th</sup>. Also, a Super Raffle and Book Sale - 9.30-12.30pm.

## The Capuchin Friars

Remembrance Mass in honour of your Departed Loved Ones takes place next Wed. 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm in The Capuchin Friary. Refreshments afterwards.