

## Saint Mary's Cathedral Restoration Draw

The 11<sup>th</sup> of the Diocesan Monthly Draws in aid of St. Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund will take place on **Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> January** in the Chapter Room. Tickets are available at the Parish Office and at the Sacristy.

### 'Look, there is the lamb of God'

Two central characters, Jesus and John the Baptist, dominate the opening chapter of John's Gospel. (The gospel was written by John the Apostle and Evangelist, not to be confused with John the Baptist who features in the gospel.)

The chapter reveals the essential aspects of Jesus' identity. He is the Word made flesh and the Lamb of God. Both are crucial for an understanding of who he is and what he does.

The first of the characters is Jesus. In the chapter, John the Baptist is quoted as having made one of the most remarkable professions of faith that is recorded in the New Testament. During his preaching, on seeing Jesus in the distance, he said to his listeners: 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world' (Jn 1:29). But John's profession of faith did not stop with that affirmation of Jesus. He elaborated further and then concluded: 'Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God' (Jn 1:24).

### 20/20 Vision!

*"Harry," whined Mary, to her husband of 20 years. "What should I do?! I'm not ready for old age! I'm only 40 years old but I look and feel like I'm over 55!*

*My face is all wrinkly, my back is bent over, and my hair is all thinned out."*

*"Well," said Harry after looking her up and down, "There is one thing about you that still works as good as new."*

*"Oh Harry!" said Mary sitting down next to her husband, "you always know just what to say! What are you referring to?"*

*"Never mind" said Harry looking down.*

*"C'mon Harry, please tell me what you were referring to."*

*"Mary, please don't make me." "Harry I insist."*

*"Well I was going to remark about how your eyesight seems to be still working just fine!"*

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## **Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 15<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

### **"Two Lives, One Love"**

#### **Submission to the Citizens' Assembly by the Irish Catholic Bishops**

Please take home and be informed of the full submission of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference to the Citizens' Assembly on the topic of the Eighth Amendment. It's very important to study and be aware of our Church's thinking, stance and rationale on the topic of the Eighth Amendment. You will find your copy at the back of the church or on: [stjohnskilkenny.com](http://stjohnskilkenny.com)

### **Laudato Si'**

#### ***The theme for Catholic Schools Week 2017***

On Sunday 29 January Bishop Denis Nulty, Bishop of Kildare & Leighlin, will be the chief celebrant and preacher at Mass to mark the opening of Catholic Schools Week 2017. This Mass will be broadcast by RTE on radio and television from the Church of Saints Peter & Paul, Portlaoise.

This year's theme, '*Catholic schools: Learning with Pope Francis to care for our common home*' has been informed by Laudato Si', the 2015 encyclical by Pope Francis on care for our common home.

## Deaths – Month's Minds – Anniversaries

**Deaths:** Nancy Hanlon, Altamount House, late of Ossory Park.  
Joan Tynan, Lacken Drive. *Funeral prayers 6.30 Sun. in Hehirs. Removal to St John's. Funeral Mass Mon 10.30a.m. Interment in Foulkstown cemetery.*  
Nora Burke, Assumption Place. *Funeral prayers at 9.30a.m. on Thursday in Hehirs. Removal to St John's for 10.30a.m. mass. Interment in Foulkstown cemetery.*

**Annivs:** Alex Dewberry (6.30pm); Teresa Barcoe (10.30am);  
John & Ann Barry (11.00am); Seamus Hennessy (12.00 noon);  
Michael O'Dwyer (7.30pm); Bridget Slattery; Bernard O'Gorman;  
Carmel Maher; Seán Tyrrell; Mary Purcell; Mary Leahy; Larry Masterson;  
Tom Phelan; William Hughes; Johnny Brennan; Denis Guilfoyle;  
Catherine, Leo & Patrick Farrell; Eamonn Goulding; Patrick Holohan;

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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	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.

### Fitness Classes Johnswell

Fitness Classes with a qualified instructor will take place in Johnswell Hall on Tuesday nights at 8.30pm. Fitness for all levels catered for.

## Annual Parish Social

The Annual Parish Social takes place in *Langton House Hotel* on Sunday, **29<sup>th</sup> January**, commencing at 8.30 pm.

Admission: €10 each, which includes Dinner followed by Music and Dancing. Tickets can now be purchased from any member of the Pastoral Council, or at the Sacristy, or at the Parish office.

**We hope you can attend this most enjoyable Annual Parish Community event.**

## St Vincent De Paul Society

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

## Maynooth University, Kilkenny Campus

Would you like to study the first year of your BA degree in a unique learning environment with small class sizes and a fantastic student community?

You can do that through our 1<sup>st</sup> Year Bachelor of Arts programme (CAO: MH901).

We are holding a Drop-in Day on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> January at our Kilkenny Campus, College Road. Drop in anytime from 10am – 2pm.

For more information email [kilkennyfirststarts@nuim.ie](mailto:kilkennyfirststarts@nuim.ie) or call 01 7086755.

## EFT/Tapping Workshop

Relieve stress, anxiety, depression, addictions. Half day workshop on EFT/Tapping as a self-help tool to deal with the problems many of us face daily. Saturday 21st January Clubhouse Hotel. Ring 0868203521.

## Family Carers Ireland

Family Carers Ireland are proving the QQI Level 5 Healthcare Support Award in your area based on demand in February 2017. One Day workshops on Mental Health, Nutrition, Dementia & Emergency First Aid also available. For more info contact 0579322920.

## Are you interested in stopping smoking?

HSE 6 week stop smoking group in Kilkenny commencing on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January in St Patricks Parish Centre. If you are interested contact Bernie O'Brien phone 087-2514531.

## Knitting Classes

Knitting Classes will commence mid-January for details Tel: 086 8359425.