

## **Please Take Note: 'THE EVANGELIST'**

The new-format of the parish newsletter will be published next w/e. After some 'brainstorming', the Parish Pastoral Council settled on the name *The Evangelist* as its title.

**Please note that the absolute deadline for items to be included is the Wednesday at 1.00 p.m. prior to its publication each week.**

This is normal practice in most parishes as the document must be sent to the publishing company (LPi) who then arrange printing and its return by Friday evening.

**Naturally, deaths and late anniversaries will be announced but will not be included in the printed edition.**

## **St Mary's Cathedral –Twelfth Draw Results**

<b>Prize</b>	<b>Winner</b>	<b>Parish</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Prize €2,000	Tommy Sharkey	Johnstown
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize €1,000	Liam Mahony	St Mary's
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize €500	Kathleen Collier	Borris-in-Ossory
4 <sup>th</sup> Prize €300	Chris Hayes	St Mary's
5 <sup>th</sup> Prize €300	P.J. Lupton	Borris-in-Ossory
6 <sup>th</sup> Prize €200	Marie McKee	St Mary's
7 <sup>th</sup> Prize €200	Caroline Phelan	Johnstown
8 <sup>th</sup> Prize €100	Sr M. Helen Hicks	St Patrick's
9 <sup>th</sup> Prize €100	Tullaherin Choir	Tullaherin
10 <sup>th</sup> Prize €100	Kitty & Liam Hanrahan	St Mary's

## **Would You Like a Career in Horticulture?**

Newpark Close Family Resource Centre offer place on QQI level 4 accredited. 40 weeks 9.00am to 4.30pm daily. Applicants must be in receipt of a Social Welfare payment. Mary or James 7723309.

## **Teac Tom**

Coffee Morning every Thursday from 10.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. Lovely fresh scones and jam from our local farmers market. All welcome, 15 Ormonde Road.

## **Knock Pilgrimage to New York**

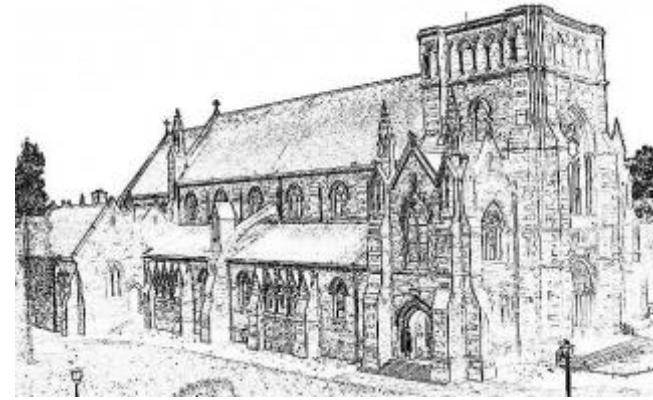
Knock to New York Pilgrimage 8th – 14th May 2017

Knock Shrine will lead a historic pilgrimage to New York in May. Flight-only tickets are now available, price €599 (incl. taxes and charges) direct from Ireland West Airport. Contact Joe Walsh Tours for more information (01) 241 0800 or email: [bronwyn.clinton@joewalstours.ie](mailto:bronwyn.clinton@joewalstours.ie)

## **The School of the Holy Spirit**

Annual church gate collection will take place this weekend. Thank you.

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## **Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time 26<sup>th</sup> February 2017**

## **Ash Wednesday & Lent**

Next Wednesday is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent.

Blessing and Distribution of Ashes at **8.00am, 10.30am and 7.30pm** masses.

**Fasting, and Abstinence from the eating meat, are to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.**

Lent offers us all a very special opportunity to grow in our relationship with God and to deepen our commitment to a way of life, rooted in our baptism. In our busy world, Lent provides us with an opportunity to reflect upon our patterns, to pray more deeply, experience sorrow for what we've done and failed to do, and to be generous to those in need.

## **First Friday**

Friday next is the First Friday of March. The sick and Housebound will be visited at the normal times. Please inform the Parish office or one of the Priests if you have a relative or neighbour who would like this service.

## Deaths – Month’s Minds – Anniversaries

**Deaths:** Paul Ryan, The Fairways & late of Dukesmeadows.  
Sr Agatha Ryan, Mount St Vincent Convent, Limerick.  
Carmel O’Keeffe, Clara.  
Hanna Ruth, Callan.  
Gloria Prendergast, Mullingar.

**Months Mind:** Martin Murty Kelly.

**Annivs:** Christine O’Connor & Dolores Dowling (6.30pm);  
John Dinneen (8.00am); Catherine Dowling (10.00am)  
Dolly, Liam & Billy Phelan (10.30am); Paddy Brennan (11.00am);  
Fintan Brennan (12.00 noon); Michael Brennan (7.30pm);  
Patrick & Francis McDonagh; John & Winnie Reilly; Dick Marnell;  
Patsy Purcell; Martin Dermody; Annie Dowling; Tony Comerford;  
Paddy Barry; Martin Dooley; Catherine Neary; Seamus Burke;

## Eucharistic Ministers for Next Weekend – Panel 2

### Readers for Next Weekend – Page 151

8.00am	Anne Marie Hogan
10.30am	Seamus Brennan & Deirdre Dowling
12.00noon	Mary Lynch
7.30pm	Ann Fitzpatrick
Johnswell 10.00am	Seán Colgan
Dunmore 11.00am	Bernard O’Gorman & John McGourty

### Weekly Envelope Collection

Thanks to all who contribute and those who pay by Standing Order.  
S.O. forms available in Parish Office.

### St Joseph’s Young Priest Society

A meeting will take place in the Presbytery next Monday at 11.00am. All are welcome.

## Pioneer Lenten Challenge!

Many people abstain from alcohol and take the Short-Term Pledge for the duration of Lent. Make your Lenten pledge. Visit [www.pioneerassociation.ie](http://www.pioneerassociation.ie) and joining online or by contacting your local Pioneer centre representative. Take this opportunity to help someone you know/love with an alcohol or drug problem by offering up your Lenten sacrifice as a prayer for their freedom and well-being. Go for it and make a difference to someone’s life!

## Time for A New Challenge

Are you interested in becoming a Facilitator with ACCORD Catholic Marriage Care Service? ACCORD is a voluntary Catholic organisation that aims to promote a deeper understanding of Christian marriage and to offer people the means to safeguard and nourish their marriage and family Relationship. ACCORD - Providers of Marriage Preparation Courses for the Catholic Bishops’ Conference in Ireland.

## Certificate in Marriage Education

Accredited by The Pontifical University, St Patrick’s College Maynooth and ACCORD Catholic Marriage Care Service.

Contact: Aisling Dignam, ACCORD Catholic Marriage Care Service, Columba Centre, Maynooth, Co. Kildare. T: 01 5053111

## O’Loughlins Gaels Victory Dinner Dance

O’Loughlin Gaels GAA will host its Club Dinner Dance in the Club Hall on Friday March the 10<sup>th</sup>.

As 2016 was a special year for the Club with the Senior Hurlers been crowned County Champions, this will also be a night when the players will officially be presented their medals.

A three-course meal, music, dancing, disco and a year full of positive memories to recount it promises to be a special night. Tickets available from club bar and committee members. Details available on [www.oloughlingaels.gaa.ie/notice-board](http://www.oloughlingaels.gaa.ie/notice-board). Music by Drops of Green followed by DJ Seanie-D.

## Arthritis Ireland

The Arthritis Ireland Kilkenny branch hold their local coffee chat on Saturday 25th February. It’s on every Saturday morning from 11am - 12 noon in the Ossory Park Community Centre. Do you live with Fibromyalgia or Arthritis? Don't suffer alone! Come for a chat, get out of the house, make new friends & know you're not alone – For more information you can call or text 087 1491767"

## Pilates Dunmore Hall

Strengthens core muscles, improving muscle control, flexibility, coordination, strength and tone as well as alignment and breathing. Classes commencing on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March in Dunmore Hall. 6 weeks for €50.00. Booking 086 8547710.