

THE KILKENNY NOVENA 2016

ST JOHN'S, MAY 3rd – 11th

Following reviews and discussions after the Novena last February, the Parish Pastoral Council has agreed that, weather-wise, a later date might be more suitable for it. A new Team of Redemptorist Priests has agreed to conduct it.

Celebrating Religious Life in Our Diocese

Celebrating the year of Consecrated life is an opportunity for the Bishop, the Priests and the lay faithful in our Diocese, to acknowledge and show our appreciation for the wonderful contribution religious have made over many years and, indeed, continue to make in the life of our diocese. In response to the Year of Consecrated life Adult Faith Development will host a display area in St Kieran's College from 12.00 noon until 5pm with stands outlining the various charisms and ministries that religious have offered to our Diocese throughout the years. This day will conclude with a Mass of thanksgiving in St Mary's Cathedral at 5.30pm. It is an opportunity for people to get some insight into the vast service they offer, and have offered.

Mercy - Understanding the Papacy of Francis

A Series of Talks

The Papacy of Francis has attracted the attention, and captured the imagination, not only of Catholics but also of the wider world. His words, spoken clearly and simply, seem to offer hope to a world in need of it.

Searching for a common theme or thread around which his papacy can be understood is not a difficult task. The Mercy of God and a resulting merciful Church is at the heart of his faith and teachings. Through this series of talks and Ossory Faith Development group hope to explore this important topic and how it is to be lived/experienced in our Church today.

Venue: St Patrick's Parish Centre, Loughboy. Adm. Free.

Wednesday 4th November: Chris Hayden
the bible – a mercy taught.

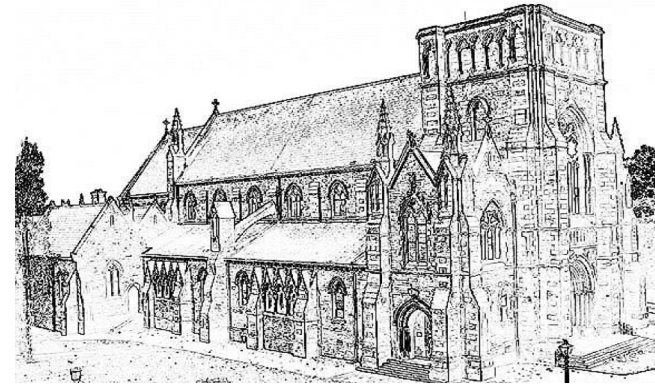
Wednesday 11th November: Albert McDonnell
the new process of marriage annulments – a mercy applied.

Wednesday 18th November: Seán McDonagh
Laudato Si' and caring for our world – Mercy lived.

Kilkenny Horticultural Society

A Lecture will take place on Thursday at 8pm in Clubhouse Hotel. The Lecture is by Frances McDonald, Garden Tour Manager on Colour in your Garden and the Gardening Year. Entrance and Refreshments €7.

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Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
18th October 2015

Mission Sunday

'Abundant Life'

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The World Mission Sunday 2015 takes place in the context of the Year of Consecrated Life, which provides a further stimulus for prayer and reflection. For if every baptized person is called to bear witness to the Lord Jesus by proclaiming the faith received as a gift, this is especially so for each consecrated man and woman. There is a clear connection between consecrated life and mission. The desire to follow Jesus closely, which led to the emergence of consecrated life in the Church, responds to his call to take up the cross and follow him, to imitate his dedication to the Father and his service and love, to lose our life so as to gain **it**. Since Christ's entire existence had a missionary character, so too, all those who follow him closely must possess this missionary quality.

To Mary, Mother of the Church and model of missionary outreach, I entrust all men and women who, in every state of life work to proclaim the Gospel, ad gentes or in their own lands. To all missionaries of the Gospel I willingly impart my Apostolic Blessing.

From the Vatican. Pope FRANCIS

Deaths – Month's Minds – Anniversaries

Deaths: John Butler, Castlecomer Road.
Mary Hehir, Waterford Road.
Carmel Kealy, Ballyfoyle.
Andy Phelan, Bonnettstown. *Funeral Mass at 10.30a.m. in St Canice's Church on Monday morning.*

Anniv: Albert Bolger (6.30pm); Mollie Bergin (10.30am);
Michael Heffernan (7.30pm); Bernadette Dermody; Patrick Holohan;
Jack Carroll; Maureen Bryan; John & Mary Agnes O'Connell;
The Butler Family; Julie Burke;

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8.00am	Ann Marie Hogan
10.30am	Paula Rogers & Louis Feeley
12.00noon	Marie Claire Mealy
7.30pm	Eileen Kinane
Johnswell 10.00am	Fiona Whitely
Dunmore 11.00am	Jim Kavanagh & Claire Hanrick

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 #47

“Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptised with the baptism that I am baptised with?”

Should the Lord direct these words to you in prayer, how will you respond? As a priest? Call or Email. Fr. Willie Purcell Ossory Vocations Director: ossoryvocdir@gmail.com 056 7770261

Rosary at The Grotto

Rosary each Sunday during October at The Grotto, Callan Rd at 3pm.

THE RISE FOUNDATION

The **RISE FOUNDATION** (*Recovery In a Safe Environment*) will run an 8 week programme to support family members who have a loved one with an alcohol, drug, sex or gambling problem.

This new course will start at 6.30 p.m. on the 26th October in our Parish Hall, 'The Day Centre' at St. John's Church.

For more information please email emmatherisefoundation@gmail.com or phone 01 764 5131

Light Of Hope

A series of October Talks & Events to Celebrate the Month of St Canice

Wed. 21st Oct. – Cardinal Cormac Murphy O'Connor (Westminster).

Wed. 28th Oct. – Dr Breda Lynch (Church Historian & OPW Southeast).

Venues, further info., etc: www.stcanicesparish.ie or 056 7721533.

Finance Committee Meeting

A meeting of the Finance Committee will take place next Thursday 7.30pm in the Presbytery. All members are requested to attend.

October Stations

Thanks to all who have returned their October Stations.

If you have forgotten, there's still time to contribute towards the upkeep of the Priests of the parish and your Bishop.

Johnswell for High Speed Broadband

Johnswell has entered a competition to be in with a chance to win the installation of Eir High Speed Fibre Broadband Network.

Our entry is online. We're seriously lacking in 'likes' Some entries have over 100k. We would very much appreciate if you would please share & like with the link <http://fibrerollout.ie/johnswell-co-kilkenny/>

Newpark Close Family Resource Centre

ECDL Computer Classes will be held in Newpark Close Family Resource Centre on Monday nights 7pm 9pm. Also taking booking for Internet Network Security course. To book a place contact FRC 7723309.

Vocational School

'Kilkenny City Vocational School welcome past and present staff, students, friends and their families to a memorial service on Friday 23rd October @11.15 AM. This is to honour all in the school community who have passed away. Any queries please contact Helen Duggan on 086 0488922'.