

Ferrybank Parish Bulletin

6th December, 2015.

Advent Candles

The candles on the Advent Wreath are lit each week to build up our preparation for the coming of Christ. The first candle represents HOPE. The second candle represents LOVE. Mary bore the baby Jesus in her womb with love beyond all telling. This week we are invited to develop the virtue of Love for God and charity for our fellow man.

Feast Of The Immaculate Conception

On **Tuesday** next the **8th December** we celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. **Mass will be celebrated at 7.30pm on Monday 7th December and 10.00am and 11.00am on Tuesday 8th December.**

Let us ask Our Lady, the Immaculate Conception, to help us deepen in our love for her Son and to lead others to the joy of friendship with Him.

Little Sisters of the Poor St Joseph's Home

The Feast Day of the Immaculate Conception is a special day for Little Sisters all over the world as on this day they are all united in renewing the Vows of their Religious Profession. This is a tradition going right back to the beginnings of their Congregation founded by St. Jeanne Jugan. We ask God's blessing on the great work that they do and their prayerful presence & witness in the heart of the Church. For more information on the work of the Little Sisters visit www.littlesistersofthepoor.ie

Christmas List 2015

We are now putting together the List of names of those you would like to have remembered at Mass this Christmas. If you would like to have someone included please drop the names in to the Parish Office.

Penitential Service

The Parish Penitential Service in preparation for Christmas will take place on **Thursday 17th December at 7.30pm.** All are encouraged to attend as part of our preparation for Christmas.

L'ARCHE South east

*Sharing the lives of people
with intellectual disabilities*

L'Arche provides supported living for people with intellectual disabilities. Our model of care is based on a shared community living whereby assistants and those we serve live together, sharing life's joys and challenges. While based in Kilkenny we support people from across the South East region.

On **St. Stephens Day** we are holding our inaugural Slievenamon charity trek. It promises to be a great family event after which we will be providing refreshments for participants and supporters alike. Registration will be open from 9am in the community hall Kilcash. Please come along and walk off the Christmas Day excess while supporting a wonderful cause.

For more details please visit the L'Arche Ireland Facebook page or contact Paul Ahearne @ paul@larcheireland.org .

Year of Mercy

The Jubilee Year of Mercy will be inaugurated on 8 December 2015, the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception and will run until 20 November 2016 which is the solemnity of Christ the King. Bishop Freeman will inaugurate the **Great Jubilee Year of Mercy** in our diocese with the celebration of the Eucharist with priests, religious and the lay faithful, on Sunday, 13th December 2015 in St. Marys Cathedral at 5.30 p.m. The beginning of the Jubilee Year is always solemnly marked by the opening of a Holy Door by the Pope in St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican. For this Jubilee Year of Mercy, Pope Francis asks each bishop throughout the world, to include a Holy Door of Mercy in their dioceses so that everyone throughout the world may be able to celebrate the Jubilee. Bishop Freeman, along with bishops throughout the world on that day in their dioceses, will officially open the Holy Door of Mercy, which is currently being prepared in St. Mary's Cathedral, the Mother Church of our diocese.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

The Little Sisters of the Poor will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament this Sunday, December. 6th, beginning at 3pm and concluding with Evening Prayer & Benediction at 5.30pm in their Chapel. All are most welcome!

World Youth Day 2016

Will take place in Poland at the end of July 2016. Pope Francis will attend and will lead the Way of the Cross on Friday, the overnight vigil on Saturday and celebrating Mass on Sunday 31st July. The Diocese of Ossory invite young people to attend. Young People(over 18) are invited to make contact through wyd@ossory.ie or Fr. Richard Scriven(087 2420033) or Derek Dooley (087 9384242)

St Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund Ninth Draw

The ninth Draw of the St Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund took place on Wednesday, November 26th, in the Cathedral's Chapter Room at 8.00 p.m. The Draw Results are as follows:-

- 1st Prize €2000 2741 Sr. A. Barlow, Callan**
- 2nd Prize €1000 2592 Sr. H. Frisby, Callan**
- 3rd Prize € 500 2412 Brendan Murphy, Muckalee**
- 4th Prize € 300 0156 Marie Delaney, St. Canice's**
- 5th Prize € 300 2334 Trish Campion, Johnstown**
- 6th Prize € 200 2919 MDenis Molloy, St. Mary's**
- 7th Prize € 200 0133 Dorothy Kennedy, St. Mary's**
- 8th Prize € 100 2142 Michael Hoyne, Thomastown**
- 9th Prize € 100 0023 Gowran Parish, Gowran**
- 10th Prize € 100 2861 Eugene O'Donovan, Callan**

Draw tickets are available at the Parish Office. €10 per month. The December Draw will be brought forward to **16th December**.

South Kilkenny Historical Society

Night of Reminiscing, Thursday, December 10th, at 8pm, Mullinavat Parish Hall (opposite church) Free admission - all welcome. Refreshments served later