

## Lenten Reflections

Please pick up a leaflet with daily Lenten Reflections the coming week.

## Pilgrimage to Medjugorje

A pilgrimage to Medjugorje from Divine Mercy Sunday, 3 April to 10 April (inclusive) is being organised. Pope Francis has urged the faithful to make a pilgrimage for the special Jubilee of Mercy and the programme of events in Medjugorje will reflect the spirit of this important Jubilee.

Cost: €550 before the 17th of Feb and €650 thereafter, on a half-board basis.

Contact Fr. Benignus at the Capuchin Friary, or Seán Hickey on 086 3715882.

## Asthma Society

Annual Church gate collection this weekend. Thank you for your support.

## Kilkenny Bereavement Support

Public Talk, "Understanding Self-harm and Suicide in Young People" in the Newpark Hotel, at 7.30pm Thursday March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Adm. €5. Speaker is Dr Eoin Galvan, a Senior Psychologist working in Adult Mental Health services. He and Dr Olivia Murphy hold a talk for parents on Sat Mar. 19<sup>th</sup>.

## Mental Health

Mental Health / Suicide Awareness Talk on Wednesday 9th March in the Springhill Court Hotel at 7pm. Speakers are Vincent Byrne, Cycling Against Suicide; Angela Hayes, The Thomas Hayes Trust; Cecilia Shefflin, Mindfulness Coach and Music by Claire Walsh & James Rice. All Welcome

## Camino De Santiago

Information session will take place in Kilkenny City Library on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March at 11am. Camino Ways.com director Roland Monsegu will introduce the history routes and culture of the Camino de Santiago, the famous way of St James.

## More Quotes from Baseball Manager - Yogi Berra

How can you think and hit at the same time?

The future ain't what it used to be.

It gets late very early out here.

If the people don't want to come to the ballpark, nobody's going to stop them.

Now, pair up in threes.

Even Napoleon had his Watergate.

Bill Dickey is learning me his experience.

He hits from both sides of the plate. He's amphibious.

It was impossible to get a conversation going, everybody was talking too much.

I don't know if they were men or women fans running naked across the field - they had bags over their heads.

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**Second Sunday of Lent**  
**21<sup>st</sup> February 2016**

## CATHEDRAL RESTORATION DRAW

The Cathedral's Fundraising Committee wish to thank you and all the Parish Promoters for your support for the first year of St Mary's Cathedral Restoration draw.

A new year of the draw begins next month and **the new draw cards** will be available for collection from the Cathedral Book shop or at the next draw night on Wednesday next in the Cathedral Chapter Room at 8pm.

We will also have them available in the Parish Office and we hope that current Promoters and Members will remain on board for the coming year. New Promoters & Members are also needed to help raise urgently needed funds for work already completed on this project.

## Lenten Station Envelopes

Lenten Stations envelopes are now being distributed during the Lenten Season. The Lenten Station collection from our parishioners, the last collection until next October goes towards the salaries of the Priests of the parish and to our Bishop.

## Deaths – Month's Minds – Anniversaries

**Deaths:** Bridget Knox, 40 Altamount Park.  
Sheila McEvoy, Ballyragget.  
Maura Tyrrell, Meadow Way.  
Fr. Godfrey Ryan, Atlanta, late of High Street.  
Paddy Manning, Thomastown.

**Months Mind:** Ned Brennan (11.00am).

**Anniv:** Francie Murphy (6.30pm); Jimmy Leahy (8.00am);  
Mary Butler (10.00am); Michael Dowling (10.30am);  
Paddy Brennan (11.00am); Andy O'Driscoll (12.00 noon);  
Michael Brennan (7.30pm); Patsy Purcell; Peter & John O'Rourke;  
James McGrath; Molly Cunningham; Martin Coogan; Joe Maher;  
Paddy Barry; Martin Dermody; Annie Dowling; May Morris Allen;  
Peter & Jimmy Browne; Patrick & Eileen Hennessy; Jimmy Gahan;  
Martin Dooley; Stan Landers; Sarah Tynan; Maura Butler; Breda Rafter;  
Margaret Rowe; Catherine White.

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8.00am	Ann O'Grady
10.30am	Paula Rogers & Louis Feeley
12.00noon	Marie Claire Mealy
7.30pm	Marie Fogarty
Johnswell 10.00am	Betsy Rice & Teresa Dowling
Dunmore 11.00am	Christy Murray & Caitriona McDermott

### 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 #13

*Are you listening to Jesus, the Chosen One? What is He revealing to you? Let his message dwell in your heart. (Luke 9:28-36).*

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

## Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

### Course of Preparation 2016

We invite those who are to train as Ministers of the Eucharist to attend the three evenings of preparation. Please note that the three training nights take place consecutively, enabling people to undertake the course in a week. As always, if a particular night does not suit, you are most welcome to attend any of the other venues.

There will be a Saturday morning training session to facilitate those at college.

**Mon. 29<sup>th</sup> Feb.**, St Patricks Parish Centre, 7.30pm – Speaker: Fr Ollie Maher

**Tues. 1<sup>st</sup> Mar.**, St Patricks Parish Centre, 7.30pm – Speaker: Sr Anna Corcoran.

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**, St Fiacre's Church, 7.30pm – Speaker: Mr Ken Maher

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March**, St Patricks Parish Centre, 10.00am.

## Pastoral Statement of the Catholic Bishops of Ireland on the Upcoming General Election

Visit [www.catholicbishops.ie](http://www.catholicbishops.ie) for this statement, or read it on our parish website: [stjohnskilkenny.com](http://stjohnskilkenny.com)

## Celebrating Holy Week In The Parish

The Diocesan Liturgy Committee will hold an evening in St Fiacre's Church in on Thursday March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7.30pm for choirs and parish liturgy teams.

Maeve Mahon, Fr Roderick Whearty and Fr Richard Scriven will give an evening on Celebrating the Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday liturgies.

Content: Reflection on the ceremonies; Sacred Spaces; and music that will assist choirs in their work.

This evening is open to all choir members and those who help with liturgy.

## Trócaire

Trócaire Boxes are available in our churches for your Lenten charitable donations from you & your family during Lent to help alleviate poverty in the Third World.

## Society of St Vincent De Paul

St Vincent de Paul collection place this weekend. Thank you for your support.

## Johnswell National School

Enrolments are now open for September 2016 for Johnswell National School. Application forms are available from the School Tel: 77598 95.

## School of the Holy Spirit

The School of the Holy Spirit will hold its Annual Church Gate Collection next weekend to raise much needs funds for complimentary therapies for our pupils.

## The O'Neill Centre

Their recent church gate collection raised €840. Many thanks for your support.