

## CALLAN PARISH NEWSLETTER

**Recent death:** Alice McGirr, Moanmore – funeral on Wed. 23 March?xml:namespace prefix = o ns = "urn:schemas-microsoft-com:office:office" /

**Westcourt News:** Mass to pray for the intercession of Blessed Edmund Rice in our lives and for his canonisation will take place in Westcourt on ?xml:namespace prefix = st1 ns = "urn:schemas-microsoft-com:office:smarttags" /Monday, *28<sup>th</sup> March 2016* at 7.30pm. The liturgy will be organised by the Callan 1916 Centenary Committee commemorating the Easter Rising. Callan will mark the 1916 Rising on Sunday April 3 with reading of **Proclamation** etc. from the steps of the Town Hall (now Café L'Arche). See next week's Newsletter for details.

**Readers: Holy Thursday: 7.30 p.m.: Reader:** Joe Kennedy

**Good Friday: 3 p.m.: Reader:** Bob McLoughlin; **Passion** – Lisa O'Neill (N); Patti McGuire (O). Paddy McGuire – prayers of intercession. **7.30 p.m.: Reader:** Rachel Hogan **Passion** – Colm Keher (N); Aislinn McGrath (O). Prayers of intercession - Patrick Lydon;

**Holy Saturday: 8 p.m.:** Reading No. 1: Bridie Bergin; Reading no 3: Tommy Quinlan; Reading No. 7 Madeleine McLoughlin; Mass Reader: Padhraic Moran.

**Easter Sunday:** 8.30 a.m. Colin Aherne; 11.00 a.m. Olive Power.

**EASTER TRIDUUM: HIGH POINT OF THE WHOLE CHURCH YEAR:** The Easter Triduum (Holy Thurs. – Easter Sun.) is the summit of the entire Church's Year. No other celebrations may replace the liturgies of these days. No funeral Masses for instance are permitted (Holy Thurs. – Holy Sat.). The present Holy Week Liturgies came into being in 1956 – Celebration of the special Mass of Lord's Supper

replaced regular Mass on this day; the Celebration of the Lord's Passion replaced the Stations of the Cross; the Easter Vigil replaced the Holy Sat. Morning Prayer. We encourage everybody to make a special effort to participate in these liturgies of Holy Week. The said liturgies are celebrated only on these Three Days and are intended to bring out in a unique way the unity of the parish gathered round the priest(s) in celebration.

**HOLY THURS. March 24, 7.30 p.m.** parish liturgy of Lord's Supper followed by Eucharistic adoration and concluding with night prayer at 9.20 p.m... Washing of feet, re-commissioning of ministers of the Eucharist (all Eucharistic Ministers asked to attend for re-commissioning) & Members of Baptismal Team.

**GOOD FRIDAY, March 25 :** Celebration of Lord's Passion at **3 p.m. & 7.30 p.m.** incorporating the **Camphill Community**. **Good Friday** is one of the two days left in the Church's year of **fast and abstinence** i.e. abstain from meat and eat a modest amount otherwise. Give to Trocaire what you save on food.

**HOLY SAT. :** March 26 ; **Easter Vigil 8 p.m. takes the place of regular vigil Mass. No 6.30 p.m. Mass on Holy Saturday. Clocks go forward on this night.**

**EASTER SUNDAY, 27 March:** regular Mass schedule. Parish Choir will sing at 11.00 a.m. liturgy. **Easter Mass in Coolagh** deferred to Easter Sunday morning at 9 a.m.. Newtown at the usual time of 9.30 a.m..

**The Annual Whist for Fr Philip O'Halloran** MHM will take place on Wednesday 30 March, 2016 in Callan Parish Hall. Monster raffle and numerous prizes for both whist and raffle. Donations, support etc. from people who cannot be there on the night are always welcome. Fr. Philip a native of Westcourt has spent most of his priestly life working in Africa

spreading the Good News of the Gospel and helping people realize their true potential. Teas served on the night. All are welcome. Veronica Robinson 086-3133208

**Trocaire Boxes: forgotten or neglected to make Lent special! There is still time to make up lost ground. Put something extra in your Trocaire Box 2016** is focusing on the effects of climate change on peoples already on the brink of starvation. Clean water to drink and water for crops and livestock is the big challenge facing people living in already desert-like conditions. Things are getting worse for them. **Please use special convert smaller coins into notes if at all possible. Parishioners of Callan contributed €3,340 to Trocaire last year.**

**Callan Golf Club:** Golf Lessons for beginners - male and female; commencing April 16th. 4 lessons for €40. Ring Margaret on 056 7725136 to register

**SOUTH KILKENNY HISTORICAL SOCIETY LECTURE** :*Topic:* Padraig Pearse : *Speaker:* Mr Pat Cooke *Date:* Thursday, March 31<sup>st</sup>. *Time:* 8pm *Venue:* Mullinavat Parish Hall (opposite church) *Admission:* €5 (members and students free). Eddie Synnott 086 8124349

**Cathedral Monthly Draw enters its 2<sup>nd</sup> year – invitation to support the Mother Church of diocese:** As you are probably aware major renovation work is underway on our diocesan Cathedral Church – St. Mary’s. A monthly draw to fund the project has been running over this past year. It has yielded a profit of about **€160,000 – 170,000**. In its first year of operation something in the region of 100 tickets were sold in Callan area. Callan has been relatively lucky in scooping the two top prizes (**€2,000 & €1,000 in the December 2015** draw and the top prize of **€2,000 in the January 2016** draw. Tickets costing **€120 per year of €10 per month** are again on sale and available in sacristy after Mass or at parochial house. The draw will take the form of monthly draws with prize money each month totaling c. **€5,000** each month or **€60,000**

per year. If you would like to become a promoter or supporter of the draw please let us know. Finally if you are in the process of making your will and looking around for some worthy cause or charity to benefit from your generosity, please remember the Cathedral Renovation Fund. Experience tells me that work will be continuing there for many years to come.

**CELEBRATION OF DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, 3<sup>rd</sup> APRIL 2016 (Sunday after Easter Sunday), in the Capuchin Friary, Kilkenny, 2.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.. Rosary, Chaplet of Mercy, Confession, Holy Hour, Mass at 4.00 p.m., followed by blessing of St. Faustina Relic. Directed by Fr. Willie Purcell. All are welcome.** Any queries please contact Kathleen Collins, Divine Mercy Group Kilkenny at 086 1244934

#### **World Youth Day 2016**

**World Youth Day 2016** will be celebrated this July in Krakow from July 25<sup>th</sup> to July 31<sup>st</sup>. Young people, over the age of 18 years of age, are invited to . Contact Fr. Richard Scriven (087 2420033) or Derek Dooley (087 938 4242) if they would like to participate in this pilgrimage with Pope Francis to the homeland of Pope John Paul II. Further information from Fr Scriven, PP Inistioge, 087 2420033 or [inistioge@ossory.ie](mailto:inistioge@ossory.ie) or [wyd@ossory.ie](mailto:wyd@ossory.ie) Richard Scriven [rscriven2009@gmail.com](mailto:rscriven2009@gmail.com) 087 2420033

**Happy Easter:** I would to wish all parishioners a very happy Easter and to thank you for your support over the past year. We all need a lift at this time of year and particularly in the light of recent tragedies from Buncrana to Brussels. The core message of Easter is one of hope – the triumph of the forces of good over the forces of evil and adversity.

**Word of thanks:** to all who contributed to the collections for the support of the priests (active & retired) and the parish over the past year.