

Newly Confirmed - 2016

Congratulations and prayerful best wishes from all parishioners to the forty-two girls and boys who received the Sacrament of Confirmation in our parish yesterday.

We thank Bishop Freeman and the great number of people who helped in various ways during the preparations and at the ceremony itself.

Aimee Butler
Tom Byrne
Caoimhe Cassin
Chelsea Comerford
Ryan Corcoran
Peter Coyne
Sylvia Devaney
Orla Doheny
Adam Dooley
Aimee Glynn
Mikolaj Gorecki
Niamh Hayes
Sinead Hayes
Amy Hennessy
Ben Kinchella
Julian Korenko
David Kulaga
Jack Lanigan
Jack Larkin
Kerri Larkin
Oskar Lewandowski

Beatrice Mackeviciute
Jack Meagher
Klaudia Muszynska
Daniel O'Regan
Jordan O'Sullivan
Ben Parker Power
Chloe Phelan
Stephen Power
Naoise Ryan
Jessica Smith
Sarah Sunday Sida
Katie Tyrrell
Anthony Walsh
Ciara Walsh
Sarah Walsh
Lydia Berry (Mod)
Johnny Kiely (Mod)
Rachel Smyth (Mod)
Alice Brennan (JW)
Ciara Hoban (JW)
Abby Ware (JW)
(23 girls; 19 boys)

May the Holy Spirit fill your heart

with heavenly blessings

— the desire to seek God,

the faith to follow Him,

and the eagerness

to know Him more fully each day.

With Joy we Bless you on your Confirmation Day

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Third Sunday of Easter
10th April 2016

Follow the Icon

Pilgrim Icon or Our Mother of Perpetual Help

A Pilgrimage with the Icon to the Cathedrals of Ireland in the Jubilee Year of Mercy 2016 comes to St Mary's Cathedral from 13th – 14th April.

The Redemptorists in Ireland together with all 26 Roman Catholic Cathedrals are celebrating the 150th anniversary of veneration to the 'Mother of Perpetual Help'. The intention is that the programme can be accessed by the faithful of the Diocese of Ossory and the large number of people who share in this devotion of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. All are very welcome.

Wednesday 13th April, 7.30 p.m. – St Mary's Cathedral

Mass of Welcome. *Chief celebrant: Bishop Séamus Freeman, SAC, Bishop of Ossory.* Service of Healing – will follow after Mass

Thursday 14th April, 9.00 a.m. – St Mary's Cathedral.

11.30 a.m. – Prayer Service for Primary Schools.

We believe that this Icon will bring help to many who are troubled, that it will open our hearts to those in need and make us "true icons of God's mercy".

Deaths – Month's Minds – Anniversaries

Deaths: Jim O'Dwyer, St Fiacre's Place.
Michael Leahy, Larchfield.
Kathleen Lawlor, Glendine Heights.
Bridget Kenny, Stephen Street. *Funeral mass on Monday at 11.00 a.m. in St Mary's. Interment in Johnswell.*

Months Mind: Mary Mackey (7.30pm)

Anniv: Michael Kelly (6.30pm); Dick, Mattie & Bridget Corr (10.00am); Martin Ryan (10.30am); Ken McDermott (11.00am); Bridie Herlihy (12.00 noon); Collette Deevy; Kathleen O'Gorman; Bobby & Patricia Quigley; Peggy Lambe; Nano Brennan; Elizabeth McGrath; Arthur & Annie Connick; Michael O'Reilly; Paddy Cahill; Michael Byrne; John & Eveline Parkinson; Tom & John Dowling; James & Margaret Burke; Paddy & Billy Cleere; Michael Malone; Ellen & Edward Delaney; Bridget & William O'Hanrahan;

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8.00am	Nora Webster & Margaret Leahy
10.30am	Jimmy Connolly
12.00noon	Peter Dwyer
7.30pm	Anne Marie Grace
Johnswell 10.00am	Robert Butler
Dunmore 11.00am	Pierce Lennon & Liam Maddock

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 #20

Jesus asks us, "Do you love me?" How do you show your love for Jesus in the way you live? (John 21:1-19)

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

St John's Homes for the Elderly

A vacancy has arisen at the Homes for the Elderly, St John's Court, located on the grounds of St John's Church. Application forms are available from the Parish Office during office hours 9.30-2.00pm Monday to Friday. Closing date for applications is Wednesday 27th April.

Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine

Irish Catholic Nurses Guild Annual Pilgrimage to Knock takes place Saturday 7th May. Bus departs at 7.30am from the Butts Green. For bookings, please contact Ann Kennedy on 7722204 or 087 9329561. All are welcome.

Society of St Vincent De Paul

Monthly collection of St Vincent de Paul will take place next weekend 16th & 17th April. We thank you for your continued Support.

Divine Mercy

Holy Hour takes place in The Friary today from 3-4pm. All are welcome.

Kilkenny Active Retirement

April meeting will be held at the Club House Hotel on Monday at 2.30pm.

How Do We Witness?

The most effective way of witnessing is found in the way we quietly live our lives. It is found in the values we hold and live by.

Just being here for Mass and observing our holy days is witnessing. People notice what we say and what we do. They really notice what we don't say and what we don't do. You may think that isn't very significant but it is.

Just think of those people who have most influenced you. You probably don't remember too much of what they said but you certainly remember their characters and who they were as persons. That is what effective witnessing is all about.

The way you treat others and how you speak about them is witnessing. The way you relate to others is witnessing. What you have to say about cultural values is witnessing.

If you are diligent in guarding what is continually on your mind your actions will follow accordingly. That is why keeping our minds from being filled with junk and keeping up with frequent prayer is so important.

Being a witness to what Jesus Christ said and did isn't that difficult after all. Having received the Bread of Life we can enter our days with the risen Christ abiding within us to strengthen and guide us along our various ways.