

Coordinator of the Ossory Diocesan Pastoral Plan The Diocese intends to employ someone to work on a Pastoral Plan for the Diocese. The Diocesan Pastoral Council has drawn up a plan so the person employed will implement it. See the Diocesan Website for details.

Friends of Fallen Friends Road Run: 01st May 2016. Run leaves approximately 12 noon from Thomastown United AFC Grounds. All vehicles are welcome, costing €20. All money raised will go to Thomastown Community Hall and Thomastown Scouts.

Day Trip for Senior Citizens takes place Tuesday May 17th, leaving at 10am, costing €10 per person, with Indoor Crazy Golf, Newbridge Silverware and the Icon Museum of Style, and time to explore Newbridge town. Please give names to the Shop on Thursday or Friday.

World Youth Day 2016: World Youth Day will be celebrated this July in Krakow from July 25th to July 31st. 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 or wyd@ossory.ie

Volunteer in Africa: Humanitarian Volunteers are looking for volunteers to travel to Kenya on 26 June 2016. The volunteers will work on a humanitarian project for two weeks. No experience required and no age restrictions. Supervision provided. Volunteers will also visit the resting place of the Venerable Edel Quinn. No large fundraising. Volunteers will pay their own costs. If you can assist teaching English, or assist with sports, games, arts, crafts or more, then you can make a real impact on the lives of the poorest and those without hope. Contact Denis at Humanitarian Volunteers 086 8520271.

Jubilee Volunteers: During this Jubilee year there is an opportunity for people to travel to Rome to act as volunteers helping pilgrims throughout the city. Accommodation and food etc..will be provided for successful applicants. There is a notional requirement of basic Italian but that should not stop people applying as a few easy classes to give people the basics will be provided. Adult Faith Development will sponsor up to 10 people to travel.

Dates for Accord Pre-Marriage Courses to take place in Kilkenny this year: 27,28th May, 17,18th June, 23,24th September, 21,22nd October, 25,26th November. Please check the Accord website, and if one of the above dates suits you, book early as courses get filled up.

Lourdes 2016: Bookings are now being taken for the Ossory Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes from May 22nd to 27th. For information please ring Eleanor at 051 880414 or glenmore@ossory.ie

Family Carers Ireland will run Modules as part of the QQI FETAC Level 5 Full Healthcare Award due to commence in Kilkenny May 2016. For further enquiries please contact the training unit on 0579370223”

Put faith into practice by thinking on these four truths:
‘God is always present.

Nothing happens without His permission or outside of His will.

Anything we do to others we do to Him.

All kindness and goodness are in Him’.

Life goes beyond death, because life is called to life, not death. That is the plan of its creator. But life blossoms into full flower only in those who nurture life here on this earth; in those who defend its rights, protect its dignity, and are even willing to accept death in their witness to it. (Leonardo Boff)

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PARISH OFFICE

Notices for the Newsletter must be placed in the letter box before Thursday 12 noon for inclusion in the coming weekend's Newsletter.

MARRIAGES

All people planning Marriage in Church in Thomastown must give at least three months notice to the Parish. Please contact the Office or one of the Priests. With such a significant step for life, it is important that couples intending Marriage undergo a course of Marriage Preparation. Accord is the official provider of Pre-Marriage courses.

BAPTISMS

Baptisms are held on 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month and on 2nd Sunday of each month after 11.00am Mass. Please contact the Parish Office, tel 056-7793191 or email: thomastown@ossory.ie



24th April 2016
Fifth Sunday of Easter

Paul and Barnabas roamed through the lands as they spread the Good News.
Lord, send us too.
Open your doors.
What we do, where we go, what we say, let it be us proclaiming your love.
Let us open the doors of faith to all who want.

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CHURCH SERVICES THIS WEEK BEGINNING 24th April 2016

Parish Church	Sunday morning Mass	11.00am
	Monday, Wednesday & Friday Mass	09.30am
	Monday Adoration in Mercy Chapel	10/12noon
	Monday Adoration in Mercy Chapel	07/08pm
	Wednesday Lectio Divina in Mercy Chapel	10.00am
	Saturday evening Vigil Mass	07.00pm
St.Columba's Hospital	Sunday morning Mass	09.30am
	Tuesday & Thursday Mass	10.00am
Chapel Hill	Saturday evening 30 th April Mass	05.45pm
Confessions	Saturday 11am & after 7pm Mass when requested	

Mass times in Chapel Hill & Mong for the coming weeks.

Mass in Chapel Hill Saturday evening 30th April, 07th May at 5.45pm
Mass in Mong Saturday evening 23rd April, 14th May at 5.45pm

Deaths/Anniversaries: Mgr. Toddy Prendergast, Ballydonnell and San Diego, **Peg Nugent**, The Quay, **Matty & Pat Lawlor** (09.30am Mass); **Garbo Hayes**, 9, Dangan Terrace (Months Mind Mass 11am); **Connie O'Neill**, Grennan & Cheekpoint; **Brid Fanning**, Grennan; **Hannah Cottrell**, Brownsbarn; **Ella Brennan**, Graiguenamanagh; **Joseph O'Reilly**, Ladywell St. May they rest in peace.

Cead Mile Failte: Welcome to Ellie May Moran, Mallfield; Martha Jane Nugent, Mallfield; Paige Ann Wallace, Mallfield; Juliette Madeline Rose Peers, Fairgreen; Robyn Mary Walsh, Powerswood baptised into the family of God recently.

St. Mary's Conference of St. Vincent de Paul Society Church door Collection will be held at all Masses this weekend and your support is greatly appreciated. The telephone number of the St. Vincent de Paul Society is **096-2664669**.

St Joseph's Young Priests Society wishes to thank most sincerely everyone who contributed to our collection last weekend which realised €623.20. Please join us 7-8pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel on the 3rd Monday of each month to pray for Vocations to Priesthood and Religious Life. All welcome.

Remembering 1916: The 7pm Mass this Saturday will be our time to recall the people who died in 1916 at the Easter Rising, and to ask God's blessing for Ireland's journey of the next 100 years.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Please note Monday Adoration times have changed. Adoration will begin after 9.30am Mass to 12 noon and from 7 to 8pm. This is a wonderful service, to gather and pray for and on behalf of the people of the Parish and beyond.

Mass of Thanksgiving for Volunteers and Friends of CURA - past and Present: In appreciation for the dedicated service of CURA Volunteers and Friends over the past forty years in our diocese, Bishop Freeman will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving on Wednesday, 27th April 2016 at 10.30 a.m. in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, St. Mary's Cathedral, Kilkenny, followed by refreshments in the Chapter Room. All involved with CURA past and present are welcome

CYMS Work has begun on the building, with scaffolding erected. The roof will be repaired, the lead at the gutter overlooking the Quay Car Park replaced, and the windows replaced. Some work will need to be done on the gable ends also, around the chimney areas.

St. Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund Draw. The second of twelve draws takes place next Wednesday. The subscription is €10 per month. Join at O'Keeffe's or Murphy Victualler in Market Street, Reddy's on Pipe Street or the Parish Office.

The Rower Church celebrates 200 years this year. As part of the celebration there will be a talk in The Rower Community Hall at 8pm. All welcome.

April 27th: The Religious Influence upon the 1916 Rising and its Leaders. Fr Billy Swan, CC St Senan's Cathedral Enniscorthy, has written on this subject and will examine the influence of religious beliefs upon the drafting of the Proclamation and the motivation of the signatories, the choice of Easter as the date for the Rising and the notion of nationhood 100 years later

Ossory Vocations: God has chosen to dwell with us. How can you best share your gifts to reveal his presence? (Revelations 21:1-5) If you think God is calling you to priesthood, call Fr. Willie Purcell Ossory Vocations Director. 056 7770261 or email ossoryvocdir@gmail.com.
www.ossory/vocations

Coeliacs If reception of Communion is a problem for you, please contact Fr. Mark or Fr. Dan or one of the Sacristans at the churches and arrangements will be made to facilitate you at Mass.

