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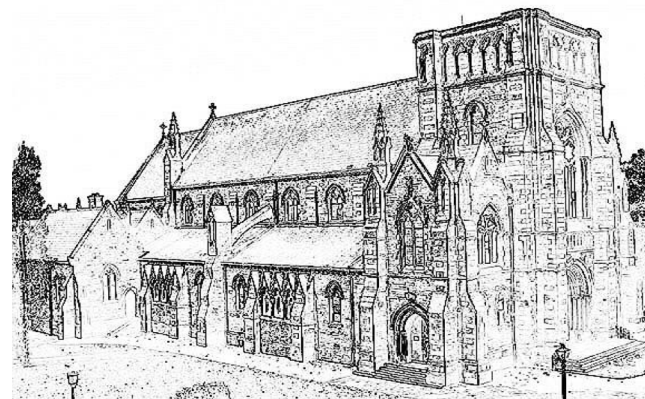
Thanks to all who contribute to the Parish and Diocesan collections during 2015. We thank those who support the *'Envelope Collection'* on a weekly or yearly basis, and those who contribute by means of a *Standing Order* through the Bank. All proceeds of the *Envelope Collection* and *Standing Orders* go exclusively towards the running costs of the parish.

If you have become irregular in your support of the upkeep of your parish, we urge you to think again. Our wish is to maintain the same high standard of services, facilities and infrastructure that we are blessed to have in St John's Parish. We are very grateful to you for the sacrifices that you make via your regular contributions in order to maintain these standards. We are also aware that some find life financially very difficult.

However, we appeal to all parishioners, if at all possible, to **maintain, commence** or **recommence**, some regular contribution towards the running costs of our parish.

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Sixth Sunday of Easter
1st May 2016

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

The Kilkenny Novena – this Tuesday to Wednesday week

The time has come and we're all set for the Ninth Annual Novena facilitated by Redemptorists Frs Brendan Keane and Denis Luddy. They too look forward to a great turnout this year, especially as we've changed to the month of May.

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TIMETABLE AVAILABLE AT BACK OF CHURCH

Petition and Thanksgiving Leaflets are also now available – you are asked to place them in the boxes in front of the shrine to Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

Novena Candles and New Novena Booklets (€1) will be available at each Mass.

Jockey Johnny Murtagh

On Tues week at 7.30pm, as part of our Novena, we are delighted to welcome Johnny Murtagh, former flat race champion jockey and current successful horse trainer, to give his personal faith testimony - a witness that's fuelled by his rich spirituality connected to his recovery from addiction. Johnny challenges us to appreciate the gift of every Moment of Life. An inspirational and challenging man.

“Be grateful and appreciate life.”

Deaths – Month's Minds – Anniversaries

Deaths: Patrick Downes, Jacob Street.
Mary Dermody, Hampshire, England.

Months Mind: Terry Walsh

Anniv: Michael Malone (6.30pm); Bea Orr (8.00am);
William & Elizabeth Trait (10.00am); Joan Manning (10.30am);
Bridget McEvoy (11.00am); Seamus Murphy (12.00 noon);
Michael Hayes (7.30pm); Molly Dowling; Richard Pielow;

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8.00am	Ann Marie Hogan
10.30am	Kathleen Ferguson & Saoirse Ryan
12.00noon	Bobbie Lahart
7.30pm	Eileen Kinane
Johnswell 10.00am	Seán Colgan
Dunmore 11.00am	Jim Kavanagh & Claire Hanrick

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 #23

If we love, we know the presence of God. Take time to be aware of God's loving presence. Are you open to the Holy Spirit? (John 14:23-29)

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

Ossory Vocations Information Day

An Information Day with Fr Willie Purcell will take place on Saturday May 14th at 10.30 am in The Chapter Room, St Mary's Cathedral.

Cois Nore Charity Shop

The Kilkenny Cancer Charity Shop, John St seek volunteers. Call 0567715001.

Epilepsy

Epilepsy Church Gate Collection next weekend. Your support will be appreciated.

Bank Holiday Monday – 10.30 a.m. Mass only.

First Friday

Next Friday is the First Friday of May. Holy Communion at the normal times.

St John's Prayer Group

Prayer group will not meet on the 4th & 11th May. Back to normal Wed. 18th May.

Adoration Room

Adoration Room closed for the duration of the Novena. reopens on 12th May.

Dominican Black Abbey

May Rosary Vigil will take place today Sunday at 4.15pm.

Monthly Rosary

The Monthly Rosary in James Green takes place this Sunday at 3.00pm.

Blessed Edmund Rice

Feast of Blessed Edmund Rice: mass in Westcourt Thursday, 5th May at 7.30pm.

The Diocese of Ossory

**invites applications from suitably qualified persons for the position of
Coordinator of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan**

This co-ordinator will be given the task of implementing the Diocesan Pastoral Plan 2016-2020 across the forty-two parishes of the Diocese. This will be a temporary part-time post for a three-year term. Prospective candidates should hold a degree in Theology or a commensurate discipline, have excellent communication skills, both verbal and written, be holders of a valid driving licence with the use of a car and have proven experience of active engagement and leadership within the Church.

The applicant will be committed to the ethos of the Catholic faith. Please send your CV and cover letter, specifying your suitability for the position of Coordinator of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan, by post, in confidence, quoting ref Coordinator of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan, to Fr Dermot Ryan, St Kieran's College, Kilkenny. Closing date for applications Friday 6th May 2016, 5.00pm

St Mary's Cathedral – Second Draw Results

Prize	Winner	Parish
1 st Prize €2,000	Mem Dunphy	Ballyragget
2 nd Prize €1,000	Monica Murray	St Mary's
3 rd Prize €500	Fr Noel Maher	Aghaboe
4 th Prize €300	Cardinal C. Murphy O'Connor	St Mary's
5 th Prize €300	Mary Sullivan	Mooncoin
6 th Prize €200	Michael & Mary O'Connor	Muckalee
7 th Prize €200	Kate Morris	Callan
8 th Prize €100	Michael Hyland	Aghaboe
9 th Prize €100	Brendan Walshe	Ballyragget
10 th Prize €100	Sr Imelda	St Mary's