

St Mary's Cathedral – Third Draw Results

Prize	Winner	Parish
1 st Prize €2,000	Donal & Catherine Brennan	Clogh
2 nd Prize €1,000	Nora Connick	St Mary's
3 rd Prize €500	Ann & Kevin O'Donnell	Gowran
4 th Prize €300	Aileen McInerny	Ballyraggett
5 th Prize €300	Seamus Mulrooney	St Mary's
6 th Prize €200	Mr Butler	St John's
7 th Prize €200	Fr O'Farrell	Lisdowney
8 th Prize €100	Jim Dunne	St Mary's
9 th Prize €100	Evie Doyle	Clara
10 th Prize €100	Paul & Denise O'Neill	St Mary's

K.E.Y. Community Training Centre

Kilkenny Employment for Youth Ltd. (K.E.Y.) is a Community Training Centre based just off High Street. The Centre provides young people (aged 16 to 23) with a chance to participate in Training and Education courses. For more information, contact Walter Piggott on 7762774 or Will Lennon on 086 0427050.

Rosary at the Grotto

Rosary recited each Sunday in of May at 3pm at the Grotto on the Callan Road.

Family Carers Ireland

Family Carers Ireland are providing the QQI Level 5 Healthcare Award training in Kilkenny and Carlow in June 2016 based on demand. Contact 0579370221.

Kilkenny Carlow Samaritans

Kilkenny Carlow Samaritans will hold an information evening in Butler House, Patrick Street at 7.00pm on Wednesday June 1st. All will be most welcome.

Marian Movement of Priests

A meeting of the Marian Movement of Priests will take place next Monday 30th May at 7.30pm in St Joseph's Mill Hill on the Waterford Road. Mass, Rosary and Holy Hour. All are welcome.

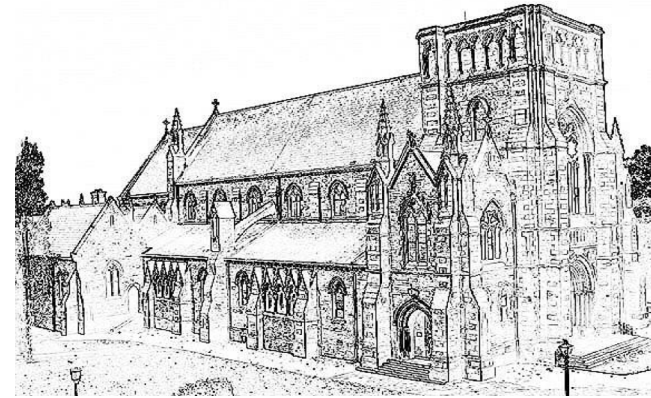
Kilkenny County Council Mass

Kilkenny County Council's mass for deceased staff & members will take place on Tuesday next 31st May at 7pm in the Canteen, Kilkenny County Council, County Hall, John Street. Everyone welcome.

Johnswell Active Retirement

A meeting will be held in Johnswell Hall next Wednesday 1st June at 8.00pm. New members always welcome.

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Corpus Christi

29th May 2016

Sixth Annual Corpus Christi Procession

The Annual Corpus Christi Procession will take place on the Feast of Corpus Christi today (29th May). We are all asked to gather at the *Capuchin Friary, Friary Street, at 2.20. p.m.*

The Procession will leave the Friary at 2.30 p.m. and process through Parnell Street to gather in prayer at James's Green before continuing to St. Mary's Cathedral for Solemn Benediction. We are all asked to please attend to demonstrate our devotion, appreciation and gratitude for the immeasurable gift of The Eucharist on the Feast of the Body and Blood of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Mary & Bernadette Statues Restored

Just as our Diocesan Pilgrimage returns from Lourdes we are delighted to announce that the two beautiful statues of *Our Lady of Lourdes and St Bernadette Soubirous* in St John's Church have been magnificently restored to their original state to aid people in their devotion and intercessory prayers.

This restoration is all due to a family of benefactors who wish to remain anonymous, but to whom the parish and visitors to the church are deeply indebted. Please remember to say a little prayer for them when at the shrine.

Deaths – Month's Minds – Anniversaries

Deaths: Ger Bowden, Johnswell.
William Nolan, Thomas Square.

Months Mind: Thomas Roche

Anniv: Elizabeth Gooch (6.30pm); Jimmy & Sadie Meaney (8.00am); Fr Willie Meaney (10.30am); Mary Henebry (11.00am); Philip Morrissey (12.00 noon); Mary O'Dwyer (7.30pm); Sarah & Sheila Cleary; Joan Wall; Mary & Patrick Campion; Sally Loughman; William & Mary Deegan; Bridget Culleton; Valerie Dyer; Mary Lanigan; Richard Shortall; Peig O'Connor; Peggy & Edmond Holohan; Jim Carew; Agnes Dermody; Margaret Cody.

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8.00am	Anne Marie Hogan
10.30am	Peggy Wall
12.00noon	Tony Dalton
7.30pm	Eileen Kinane
Johnswell 10.00am	Josie Manning & Fiona Manning
Dunmore 11.00am	Bernard O'Gorman & John McGourty

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 #27

Jesus asked, "Why do you not give them something to eat yourselves?"

What do you have to offer to the hungry world? (Luke 9:11-17)

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

First Friday

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

St John's Young Priests Society

A meeting will take place in the Presbytery on Monday at 11.00am for 30mins approx. All are welcome to attend.

'Celebrate the 8th'

You are invited to join in celebrating Ireland's right to life Amendment in Dublin on June 4th. Invite family & friends.

A bus will leave St. Fiacre church Loughboy Kilkenny at 12 noon. €10. To book a seat ring Ron 0866696632.

Adult Card Making Workshop in aid of The Thomas Hayes Trust

An adult card making workshop will take place next Thursday 2nd June from 7pm to 9pm in the Day Care Centre, St John's Church. Cost €10. (Making 2 handmade cards – 1 male and 1 female). Suitable for all skills from beginners to experienced. Kits prepared so no need to bring anything but yourself, the full €10 will go to Charlene Curran's fund for the Thomas Hayes Trust. She is running the Women's Mini Marathon for this great cause. As kits have to be prepared in advance, only people who are booked in can participate. Please book with Phil Curran (087) 9101769.

World Meeting of Families 2018

Pope Francis has chosen Ireland to host the 9th World Meeting of Families during 2018. The dates and theme of the Meeting will be announced by Pope Francis himself.

It is expected to attract thousands of Catholic families from around the globe to Ireland. It is hoped that this very special pastoral initiative will present all of us in the Church with the opportunity, and the challenge, to renew, support and strengthen Irish families in their commitment to their faith.

Hosting a global event of this size requires a huge amount of planning and financial outlay on behalf of the host country. Accordingly, our bishops have now established a National Finance Committee to provide advice on the financial planning for the World Meeting of Families in Ireland.

To support the hosting of the event we intend to hold three national church collections, the first of which will take place on the **weekend of 11/12 June**.

The remaining collections will take place in 2017 and 2018.

The World Meeting of Families was a pastoral initiative of St John Paul II. Held every three years, and coordinated by the Pontifical Council for the Family, it is the largest universal gathering of Catholic families and brings together families from all over the world in faith and celebration

"May I take this opportunity to thank you, in advance, for your vital support for the first national collection for the World Meeting of Families."

Yours faithfully,

Bishop Francis Duffy

Chairman – National Finance Committee for 9th World Meeting of Families