

Soweta Spiritual Singers

The Soweta Singers will perform a concert in the Watergate Theatre next Monday 26th at 8pm, admission €20/15. A twenty-two strong member vocal ensemble will perform both in acappella and with instrumental accompaniment showcasing Africa and its diasporic musical traditions.

South Kilkenny Historical Society

A lecture titled: The Ladies of Llangollen takes place next Thursday 29th in Mullinavat Parish Hall (opposite church) at 8pm. Guest speaker is Ms Lori Comerford. Admission: €5 (members free). All welcome.

Loreto Secondary School

1st Year Enrolment – The closing date for application for a First Year Place is Thursday 13th October 2016. Application forms and Admissions Policy can be obtained from our website www.loretokk.ie or the school office.

Open night for 6th Class Girls – Open night takes place on Monday 26th September at 6.30pm. This is a ticketed event and tickets are available by either emailing your request to office@loretokk.ie or by calling to the school office.

Certificate in Theological Studies 2016/17

Do you want to know more about your church and your faith.? If so why not take part in a course offered in St Kieran's college for the coming year, two nights a week Oct to Dec and Jan to May. This course will explore areas such as scripture, moral theology, the Church, liturgy, the sacraments and Church history. It is intended for those who are new to theology and those who want to explore it a little further. For information see www.ossory.ie or contact 7753624 or 087 9081470.

The Artesian String Quartet

Project Music Management presents the Artesian String Quartet from London whose concert will place in The Black Abby this Monday 26th at 7.30pm. Tickets €15. Reservations email: pmmtickets@mail.com or at the door.

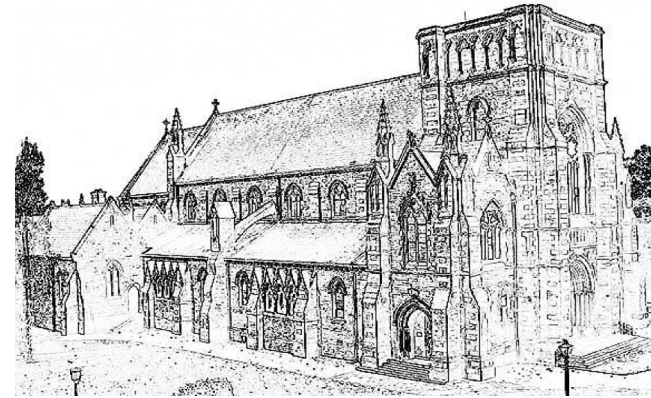
Kilkenny Education Centre

Morning literature course at Kilkenny Education Centre, Callan Road. Explore the poetry of Michael Hartnett and short stories of Mary Lavin, Friday mornings 10-12, Sept 30th - Nov 25th (no class Oct 28th). Fee €120 including tea/coffee. To book, please email margaret.irish@nuim.ie or call 086 3935513.

Danesfort Pilgrimage to Knock

Danesfort Parish St. Vincent de Paul Pilgrimage to Knock on Thursday 29th September. Bus leaving St. Fiacre's Church at 8.15am. Fare including dinner €40. Contact Alice 086 344 5984 or Dymphna 086 337 5759.

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Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 25th September 2016

Change of Date for Confirmations

Owing to the fact that the Entrance Examinations for the four city secondary schools was already scheduled for the date we were given for our parish Confirmations (March 11th), we had no choice but to move forward one day to Sunday 12th March at 12.00 noon as these exams involve most of the pupils for Confirmation.

We are conscious that this will somewhat discommode our 12 noon mass-goers, but the situation is beyond our control.

Saint Mary's Cathedral Restoration Draw

The 7th of the Diocesan Monthly Draws in aid of St. Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund will take place next **Wednesday, 28th September** in the Chapter Room. Subscribers and Promoters very welcome. **€10 per month.**

Tickets are available at the Parish Office; the Sacristy; Ann Brennan; Aine Butler; Jane Dineen; Marian Eardly; Fr Brian Griffin; Margaret Hanlon; John Lennon; Jody Murphy; Veronica McGuane; Paul McKiernan; Linda Nolan; Fr Seán O'Connor; Irene Purcell; Brian Roche; Peggy Wall; Eddie Langton.

Deaths – Month's Minds – Anniversaries

- Deaths:** John Byrne, Rosemount.
Nora Connick, Fatima Place.
Bridget Nolan, Dominic Street.
Sr Carmel Feeley, Hereford, England.
Josephine Olofsson, Walkin Street.
- Months Mind:** Brid Maher (6.30pm);
Ciara Lawlor (Memorial Mass next Friday at 7.30pm)
- Anniv:** Kathleen Maher (6.30pm); Margaret Butler (10.00am);
Elizabeth Brett (10.30am); Margaret & Michael Gibbons (11.00am);
Mary Barry (12.00 noon); Stacia & Stephen Buckley (7.30pm);
Derek Groves; Syd & Elizabeth Bluett; William & Mary Watson;
Frances Kelleher Geoghegan; Margaret McGree; Dominic, Dick,
Paddy & Margaret Tynan;

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| 8.00am | Margaret Leahy |
| 10.30am | Jimmy Connolly |
| 12.00noon | Peter Dwyer |
| 7.30pm | Anne Marie Grace |
| Johnswell 10.00am | Robert Butler |
| Dunmore 11.00am | Tom Comerford & Maise Powell |

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 #44

Who do you identify with – the rich man or Lazarus? Choose to notice others and to reach out to those in need. Support those who serve the poor. (Luke 16: 19-31)

If you think God is calling you to priesthood, call Fr Kieran O'Shea, Ossory Vocations Director, or email ossoryvocdir@gmail.com.

AIM HIGH – Parish Ministry for Young People

The AIM HIGH Parish Ministry Programme was developed to encourage young people to take an active part in their Church, parish and community. It helps young people to understand that religion is not just for learning, nor is it a list of rules, but that it is for living, for living life to the full. More importantly it is a journey of faith.

Upon completion, participants will have learned skills to:

- Learn and grow spiritually
- Participate in Parish Liturgies
- Minister in their Parish Communities
- Develop practices for self-awareness and self-development

Recipients of the programme will be able to enhance their CV's by:

1. Proving their ability to commit to a project, and
2. Displaying their personal responsibility to develop, improve and grow.

AIM HIGH is open to all young people 16 years and over. The award is flexible, non-competitive and requires an ongoing commitment. The program is coordinated through the Parish, in conjunction with parish organisations, second level schools and youth clubs.

Cake Sale Dunmore

Cake Sale in aid of the Ossory Youth Pilgrimage will take place after 11am mass in Dunmore hall next Sunday 2nd October. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Celebrating Older People

Positive Ageing week takes place from 26th September to 2nd October. Next Thursday 29th between 7pm and 8pm you can drop into the Newpark Close Family resource centre where you can have your technology questions answer for example using your mobile phone/tablet, reading newspapers or making bookings on line.

Marian Movement of Priests

A meeting of the Marian Movement of Priests will take place this Monday at 7.30pm in Mill Hill on the Waterford Rd. Mass, Rosary and Holy Hour.

Pro- Life Speaking Tour

An evening with Fr Shenan Boquet HLI Global President and Dr Brian Clowes HLI Research Director in The Tower Hotel, Waterford Tues 27th 7.30 - 9.30pm.

St Joseph's Young Priest Society

A meeting of St Joseph's young priest society will take place in the presbytery on Monday 26th at 11.00am