To mark the Opening of the World Meeting of Families 2018 Evening Prayer will take place in the Cathedrals of the twenty-six Irish Dioceses on the evening of Tuesday August 21st. Please come along for Evening Prayer in St Mary's Cathedral, Kilkenny on Tuesday August 21st at 7.30pm led by Bishop Dermot Farrell as we unite in prayer at the beginning of the World Meeting of Families. People and especially families from every Parish in the Diocese are most welcome. www.worldmeeting2018.ie

WMOF2018 Closing Mass in the Phoenix Park on Sunday 26th August Tickets for this event will be issued by email on 10 August as a ‘print at home’ ticket if you have booked directly.

A Night at the Races – a fundraiser for the Cathedral Restoration – at Kilkenny Greyhound Track on Friday 10th August at 8pm. No live hares used!! Get a ticket at O’Keeffes in Market Street.

Kilkenny Citizens Information Centre provides a free and confidential information service to the people of Kilkenny City and County. We are currently recruiting volunteers. If you are interested, please contact us for further details. Telephone: Sarah Drea at 0761 07 7910.

Kilkenny Alzheimer’s Day Care Centre, Carer’s Support Group, Tuesday 7th August 2018, 3.00-4.30pm at The Village Day Centre (behind the Village Inn Pub).

Information and support for past/present carers of people with Alzheimer’s/Dementia. Everyone welcome. Drop in to group or for more information call 056-7771230.

CHURCH SERVICES BEGINNING SUNDAY 05th August

Parish Church
- Sunday morning Mass 11.00am
- Monday Memorial Mass Maureen Kelly & burial of Ashes 11.00am
- Wednesday, Friday Mass 09.30am
- Monday Adoration in Mercy Chapel 10.00am
- Monday Adoration in Mercy Chapel 07/08pm
- Saturday Vigil Mass 07.00pm

St. Columba’s Hospital
- Sunday Morning Mass 09.30am
- Tuesday, Thursday Mass 10.00am

Confessions
- After 7pm Mass when requested.

Mass times in Chapel Hill & Mong for the coming weeks.
- Mass in Chapel Hill: 04th August at 5.45pm & 18th August at 5.45pm
- Mass in Mong: 11th August at 5.45pm & 25th August at 5.45pm

Deaths/Anniversaries.
- Maureen Kelly, Ballydonnell & Coventry
- Mary O’Reilly, Ladywell Street (Months Mind Mass 7pm);
- Peggy Dack, 26, Castle Avenue (7pm Mass);
- Michael Kennedy, Brownshorn (11am Mass);
- Philip Heafey, Prosperous, Co. Kildare (11am Mass);
- Canon Michael Carroll, Ned O’Reilly, Powerswood
- Thomas & Patrick Cassin, Coolroemore;
- Paddy & Kitty Duggan, Dangan Terrace. May they rest in peace.

Mass Intentions Next Weekend: Nancy Skeehan, 18, Newtown Tce (Months Mind Mass 7pm);
- Annie & Bobbie Power, Grennan View (7pm Mass);
- Catherine Burke, 6, Castle Avenue (11am Mass);
- Paul Stapleton, Legan (11am Mass)

Ministers of the Eucharist August. Unable to attend, please exchange with another Minister
- 07.00pm Anne Lee
- 11.00am KC Babu

Ministers of the Word for August. Unable to attend, please exchange with another Minister
- 07.00pm Nellie Doherty
- 09.30am Alicia Dunphy

Eucharistic adoration is on Tuesday night in St Columba’s chapel from 8.00pm - 9.00pm. Everyone is welcome to spend a quiet hour with Jesus.

Worldwide 54 Day Rosary starting 15th August and finishing 07th October Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. Please join us in this global prayer to Mary.

Thomastown Tidy Towns thank you for your generous support of our Church Gate Collection Fundraiser last weekend. Your donations will help Thomastown a beautiful place to live.

Amoris Laetitia, The Joy of Love. Pope Francis’ reflection on 1Corinthians 13 – Love believes all things. Belief, the Pope writes, has to do with trust. This trust enables a relationship to be free. It means we do not have to control the other person, to follow their every step lest they escape our grip. Love trusts, it sets free, it does not try to control, possess and dominate others who are trusted and appreciated can be open and hide nothing. Those lacking unconditional love, will tend to keep secrets, conceal their failings and weaknesses, and pretend to be someone other than who they are. Love hopes all things. It does not despair of the future. It does not despair of the future. It does not despair of the future. This freedom makes for sincerity and transparency, for those who know that they are trusted and appreciated can be open and hide nothing. Those lacking unconditional love, will tend to keep secrets, conceal their failings and weaknesses, and pretend to be someone other than who they are. Love endures all things. It stands firm in hostile surroundings. This ‘endurance’ involves not only the ability to tolerate certain aggravations, but something greater: a constant readiness to confront any challenge. It is a love that never gives up, even in the darkest hour. (Sections 114-119)