National Arthritis Week: 08th - 14th April. For more information regarding Kilkenny Events see Posters at the back of the Church.

Parish Lenten Programme: This Saturday Ms. Maeve Mahon will talk to us. Maeve Mahon is a member of the Catechetical Team in the diocese of Kildare and Leighlin and is the brain behind ‘Do this in Memory’, with Fr. Martin Delaney, Parish Priest in Rathdowney, and ‘You shall be my witnesses’, the parish programme in preparation for Confirmation. For this reason we issue a special invitation to the young people preparing for the Sacrament and their parents and sponsors.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred in Thomastown on Friday 12th April at 11am. All are welcome to join us on this day, a special day in the life of the Parish.

The Light is on for You – Fr. Ray Dempsey will be available in the Parish Church 16th April 7pm/8pm for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Fr. Dan goes to Inistioge on Thursday 11th April.

Thank You to all who baked for the Cake Sale last weekend, and to all who bought confectionary. The funds, as you know, are to get our parish bell, silent for a few years now, ringing again. You brought, and bought €603 worth of cakes, and that was added to by a generous contribution of €100.

Seeing the hardships the people of Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Malawi are undergoing, think Trocaire as a way of helping.

Plastics are a pest. We notice the country littered with them these days. The Parish is going anti-plastic. So, when in other years we gathered a whole lot of plastic bottles and gave them to you with the Easter Vigil Mass, preferably filled with water which we will bless at the Easter Vigil, or otherwise bring them to the Easter Vigil or Easter Sunday Mass, already filled with water, and we will bless the water then.

Join Chef Eadaoin for our Easter Kids Camp. In these Cookery Camps designed for 6 to 8-year olds and 9 to 12-year olds, the chef will make a variety of sweet and savoury dishes! Children will visit the market garden and see how the veggies are grown. They will then pick a variety of what is in season and use it in the kitchen afterwards. With games and a tasty lunch included, this is a camp not to be missed! Two Camps will run daily over Easter on the 16th, 17th and 18th of April. To book a space please see: www.schooloffood.ie or call 056 7754397

Are you? Struggling with Anxiety or Depression? Finding Life Difficult? Isolated? GROW is here to help you. Our Mental Health Support groups are free and confidential and open to all, no referral or booking needed. Meeting Times are: Tuesday @ 10am. Wednesday 8pm & Friday 10.30am at Grow Office Barrack Street Kilkenny (CEART grp: mental health effects of living with chronic pain/long term illness. Please contact Mary 087 2843424

Parish Prayer: We pray for our families, schools and parishes: that we may not take more than we need and that we may share food and resources fairly with each other.

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CHURCH SERVICES beginning Sunday 07th April
Parish Church
Sunday morning Mass 11.00am
Monday & Wednesday Mass 09.30am
Monday Adoration in Mercy Chapel 07.00pm
Monday Adoration in Mercy Chapel 10.00am
Monday Adoration in Mercy Chapel 07/08pm
Monday Adoration in Mercy Chapel 10.00am
Friday Confirmation Mass 11.00am
Saturday Vigil Mass 07.00pm

St. Columba’s Hospital
Sunday Morning Mass 09.30am
Tuesday Mass & Anointing of Sick/Elderly 10.00am
Thursday Mass 11.00am

Mass times in Chapel Hill & Mong for the coming weeks.
Mass in Chapel Hill 04th May at 5.30pm & 18th May at 5.30pm
Mass in Mong 13th April 5.30pm & 27th April at 5.30pm

Deaths/Anniversaries: Jim Blanchfield & Members of Blanchfield Family (7pm Mass); Neddy Hogan, 3, Newtown Terrace (7pm Mass); Edward Walshe, 4, Castle Avenue (11am Mass); Martin & Nellie O’Hara, Ballylynch & Cloughabrody; Eily & Neddy Dempsey, Chapel Hill; Gerard McEvoy, Margaret & Thomas Begley, 9, Newtown Tce; Mary Walsh, Powerswood; May & Stephen Power, Jimmy Power, Peadar de Loughry; Robert Walshe formerly Dysart; Dick Brennan, Powerswood; Briget O’Keeffe, Smithstown; Terry Anderson, Newtown. May they rest in peace.

Mass Intentions Next Weekend: Catherine Heffernan, Achill (5.30pm Mass); Gerry Minogue, 15, Castle Avenue (7pm Mass); Ned Nevin, 24, Dangan Terrace (7pm Mass); Jim Lannon, 26, Dangan Terrace (7pm Mass); Paddy Heafey, Castle Avenue (11am Mass); Margaret O’Carroll, 1, Hillview (11am Mass); Tess Hennessy, Thomastown (11am Mass)

Children with Special Education Needs: Annual Church Door Collection this week end Saturday 6th/Sunday 7th April.

Ministers of the Eucharist for April: Unable to attend, please exchange with another Minister
07.00pm Catherine Walsh Anne Treacy Sheila McDonald
11.00am Tom Walsh Alice Challoner Marion Fennelly

Ministers of the Word for April: Unable to attend, please exchange with another Minister
07.00pm Jincy Babu Pat Cronin Vonnie Walsh
11.00am Nellie Doherty Emma O’Keeffe Noirin Fitzgerald

Pastoral Areas: Bishop Farrell will meet with the Parish Council and Finance Committee members of Inistioge, Tullaherin and Thomastown on Monday 8th April at 7.30pm to speak with them about the proposed Pastoral Area.

Safeguarding Committee: If you have a safeguarding concern contact the
Diocesan Designated Liaison Person
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The Safeguarding Representatives in this parish are
Brigid Begley and Ray O’Carroll
They can be contacted through the Parish Office.