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.

Opening of World Meeting of Families 2018: To mark the Opening of the World Meeting of Families 2018 Evening Prayer will take place 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. For all details of this great event, see www.worldmeeting2018.ie

A Family Healing Mass will be held at the Franciscan Friary Church, Kilkenny on Friday 17th August at 7.30pm in preparation for the WMOF 2018. All are welcome.

South Kilkenny Historical Society Heritage Week 2018 Event: Outing to The Three Friars and St. Molings Well on Saturday, August 18th. Meeting point and time: The Three Friars Cross at 2.30pm

St Molings Well annual pattern Mass in Mullinakill, Tullogher has a change of date for this year, and will take place on Sunday 2nd September at 2pm.

Memory Technology Resource Rooms are now open every Tuesday on the grounds of St. Columba’s Thomastown. The MTRRs are for people with dementia & memory difficulties, their families and carers. The MTRRs showcase a wide range of assistive technology equipment that promote independence, safety & quality of life. It is free to attend and provides individuals with the opportunity to see and discuss the benefits of assistive technology with an occupational therapist. Individuals can access the MTRRs by telephoning Anfee Regan 087 7201503. See also poster at back of the Church.

MABS: The Money Advice and Budgeting Service is a free, confidential and independent service funded thorough the Citizens Information Board. MABS assist people who have debt problems. They also provide information and access to Insolvency Services. For more information contact MABS on: www.mabs.ie or call Kilkenny MABS on 0761 072610

The theme for each World Meeting of Families is chosen by the Pope. He chose The Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World, as the theme for the ninth World Meeting of Families in Dublin, and invites us to reflect on a theme that was central to the Synodal process that led to his post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation Amoris Laetitia: On Love in the Family.

The preparatory document conveys at least three senses in which this can be understood:
1. The family, founded on the marriage of a man and woman, is part of God’s plan from the beginning. The ‘Good News’ of the family is therefore an indispensable part of the joyful proclamation on the family is good news indeed” (AL,1). God’s plan for the family, revealed in Sacred Scripture from the beginning, is joy for the world!
2. The family is the principal agent of evangelisation of its own members. As the first school of faith and love, the Christian family is often where we ourselves first come to know Jesus and his love.
3. The family proclaims the Gospel to the World. The Christian family, by its witness to the life and love of Jesus, is a principal agent of evangelisation to the world.
4. As Pope Francis explains in the opening words of Amoris Laetitia, “the Christian proclamation on the family is good news indeed” (AL,1). God’s plan for the family, revealed in Sacred Scripture from the beginning, is joy for the world!

The World Meeting of Families 2018 will explore these dimensions of the Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World and what it means for families and the Church today.

Wednesday, 15th August, feast of the Assumption of Mary into Heaven, our Parish Office will take the day off to celebrate!!