**Camphill Jerpoint:** Fundraising Wednesday 24th January at St. Canice’s Church in Kilkenny at 7.30pm featuring Kilkenny Gospel Choir, Jerpoint Bell Ringers, Harpist Ruth Lydon and Others. Admission €5 at the door.

**Thomastown GAA Club** are facilitating a SafeTalk Training course on Thursday 25th January from 6.00p.m – 9.30p.m in the Community Hall, Thomastown, Co. Kilkenny. The training is organised and delivered by the HSE Regional Suicide Office. SafeTALK is a 3.5-hour training programme that prepares participants over the age of 18 to identify persons with thoughts of suicide and connect them to a suicide first aid resource. The training prepares participants to help by using the steps of TALK (Tell, Ask, Listen and Keep) to identify and engage with people who are contemplating suicide and to connect them with further help and care. If you are interested in attending this training or required further information please contact The Regional Suicide Resource Office 051 874013 TrainingSRO@hsie.ie

**South Kilkenny Historical Society lecture:** Alfie Byrne – ‘Lord Mayor of Ireland’. Speaker: Mr Trevor White, Thursday, January 25th 2018 8pm at Mullinavat Parish Hall (opposite church). Admission: €5 (members and students free). All welcome.

**Blood Donation Clinic** – Graignamanagh, Thursday 25th, at the Abbey Hall, 4.30 to 8pm.

**Community Centre:** Kilquan Players are coming to the Concert Hall on Friday & Saturday 2nd & 3rd February with a comedy called “The Maiden Aunty”. Tickets are €10 at the door on the night. Enquiries 087 7728170.

**The Irish Catholic Newspaper** is available in O’Keeffes in Market Street each from Thursdays.

**Ossory Lourdes Pilgrimage 2018:** Bookings are now being taken for those who wish to travel to Lourdes, May 22nd to 27th. Book with Eleanor @ 051 880414 (weekdays except Wednesday 9.30am-1.30pm) or glenmore@ossory.ie. The fare is €785 pps.

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**Parish Prayer:** We pray for Mgr. Dermot Farrell, chosen to be our Bishop. May you bless him, Lord, as he prepares to take up his new task. We pray that, under your guidance, Lord, we will see a rebirth in our Church and that the Holy Spirit will lead our Bishop, clergy and laity in the way of love, truth, generosity, justice and the care of the poor. Amen.

Mgr. Farrell will be ordained Bishop on Sunday 11th March at St. Mary’s Cathedral.