Pro Life Rally on Saturday 12th May in Merrion Square, Dublin at 2pm. Bus from Loughboy, Kilkenny at 12 noon. Contact Ron at 0866696632.

Prayer Initiative for protection of the 8th Amendment. In May there will be penitential Fast Fridays of bread and water May 11th & 18th, following the example of Queen Esther in the Bible, when the Jewish people were going to be destroyed, killed and annihilated by King Ahasuerus. Queen Esther asked the people to fast for 3 days and the Jews were saved.

Public Rosary: Rosary in honour of Our Lady of Fatima will take place on the 11th May at 3pm in the Square Inistioge, a time of prayer for the unborn. All are welcome and bring a friend.

Mother Teresa of Calcutta’s Religious Congregation writes that in a world where we experience tension and violence, abortion is the ‘greatest destroyer of peace today. Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching its people to love, but to use any violence to get what they want.

Exams These days many second and third level students have exams. To include them in parish prayer put the names in the book in the Parish Church.

Family Carers Ireland Mini-Marathon takes place on Bank Holiday Monday 7th May from the Aspect Hotel Waterford Rd. Kilkenny at 11.00am. Register online at.

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, who are in difficulty paying a mortgage or who are facing legal action because of debt. 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.

Amoris Laetitia, The Joy of Love. Pope Francis says ‘The covenant of love and fidelity lived by the Holy Family of Nazareth illuminates the principle which gives shape to every family, and enables it better to face the challenges of life and history. On this basis, every family, despite its weaknesses, can become a light in the darkness of the world. Nazareth teaches us the meaning of family life, its loving communion, its simple and austere beauty, its sacred and inviolable character. May it teach how sweet and irreplaceable is its training, how fundamental and incomparable its role in the social order’. (Section 66) Read section 65 also. Don’t forget the lovely icon of the Holy Family. If you haven’t got it, take one home from Church and put it up in your home.