

EIST Cancer Support Centre provides emotional and practical support to people affected by cancer including those who care for them, from the time of diagnosis, through treatment and afterwards.

The Eist Cancer Support Centre opens at 10.00 am to 4 pm Monday to Thursday and 10.00 am to 1.00 pm of Fridays. Telephone Number **059 9139684**. Or you can have a look at some of our services on our website at www.eistcarlowcancersupport.ie – where you can also fill in a contact form if you have any queries.

Permanent Diaconate Following on from the successful introduction of the first permanent deacons into our diocese, and recognizing the tremendous work which they have accomplished, Bishop Denis is again inviting men who feel a call to this ordained ministry to make application. If you would like to explore a call to Permanent Diaconate in the Diocese of Kildare & Leighlin please make contact with your Parish Priest who will forward your name and details to the Director for the Permanent Diaconate.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje & Dubrovnik from the 14th. September – 21st. September.

If you are interested in taking part in the pilgrimage we would appreciate if you could let Tully's know as soon as possible as they need to make reservations in the hotels etc.

Phone Donna (059-9136100) in Tully's Travel Carlow.

Carlow Cathedral 12th – 13th April Pilgrim Icon of Our Mother of Perpetual Help – Pilgrimage to the Cathedrals of Ireland Celebrating 150 Years with the Redemptorists. Please check www.FollowTheIcon.ie for details.

Peace Concert in Knock Basilica

Mayo International Choral Festival is hosting a Peace Concert with the RTÉ Concert Orchestra, in the beautiful surrounds of the fully refurbished Knock Basilica on Saturday, May 14th. This Peace Concert will commemorate the 1916 Rising and World War One. The RTÉ Concert Orchestra will be conducted by David Brophy. The orchestra will perform with a 120 member choir and soloists Anne Marie Gibbons and Owen Gilhooly. For information and tickets, visit www.mayochoral.com.

NOTICE FOR PARISH NEWSLETTERS

St Luke's Hospital will be holding it's the annual remembrance ceremony for families who have been bereaved by the death of their child through miscarriage, still-birth or early infancy death. This ceremony will take place on Wednesday, April 13th in St Fiacre's Church, Loughboy, Kilkenny at 7.30pm. While we issue a special invitation to families who have been bereaved during the past year, this ceremony is for all families who have been bereaved, regardless of how long ago. Refreshments will be available for everyone after the ceremony.

Pre-Marriage Courses

ACCORD Carlow have places available on the May 6th & 7th Course and June 10th & 11th Course.

All couples getting married in Church are obliged to attend a Pre-marriage Course.

There are no Courses in June or July so any couple getting married this summer or early autumn should book a place now.

Booking can be made on www.accord.ie or phone Mary at 059 9138738 for further information

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Paddy's Dilemma

Paddy is on holiday in Jerusalem with his wife and mother-in-law. Sadly, the mother-in-law dies. He goes to the local undertaker to make arrangements. The undertaker explains that he can fly the body home to Ireland for €5000 or have her buried in Jerusalem for €500. Paddy thought about it for a moment and then said to the undertaker that he would fly her home.

The undertaker expressed shock that the young man did not go for the cheaper option but Paddy said: 'It's just that I know of a case here in Jerusalem many years ago and on the third day he rose from the dead. I just don't want to take that chance!'

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK