



**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.

**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 14<sup>th</sup>. 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](http://www.mayochoral.com).

**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](http://www.accord.ie) or phone Mary at 059 9138738 for further information

***Are you a reader in the parish or would like to become one?***

"Entrusted with the Word" is a three night training course for parish readers offered by Kildare and Leighlin Faith Development Services. Open to new and existing parish readers, the next course will take place in **Bagenalstown Community Centre, Church St., Wednesday, April 27, May 4 & May 11 from 7:30-9:00 p.m.** All who attend will receive the Diocesan Guide for Readers, as well as a certificate of participation.

**Booking is essential.** If you would like to explore this ministry for the first time or if would like to renew your training please contact the parish office.

***THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK***

**Prayer for Vocations**

LORD of the Harvest,

BLESS young people with the gift of courage to respond to your call.

Open their hearts to great ideals, to great things.

INSPIRE all of you disciples to mutual love and giving –  
for vocations blossom in the good soil of faithful people.

INSTILL those in religious life, parish ministries, and families with the confidence and grace to embrace the bold and noble path of a life consecrated to you.

UNITE us to Jesus through prayer and sacrament, so that we may cooperate with you in building your reign of mercy and truth, of justice and peace.

Amen.

Pope Francis

Adapted from the Message on the 51st  
World Day of Prayer for Vocation

***HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK***