



"**Trócaire** is calling on the Dáil to be recalled early to establish an immediate and effective response from Ireland. The people of Ireland have made it clear that they want to help distraught refugees arriving in Europe and are looking for leadership on how we as a nation can act. "In the past year, 3,573 people have died attempting to reach Italy, Greece and Spain by sea, an average of ten people a day. This is both a humanitarian crisis and a crisis of humanity. The EU must apply humanitarian standards to save lives, protect those most vulnerable and reduce the scandalous suffering being met by refugees reaching European borders.

Trócaire is responding to the growing needs of extremely vulnerable refugees in partnership with Caritas Serbia and has allocated €50,000 so far to provide sleeping bags and raincoats, hygiene kits, health services and psychosocial support. Trócaire also works with partners in Syria, Iraq, South Sudan and Somalia, which are burdened by protracted conflicts and in Jordan and Lebanon, countries which are hosting 1.75 million Syrian refugees. *Extract from Trocaire Newsletter*

**Accord Pre-Marriage Courses** Accord Carlow have only a few places left on their October 9th & 10th and November 6th & 7th courses. Couples getting married in early 2016 should book a course now  
Booking can be made at [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie) or phone Mary at 059 9138738 for further information

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

“Let’s pray together for our families, parish, diocese and world.”

### **An Invitation from Bishop Denis for Week of Priests’ Retreat**

September 27 - October 2, 2015

## A message from Bishop Denis

Dear friends,

I and many of the priests of the diocese will be away together on retreat in Dromantine, Co. Down from Sunday, September 27 – Friday, October 2. During this time, I am inviting you to join your prayers with ours. Let’s pray together for our families, parish, diocese and world. For this week, I am asking parishes to maintain their regular schedule of weekday liturgy and for parishioners to continue to gather for prayer on those days when they normally celebrate Mass. In the many churches where Mass will not be able to be celebrated, parishioners are invited to pray Morning Prayer together. This prayer has long been considered the daily prayer of the Church and the prayer of the people of God. In the coming days, I invite you to write any prayer intentions you may have and leave them in the church. These intentions, as well as any anniversaries or recently deceased members of the community, will be prayed for in the parish and by all of us on retreat. Finally, I invite you to pray the diocesan prayer in your home during this week. Praying in union together for ourselves, our diocese and the many needs of the world at this time, may we experience the rich graces of God’s love for us.  
Yours in Christ,



### **Prayer for our Diocese**

Lord,

bless the faith community of Kildare and Leighlin which traces its origins to Brigid, Conleth and Laserian.

May it be outstanding in charity as St. Brigid of Kildare,  
may it be constant in faith as St. Conleth of Old Connell,  
wise and prayerful as St. Laserian of Leighlin.

Bless its bishop, priests, religious and laity. Fill them with the light of your love.

Bless its young people. Help them to seek your truth.

Bless all who are poor or weak or wounded by life’s hurt. Grant them justice, light and hope.

Sin é ár nguí tré Críost ár dTiarna.

Amen.

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**WONDERFUL WEEK**