

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.

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

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.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Fear is a terrible thing. It cripples us and makes us into cowards and people incapable of action. The apostles and disciples were huddled away in terror of the mob and the dreaded knock on the door. Knowing this the Master came and stood among them. Not for the first time did he calm their terrors. The storm at sea might well have been a sign of what was to happen at Golgotha. Joy and peace he imparted to them. How blessed they must have felt. The unimaginable had truly occurred. What was the end now was to be transformed into the beginning, and what a beginning. In sending them forth, He equipped them with his Breath, the Ruach of the Father. Poor Thomas missed it all and was still locked into his grief and loss.

God how often I find myself saying his words 'Unless!' You took his hand as you had before with Peter as he sunk into the sea, and restored his self belief and faith in you. My Lord and my God!

Fr. Declan O'Loughlin, Diocesan Advisor for Religious Education

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK