

# Ministry Update

A Newsletter from Kildare and Leighlin Faith Development Services  
for Parish Ministry Groups and Team Members

October, 2015

## Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy



An information session will take place in Mount St Anne's, Killenard, Co. Laois on Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup> from 2:30 – 4:00.

This gathering will present the diocesan schedule for the year as well as introducing some of the resources and initiatives that will take place in parishes across the diocese during this year.

Parish clergy and staff are very welcome to attend. We are also requesting that parishes delegate two people to serve as parish representatives at this meeting and for the duration of the Year of Mercy, which concludes on November 20, 2016. The parish reps will attend three gatherings during the year (including the November one) and will bring back resources to the parish, as well as serving as a point of communication between parish and diocese.

**Parishes are asked to provide FDS with names of the parish representatives and numbers of those who will be attending the November 7<sup>th</sup> gathering by Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>.**

## Funeral Rites Gathering for Parish Staff & Funeral Directors

Following our survey and series of conversations last year, there will be a gathering for parish staff and funeral directors on Saturday, November 28<sup>th</sup> in Mount St Anne's, Killenard, Co. Laois from 2:30 - 4:00

The purpose of this gathering will be to bring both funeral directors and parish staff up to date with recommended practices in light of what has emerged through the diocesan wide consultation, to indicate supporting resources that will be available to parishes and funeral directors and to identify with participants any other supports that may be needed.

**Parishes are asked to invite their local funeral directors to this meeting and to let FDS know the numbers of those who will attend from the parish (including funeral directors) before Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup>.**

## Year of Mercy Lecture: 'To proclaim a year of favour from the Lord' (LK 4: 19)

*the gospel of Luke as our guide in the Year of Mercy*

Fr. Sean Maher will deliver this lecture on Thursday, October, 29<sup>th</sup> from 7:30-9:30 p.m. in Cobden Hall, St. Patrick's College, College St., Carlow. ALL WELCOME.



# Training Dates & Venues

## Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

### SHARING FROM THE TABLE OF THE LORD

- Parish Centre, Goresbridge: October 6, 13 & 20th (Tuesday)
- Áras Bhríde, Parish Centre, Kildare: February 9, 16 & 23 (Tuesday)
- Ballyfin New National School: April 5, 19 & 26 (Tuesdays – not all consecutive)

*The sessions begin at 7:30 p.m. and conclude at 9:30 p.m. with a break in the middle.*

*All participants will receive a certificate of participation.*

*It is recommended that parishes organise a practical session in the parish church after the course to go over local housekeeping details and practice.*

*The rite of commissioning is available from the FDS office.*

## Readers of the Word:

### ENTRUSTED WITH THE WORD

- Parish Centre, Baltinglass: November 3, 10 & 17 (Tuesday)
- Columbanus Meeting Room at Abbeyleix Church: January 19, 26, February 2 (Tuesday)
- Training for the Kildare and Leighlin South Deanery, venue to be announced: April 27, May 4 & 11 (Wednesday) (Expressions of interest welcome!)

*The sessions will begin at 7:30 p.m. and conclude at 9:00 p.m. with a short break in the middle.*

*All participants will receive a certificate of participation and the Diocesan Guide for Readers.*

*It is recommended that participating parishes also organise a local practice after the course.*

***Please contact FDS and book attendance at any of the above training courses by the previous Friday at the latest so that the appropriate arrangements can be made. Both courses need a minimum number to proceed.***



## Commemorating 1916 in Prayer

Prayer resources will be made available to parishes to commemorate 1916, namely an Evening Prayer resource for use in the Easter Season as well as resources for January 1<sup>st</sup>.