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DEADLINE FOR THE NEWSLETTER IS 10AM WEDNESDAY

Office Open: 9 am to 12 noon – Monday to Friday.

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Canon Fitzgerald is on Sick Call this week - Phone Number: 087 - 2524979

Kilbehenny Cycling Club - Club Notes 11th August 2014

Sunday Cycle: Our 'B Group' took in a nice cycle on Sunday last via Burncourt and Ballyporeen and made it home before the heavy showers set in.

Kilworth Festival Cycle: A number of our members took part in the Kilworth Cycling Club's first Annual cycle on Saturday last and thoroughly enjoyed the event. Well done to the club and organisers there.

Sprocket Rocket: There shall be no Sprocket Rocket this Friday 15th August, but the programme will revert to normal again for Friday 22nd August at 7pm.

Club Cycles: The club meets for cycles at 7pm on Wednesdays and from 9am on Sundays from Kilbehenny Community Centre. We cater for all ages and abilities, with three groups on offer: - A Group, B Group and Leisure Group.

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Web: - <http://www.kilbehennycycling.com/>

Facebook: - Kilbehenny Cycling Club

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Ballyhoura Macra's 10 Year Anniversary Dinner Dance.

Ballyhoura Macra are delighted to announce that they will be hosting a **Dinner Dance at the Firgrove Hotel, Mitchelstown, on Saturday 23rd of August** to celebrate their 10 Year Anniversary. They are inviting past Macra members in the Kildorrery, Glanworth, Castletownroche, Doneraile, Mitchelstown, Shanballymore, Ballyorgan and surrounding areas, as well as all over the country, and it would be a great opportunity to reunite with friends. This event is not just for Macra members as the event is for everyone in the community! The night will kick off with a drinks reception at 7pm followed by a gorgeous four course meal. The night's entertainment will be provided for by The Waxies a well known band and the night will draw to a close with a DJ. Tickets are €30 a bargain deal for what promises to be a fantastic night! Accommodation is also at a bargain rate. Tickets are selling fast and places are limited, so to book a ticket contact Ciara on 086 0594490, Maria on 086 3653484 or any members in the club.

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Fr. Greene – New Appointment: Bishop William Crean has appointed our Curate Fr. James Greene to the Parish of Carrigtwohill. The new appointment will commence on Sunday September 7th. Fr. James has been working in the Parish of Mitchelstown since December 2000. Fr. James has won the appreciation of the Parishioners of Mitchelstown and beyond by his kindness, humility and good humour. We thank him for his faithful and generous service to the priests and people of the Parish, during his time with us. He will be greatly missed by us all. We wish him every happiness in the Parish of Carrigtwohill and that God will always guide, bless and protect him. Thanks Fr. James for all you have done for us and for the Lord. Fr. Greene will be replaced by Fr. Gabriel Burke. *(The transfer fee is strictly private!!)*

Our Lady of Knock: The apparition of Our Lady in Knock Village, Co. Mayo took place on a Thursday evening at 7.30pm on August 21st, 1879. The apparition happened at the outside gable end wall of the Parish Church and lasted two hours. It was pouring rain throughout. In all there were fifteen witnesses, aged between six and seventy-five men, women, teenagers and children. They all testified that they saw Our Lady with a studded Gold Crown. Her eyes gazed upwards and her hands open and raised in prayer. To her left, was a Bishop with one hand raised and in the other the book of the Gospels. Beside the Bishop was an Altar, standing in which was a young lamb, behind the Lamb was a plain cross surrounded by Angels. To Our Lady's right they saw the figure of St. Joseph, with hands joined and head bowed in prayer. The whole scene was surrounded by a very bright light. The apparition was clearly visible, but no words were spoke. At the time of the apparition there was great suffering, hardship and shortage throughout the country. Following the apparition people found new life and courage and many healings and blessings were given. Our Lady of Knock pray for us and intercede for our country and the world.

Much Grief in the Parish: This year has seen the passing of many of our Parishioners. The death of loved ones brings deep and profound loneliness and sadness for the relatives and friends left behind. Let us ask the Lord to help them all and to send them many signs of His consolation and presence.

Prayer for strength when grieving: Lord, at the moment nothing seems to be able to help the loss I feel. My heart is broken and my spirit mourns. All I know is that Your grace is sufficient. This day, this hour, moment by moment, I choose to lean on You, For when I am at my weakest Your strength is strongest. I pour out my grief to You and praise You that on one glorious day when all suffering is extinguished and love has conquered we shall walk together again.

