



ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL

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5th May 2024 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

A Thought...

This past week I attended the CPSMA (Catholic Primary School Managers Association) and the JMB (Joint Managerial Body (Secondary Schools)) annual meetings. It was wonderful to see so many committed people – principals and chairpersons - from both these sectors in attendance from around the country. It occurs to me that most all of the men and women religious – priests, nuns and brothers who set up and ran our Catholic Schools are now retired and these schools are managed, and staffed, by lay people – but they are no less Catholic; in fact in many ways they are more Catholic – offering the next generations a wonderful education, a deep knowledge of the faith and so much more. We are blessed, but we know that already, from the wonderful schools in our parish continuing the tradition of the Presentation Sisters in primary, the Christian Brothers in primary and secondary and the vision of Bishop Peter Birch in our special school.. We should never take all that they do for granted. A sincere thank you to them all.

Fr Dermot

Please remember the following in your prayers

Recently Deceased

Margaret (Peggy) Kerwick, Fr Albert Place.

Anniversaries

11am Bridget and Richard Kenny, Stephen St.; Liz, Justin and Kevin Ruth, Kickham Street.

Weekly Collections

Envelope Collection €225.00; Baskets €1229.68. Your support of the parish is greatly appreciated.

Trócaire

A sincere thank you to everyone who returned their Trócaire box to the parish office. We collected €2878.66 here in the Cathedral parish and that amount will now be returned to the Diocesan Office to be sent to Trócaire, along with all the other monies collected in the Diocese, to assist in their essential work. People should be proud of raising that much in this simple fashion. If you still have your box you can drop it into the Parish Office at any stage. Thank you.

National Pilgrimage for Life

The first National Pilgrimage for Life, organised by the Council for Life of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference, was celebrated on Saturday 4th May in Knock Shrine with Mass at 3.00pm in the Basilica. Main celebrant and homilist was Archbishop Francis Duffy. It was a wonderful occasion in Knock which celebrated the gift of life and to pray for the protection of all human life.

Conversations with Women in the Bible

Conference will be on 11th May 2024 in The Pembroke Hotel, Patrick Street, Kilkenny from 10.00am – 4.30pm. Speaker Thérèse Fitzgerald Cost: €20 (includes tea/coffee) pay on the door. Booking essential: Contact Sara or Catherina @ 056 7722870 9.00–5.00 pm Monday to Friday or e-mail regionaloffice@ssjg.ie before May 7th.

Twilight Community Group Seniors Social Club

Meet every Monday at 11.00am in 15A Hebron House, Hebron Business Park (beside Flowers by Lucy) 056 7813105. Chair based exercises, IT Classes, Library, Coffee Dock, Afternoon Tea and Dance, Trips and lots more. All Welcome.

St Vincent de Paul Volunteers Needed

The local St Vincent de Paul group are in need of new volunteers. There are fortnightly meetings, every second Monday evening and then to help distribute money or vouchers to those who request help. If you have time to give to others why not consider helping in this area. It is such important work. If you are interested in finding out more please let us know.

Choirs for Peace

Calling all choirs and soloists to participate in the 'Choirs For Peace' concert on May 19th in St John's Church Kilkenny at 3 pm. The Ukrainian choir will join the event in raising our voices for Peace in our World. Further information from: kilkennygospelchoir@gmail.com

All Ireland Rosary Rally - Knock - June 1st

The All Ireland Rosary Rally is back this year on Saturday, June 1st in Knock. The day begins with a Marian Conference at 9.30am in St John's Centre. Then there will be an opportunity to meet over 20 apostolates from around Ireland from 11.30am in St John's Centre. There will be the Stations of the Cross outside at 2pm, followed by the Rosary Procession. Bishop Phonsie Cullinan will be the Main Celebrant of the 3pm Mass which will include Anointing of the Sick. Confessions are available throughout the day, and there will be rosary and scapular-making workshops in the marquee. For more information and to see a list of buses going from around Ireland please visit www.AllIrelandRosaryRally.com

Vocations to the Priesthood

If you, or someone you know is considering a vocation to the priesthood please contact Fr Mark Condon who is the Diocesan Vocations Director at vocations@ossory.ie

OUR PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES:

Sr Betty Cagney and Martina Lawlor

Contact: safeguardingstmarys@ossory.ie

If you, or anyone you know, has a Safeguarding concern please contact:

Diocesan Director of Safeguarding and Designated Liaison Person, DLP, Ailish Higgins at 087 8021633

TUSLA: Kilkenny 052 6177302; Laois/Offaly 044 9353997; Waterford 053 9198201

An Garda Síochána: 1800 555 222 or your local Garda Station

Towards Healing Helpline: 1800 313416 www.towardshealing.ie

Towards Peace Helpline: 01 5053028 www.towardspeace.ie

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