



## ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL

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12<sup>th</sup> May 2024 – The Ascension of the Lord

### A Thought...

On Saturday we held the Diocesan Blitz for hurling and camogie in St Kieran's College. It was wonderful to see so many u10 children hurling their hearts out for the pride of their parishes. It was great to see the energy and commitment that they each brought to the games. We could do well to recall the energy that we had at that age - the curiosity we had about everything... On this Ascension Sunday, the day that we believe Jesus left the Church in the hands of the Disciples, we might need some of that youthful energy to ensure that we have the spirit to continue that work of the young Church in our world today. May the Spirit continue to inspire us with that energy for the faith in every generation.

*Fr Dermot*

### Please remember the following in your prayers

#### Recently Deceased

Frances Meighan who died in England.

#### Anniversaries

11am Liam Meighan, St. Rioch's Tce., Birdie and Ralph Kavanagh, St. Francis Tce.,  
Joe Walton, Dean Cavanagh Place, Gerry & Kit Delaney, Emmet St, Tess & Paddy Allwright.  
5.30pm Aoife Corr, Stephen Street.

#### Anniversaries

Paddy Cummins, Rita Trehy, Steve Moynihan.

### Weekly Collections

Envelope Collection €585.00; Baskets €1087.34. Your support of the parish is greatly appreciated.

### Rosary at the Grotto

Rosary will be recited each Sunday during May at the Grotto, Callan Road at 3.00pm. All Welcome.

### 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](mailto:vocations@ossory.ie)

### Mother of Fair Love - First Holy Communion

On Friday we celebrated the First Holy Communion for the students of the Mother of Fair Love school. It was a really special occasion as they took the next step in their faith journey. I wonder if Bishop Birch knew how wonderful this school would be when he first started it - we are truly blessed to have such a beautiful school in our parish - the students and staff there do education in a way that could teach us all! Our thanks for all they do to care for each other and in so doing to teach us all.

### Choirs for Peace

On Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 3pm in St John's Catholic Church Kilkenny, choirs from Kilkenny City and County will join with the Kilkenny Ukrainian Choir and the Kilkenny Gospel Choir for a free concert of Peace Songs. All welcome to come and sing for peace.

### Safeguarding Training

On Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> May 7.30pm-9.30pm, the Diocese is holding a Safeguarding Refresher Session in St Kieran's College, Kilkenny. This night is ideal for all in our parish who have contact with young people. If you are in a ministry and interested in attending please let Rita know in the parish office. This is an important session so that we can stay with best practice.

### Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

The Ossory Pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place from May 22<sup>nd</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>. While on pilgrimage the intentions of the people of the Diocese and the needs of our Diocese will be remembered during all liturgies. The Pilgrimage will include 23 assisted pilgrims and 40 young people from secondary schools in the Diocese. Our sincere thanks to all who assisted funding the pilgrimage costs in anyway especially those who contributed to the church collections for this purpose. Bishop Niall Coll will be chief celebrant at the Grotto Mass on May 23 at 9am Irish time and it can be viewed live by logging into [www.lourdes-france.org](http://www.lourdes-france.org)

### 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.

### All Ireland Rosary Rally - Knock - June 1<sup>st</sup>

The All Ireland Rosary Rally is back this year on Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> 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](http://www.AllIrelandRosaryRally.com)

### OUR PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES:

**Sr Betty Cagney and Martina Lawlor**

Contact: [safeguardingstmarys@ossory.ie](mailto: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](http://www.towardshealing.ie)

**Towards Peace Helpline:** 01 5053028 [www.towardspeace.ie](http://www.towardspeace.ie)

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