

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL

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9th June 2024 – Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Thought...

How do we judge success? I am conscious that the state exams are ongoing at present and we are keeping all those students in our prayers. We have told them all the way through school that they need to study hard to be successful - and in one respect that is true. But we also all know that there is many ways to be successful in the world today. We know that our worth is not measured by some result of any test or set of points - our value is actually not in anything we do or achieve, it is in the fact that we are made in the image and likeness of God! If only our world knew this in a clearer fashion - think of all the things that would be different - would we treat anyone made in God's image as lesser, not as entitled, would we enter into war with them... would we allow them to be hungry...

Fr Dermot

Please remember the following in your prayers

Anniversary Mass

11.00am – Kathleen and Richard Kenny, Drakelands.

Anniversaries

James and Mary O'Brien, Johanna O'Dwyer, Joe and Mollie Bergin, Peg Neary, David Murphy, Noel and Tina Foran., Mary Dermody, Josie Delaney, Patricia Casey, Catherine Delaney, Michael Delaney, Edward Burke.

Weekly Collections

Envelope Collection €350.00; Baskets €947.00. Your support of the parish is greatly appreciated.

Pope's Prayer Intention for this Month

We pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys full of danger and violence, find welcome and new opportunities in the countries that receive them.

Prayer for Exam Students

O God help all students doing exams this year. Help them to remember well, to think clearly and not to be excited. Calm minds and hands – help them to try their hardest and to do their best. Amen.

St Patrick's Pontifical University, Maynooth

Considering a postgraduate study programme? Check out the options in Theology, Philosophy, Youth Ministry, Chaplaincy, Church Music and more at St Patrick's Pontifical University, Maynooth. www.sppu.ie/courses. Applications close soon.

Would you consider becoming a Friend of St Mary's Cathedral

Shortly we will deliver envelopes to all the homes in the parish. These letters invite you to become a friend of the Cathedral through a regular monthly contribution or an annual donation. Your financial support would give us the freedom to develop the Cathedral but also, and perhaps more importantly, the interest and affirmation of the Friends will ensure that the future of the Cathedral will be secure for the next generation. If you are able to help, a sincere thank you.

The **Kilkenny Great War Memorial Committee** will hold a short ceremony at the memorial in MacDonagh Railway Station today at 4.15pm to remember those from Kilkenny who served and died in World War II. Re-enactment groups and vehicles will be on display from 2pm to 6pm. All are welcome to attend.

Retired Teachers Kilkenny

Just a reminder about two upcoming events:

We will hold our Summer Meeting this Friday, 7th June, in the Clubhouse Hotel. John O' Brien, General Secretary of RTAI will be in attendance and we look forward to his report on RTAI developments. This will be John's first visit to Kilkenny as General Secretary so we hope for a good attendance at the meeting. Coffee will be served from 11am and the meeting will start at 11.30am.

We have 32 members booked to travel to Johnstown Castle and Gardens on Tuesday, 11th June. The arrangements are as follows:

- Bus leaving Woodies Car Park at 09.30 sharp.
- Tea/Coffee/ scone at 11am in Johnstown Castle
- Guided Tour of the Castle at 12noon
- Afterwards tour of the gardens and museum.
- Time for another snack if you wish.
- Early Bird dinner - main course, dessert, tea/coffee in the Brandon Hotel, New Ross about 4.30pm.

The total cost of the trip is €60 which will be collected on the bus. Looking forward to meeting you soon.

YOUR PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES:

Sr Betty Cagney and Martina Lawlor

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