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A Thought...

This past week many of us have been watching the athletics in Rome – what a wonderful display of talent we had in the irish delegation. It was great to see them win so many medals, both individual and in teams. Can you imagine the long hours of unseen hard work that went into the achieving of each of these medals, the hours of painful grimaces in training that then turned into such happy smiles on the podium. Even for those who did not get medals there were personal bests and many other great achievements. Hard work is always needed to achieve our goals. The great American Quarterback Tom Brady said, this past week, that to achieve we need to be what most are not – consistent.

Please remember the following in your prayers Recently Deceased

Peter O'Dwyer, Old Callan Road.

Anniversary Mass

11.00am - Sean and Michael Byrne, James's Green.

Anniversaries

Jim Maher, Alice O'Leary, Eoin Starr, Phil Kavanagh, 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 €545.00; Baskets €1415.41. 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.

Knowing your Faith

Work is underway at present to create an easily accessible course on our faith. We profess belief in many things, we come to pray regularly but often we have many questions about why we do certain things or what is it exactly that we mean by some of the things we hear or say in church or in our lives of faith. Bishop Niall has asked the city parishes to work on creating such a course that is accessible to people on this - and the Faith Development Group are putting that together. More information when we have it...

Bereavement Support Line

The Bereavement Support Line, set up by the Irish Hospice Foundation in partnership with the HSE, is a freephone service available mornings Monday to Friday. It provides a confidential safe space for those who have lost a loved one. Bereavement Support Line: 1800 807 077 Mon - Fri; 10.00am to 1.00pm.

Concert in the Black Abbey

The Ceto Choir from Connecticut USA will join the Kilkenny Gospel Choir for an outreach concert in the Black Abbey Church on Saturday, June 22nd at 7.30 pm. An in-house collection will be taken up for the South East Radiotherapy Trust (SERT) - Providing free and confidential transport for cancer patients who require radiotherapy living in the South East. All Welcome.

St Mary's Cathedral, Chapter House Bookshop

welcomes you to visit the shop which is now open 5 days a week.

Monday 9.30am till 1.00pm

Tuesday - Friday 9.30am till 5.00pm.

YOUR 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

Please consult the Diocesan website (<u>www.ossory.ie</u>) for all relevant documents and diocesan policies.

Invite your family members to support the Cathedral FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL at www.stmaryscathedal.ie/friends