



ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL

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A Thought...

To address the sensitive issue of compassionate care at the end of life, and in response to the need to inform the faithful of Catholic teaching on this important life issue that affects so many families, the Bishops of Ireland have published the pastoral letter: Freedom to Live Fully, Until Death Comes. You are invited to read this letter and view the accompanying video Through the Valley, which offers personal testimonies by carers and people with terminal illness. The key message, of both letter and video, asserts that every person possesses inherent, infinite dignity that remains intact regardless of their circumstances. In this context, Bishops strongly oppose the Oireachtas Committee's proposal to Government to legislate for assisted suicide, and call on support for healthcare workers who uphold the sanctity of life. To read Freedom to



Live Fully, Until Death Comes, and to watch Through the Valley, visit the following link or scan the QR code:

<https://www.catholicbishops.ie/2024/06/24/bishops-statement-on-end-of-life-care-freedom-to-live-fully-until-death-comes/>

Fr Dermot

Please remember the following in your prayers

Recently Deceased

Marie Dowling, Fr Murphy Square.

Anniversary Mass

11.00am – Susan Phelan, St. Francis Tce.,

5.30pm - **Months Mind** – Liam O'Harrahan, Dean Cavanagh Place.

Weekly Collections

Envelope Collection €430.00; Baskets €1532.63. 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.

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

We are in the process of delivering 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...

Help – we need some...

If you would be in a position to help deliver envelopes to the following areas of the parish we would greatly appreciate it. These areas do not have people to deliver and we would like to be able to engage with families in these parts of our parish too. Abbey Street; Collier's Lane; Fr Murphy Sq; High Street; Parliament St; Rioch Court; Rioch Terrace; Rioch Street; Robert's Hill; Rose Inn Street; Rushbrook; Wellington Square. If you can help in any of these areas please let us know.

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.

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 (www.ossory.ie) for all relevant documents and diocesan policies.

Invite your family members to support the Cathedral **FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S**

CATHEDRAL at www.stmaryscathedral.ie/friends