



## ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL

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**7<sup>th</sup> July 2024 – Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### **A Thought...**

Someone said to me during this past week that the summer is about making memories with their children. It is not a bad focus for these summer weeks/months. Life is busy for us all and it seems to be getting busier. To take as our focus in the weeks ahead the attempt to slow down a little and to spend time with friends and family would be a worthy use of these summer months. We can all make memories not just the children. With God's help we pray that the memories we make in these weeks ahead are beautiful.

*Fr Dermot*

### **Please remember the following in your prayers**

#### **Anniversaries**

Susan Phelan, Renee Murphy, Mary (Mai) Bateman.

#### **Weekly Collections**

Envelope Collection €400.00; Baskets €2157.97. Your support of the parish is greatly appreciated.

#### **Pope's Prayer Intention for this Month**

We pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confer to those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the Lord and become ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all.

#### **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](http://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.

### **Cathedral Bells**

You may notice that the bells are ringing at the Cathedral again. This past week we finished work on restoring them to use. They will remind us of the call to pray the Angelus at 12 noon and again at 6pm. They will also ring 10 minutes before every Mass.

### **Reek Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July**

2024 is the dedicated Year of Prayer and Reek Sunday is on 28 July. This year, the annual pilgrimage takes place on the weekend of 26 – 28 July. On this day we also celebrate World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly #ElderlyandGrandparents

### **The Pioneer Pilgrimage to Knock**

The Pioneer Pilgrimage to Knock will take place on Sunday 21st July. Mass at 3pm will be followed by Eucharistic Blessing and Procession to the Shrine. Pioneers along with friends and relations of people who are living "one day at a time" with addiction are most welcome.

### **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.

<b>Abbey Street;</b>	<b>Collier's Lane;</b>	<b>Fr Murphy Sq;</b>	<b>Parliament St;</b>
<b>Rioch Court;</b>	<b>Rioch Terrace;</b>	<b>Rioch Street;</b>	<b>Robert's Hill;</b>
<b>Rose Inn Street;</b>	<b>Rushbrook;</b>	<b>Wellington Square</b>	

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](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)

Please consult the Diocesan website ([www.ossory.ie](http://www.ossory.ie)) for all relevant documents and diocesan policies.

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

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