



## ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL

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**28th July 2024 – Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### A Thought...

It is wonderful to welcome so many visitors to our beautiful City in these summer months. You can't help but notice the significant increase in people walking the streets and visiting our own Cathedral – taking the time to appreciate the beauty of Kilkenny. It often occurs to me that if we were to encounter the Castle on the Parade in some European city we too would stop to take pictures, or, at least, to appreciate the beauty. The same is true for this wonderful Cathedral – maybe those who visit our City are a reminder to us to appreciate that which is on our doorstep... let us also take time to smile and say hello to those we meet. It too adds to the beauty of this place.

*Fr Dermot*

### Please remember the following in your prayers

#### Anniversaries

11.00am – Billy and Mary Coyne, Old Callan, Road, Billy Young, Rioch Street.

Bridget Dunne, Catherine Moriarty, Doreen Tallent.

#### Weekly Collections

Envelope Collection €625.00; Baskets €1265.59. 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.

#### 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.

#### Diocesan Draw

The July draw will take place next Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup> July at 8pm in the Chapter House. All Welcome.

### Camino Jenkinstown Walk

The annual Camino Jenkinstown walk will take place today beginning at Jenkinstown Church Car Park at 2.30 pm. This coincides with the Jubilee celebrations in St. James Cathedral Santiago De Compostela. Each walker will be given a scallop shell from Santiago De Compostela. The Scallop shell is the symbol of the pilgrim.

### New Book on St Mary's Cathedral

We have recently launched a new publication on the Cathedral. It documents, in pictures and words, the many wonderful pieces of art, statues and beautiful aspects of this magnificent and sacred place. It is available in English, Irish, Spanish, Italian, German, Polish and French. Hopefully those who visit will now be able to avail of something to recall their visit here. They are available in the Cathedral Gift Shop.

**Adult Learning Service** 43, Patrick St. Kilkenny, R95PNX2, is holding an Open Day, on Friday, 9th August 2024 from 10am - 3pm.

We wish to welcome the community to come to see our facilities, to chat to us about our programmes. All the classes are FREE and include the following  
Certified QQI awards from levels 1-4 and uncertified courses  
Small friendly group and one-to-one classes available  
Classes can be held in outreach centres in local communities  
Some of the classes we offer are improving reading, writing and maths skills. We also offer classes in Computer Skills, Smart Technology, Family Learning and English language classes. All are 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.

**Readers Next Weekend** 11am Rachel Heffernan, 5.30pm Sr. Nuala  
**Eucharistic Ministers** 11.00am Kay Moran, Marguerite Walsh, Ber Dunphy  
5.30pm Tina Lawlor, Betty Cagney.

### YOUR PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES:

**Sr Betty Cagney and Martina Lawlor**

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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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CATHEDRAL at [www.stmaryscathedral.ie/friends](http://www.stmaryscathedral.ie/friends)