



ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL

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11th August 2024 – Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Thought...

It's amazing how many people pass through the Cathedral each day. In these summer weeks the number of tourists is literally in the hundreds. Even at night I see people come into the grounds to take pictures and marvel at the Cathedral. We are blessed to have such a wonderful sacred place to gather to pray... and it is made all the more sacred by the prayers of so many who enter here. Maybe as we sit here, or come here regularly, we could pray that all those who pass through here, even momentarily, have their prayers answered. *Fr Dermot*

Please remember the following in your prayers

Anniversaries

11.00am – Jimmy Moore, Kickham Street

5.30pm - Liam Fitzpatrick, Fr. Murphy Square

Michael Murphy, Margaret Murphy, Sean Neary, Peadar Blanchfield.

Weekly Collections

Envelope Collection €610.00; Baskets €1,521.76. Your support of the parish is greatly appreciated.

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.

Kilkenny Bereavement Support Service

The Kilkenny Bereavement Support Service is a voluntary organisation offering free one to one support to people of all ages who have been bereaved. The service is provided by volunteers who have been trained in bereavement support. This is a free and confidential service. To contact the service please call 086 0670566.

Pilgrimage to Knock – Legion of Mary Sunday

Bus to Knock on Sunday, 29th September leaving the Parade at 7.30am Booking in St. Mary's Parish office or telephone Kay at 087 9428305. Cost €25 and can be paid when booking. All are welcome.

Coffee Morning

Come along and enjoy a lovely coffee morning on Saturday, 24th August, 11am-1pm at St Mary's Day Care Centre. All proceeds towards the upkeep of the St Mary's Day Care Centre.

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. They are available in the Cathedral Gift Shop.

Pilgrimage to Greece in the Footsteps of St Paul (Oct. 23rd – Nov. 2nd 2024).

Experience a 10-night/11-day pilgrimage covering all major sites associated with St Paul including an overnight stay on the island of Patmos where St John wrote the Book of Revelation. Hotels are 4-star hotels & half board, entrance fees to sites, a fully licensed guide, air-conditioned bus, ferry tickets with cabin from Patmos island & more. Daily Mass and Eucharistic Adoration. **Spiritual Director: Fr Joseph Mary Deane, CFR.** Cost: €2040 (Land ONLY). Please contact Angela McMorrow at 089-2107277 or stpaul2024@proton.me

Visit of the Relics of Saint Bernadette of Lourdes

It is with joy that the Diocese of Ossory will host a visit of the Relics of Saint Bernadette of Lourdes on the weekend of 21st/22nd September 2024. This is an initiative of *United Irish Pilgrimages to Lourdes*, which is a group comprising of Pilgrimage Directors from most Irish dioceses and of some Religious orders. Saint Bernadette's relics will visit each diocese in the country and some churches belonging to religious orders during the months of September and October 2024. Saint Mary's Cathedral, Kilkenny, will kindly accommodate the visit of the Relics to Ossory Diocese. This is an initiative to bring a small piece of Lourdes to Ireland and make it possible for more people to experience something of what is close to the hearts of those who travel on our diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes each year.

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 Michael Whelan, 5.30pm Monica Dowling
Eucharistic Ministers 11.00am Bobby Quinn, David Quinn, Ber Dunphy
5.30pm Betty Cagney, Kate Meighan.

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