



ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL

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18th August 2024 – Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Thought... And with that the summer is over - or nearly. This coming week the secondary schools are re-opening and primary school teachers and management are in denial that their summer is about to end... Our Catholic schools are wonderful places working, as they do, the education of the whole person - intellectual, physical, emotional and spiritual. It is a joy to see staff and students working together to achieve their best. As they return we hold them in our prayers - we are blessed with all the schools we have in our Diocese. Learning is fun!

Fr Dermot

Please remember the following in your prayers

Recently Deceased

Noel Byrne, Parnell Street, Mick Nolan, Old Callan Road.

Anniversaries

11.00am –**Months Mind**: Christy Wall, Rioch's Street.

Moyra McCarthy, Rushbrook, Emmet Nolan, Dunmore.

Dick Walsh, Josie Thomas, Jerry Davis.

Weekly Collections

Envelope Collection €335.00; Baskets €1,434.92. Your support of the parish is greatly appreciated.

Godly Play Camp for Primary School Children

Godly Play uses a unique method of storytelling which allows children to explore their own spirituality. Godly Play invites children to wonder about the mysterious presence of God in their lives. Join us for a morning of storytelling, wondering, creating and a real feast! This camp is suitable for children of primary school age and is led by parents of young children trained in this work. Venue: St Kieran's College, Saturday August 31st, 10am-12.30pm. Places are limited. To book please call 056 7753624 or email afd@ossory.ie

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.

Inner Healing Retreat

Monday 19th August 2024 at St Mary's Cathedral Kilkenny City, starting at 6.30pm. Faith Formation based on the teachings of the Catholic Church, inner healing, Adoration, Confessions and the celebration of Holy Mass. Evening led by Fr Prince Clarence SJ.

County Kilkenny Mass Paths and Holy Wells Survey – We need your help

Kilkenny County Council in partnership with Shanarc Archaeology and Wicklow Willow are conducting a survey of holy wells and mass paths in County Kilkenny. Holy wells have been visited for centuries around the county to provide cures, comfort and community. This survey seeks to record what remains in the landscape and in memory so that future generations will understand their importance in our spiritual, social and cultural heritage. Much of the knowledge of holy wells and mass paths rests in community memory around the county and Kilkenny County Council need your help to record this knowledge. We also hope to hold workshops around the county over the coming months to hear your stories. To get involved in the project or to share information about your local holy well or mass path, please contact the Heritage Office at Kilkenny County Council at heritage@kilkennycoco.ie or 056 779 4923

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.

Catholic Marriage Encounter in Ireland

Friday 8th-10th November 2024 - Focolare Centre, Prosperous, Co. Kildare. The Catholic Marriage Enrichment program involves a Weekend experience that transforms the way spouses communicate to deepen their love for each other. The weekend experience allows one to develop a higher and broader understanding of what it means to be married. Sacramentally married couples are most welcome. While faith is a powerful part of this process, the focus of the Marriage Encounter experience is on the ups and downs of married life. Further information and online booking at: www.marriageencounter.ie

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. 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 and 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
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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

Towards Peace Helpline: 01 5053028 www.towardspeace.ie

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

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