



ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL

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1st September 2024 – Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Thought...

This past week we celebrated the feast of St Monica who along with along with being the saint of many other things was listed in the ordo as patron Saint of disappointing children.. now when I read this I thought – there is a category that need a patron Saint! Her son, possibly the reason for that patronage, is Augustine of Hippo. He was slow to come to the faith but he is also now one of the saints of the Church. Maybe this is a good reminder to us that no one is a disappointment to God we are all just works in progress
Fr Dermot

Please remember the following in your prayers

Deirdre FINNEGAN (née Meredith), Bennettsbridge

Anniversaries

11.00am – Theresa and Martin Treacy, Parnell St., Maureen Brannigan, Drakelands Middle and for those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Tony Walsh, Cassin Family, William (Billy) Burke, Patrick Blanchfield.

Weekly Collections

Envelope Collection €395.00; Baskets €1,451.63. Your support of the parish is greatly appreciated.

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 phone Kay at 087 9428305. Cost €25 and can be paid when booking. All are welcome.

Catholic Marriage Encounter in Ireland

Friday 8th-10th November 2024 - Focolare Centre, Prosperous, Co. Kildare. The Catholic Marriage Enrichment programme involves a weekend experience that transforms the way spouses communicate to deepen their love for each other. 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 during the months of September and October 2024. Saint Mary's Cathedral, Kilkenny, will welcome 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 a piece of mystery of Lourdes here in Ossory.

COIS NORE – OUTREACH CANCER SUPPORT CENTRE available in the following parishes from 10 am to 12 noon:

Monday: Ballyragget – Dr. Hogan's Rooms The Square

Tuesday: Callan – Droichead Family Resource Centre

Wednesday: Castlecomer – Old Court House

Thursday: Thomastown – Community Centre

Friday: Urlingford – Mill Family Resource Centre

Tel. 087 4833941 or email outreach@coisnore.ie for an appointment or drop in during the above times.

CELTIC BROTHERS IN CONCERT

Following a brilliant concert in the Cathedral of the Assumption, Thurles two years ago, the very popular Celtic Brothers are making a return trip and are set to light up the aisles with their unique take on many contemporary classics. Come along and enjoy an evening of great music with the Celtic Brothers starring The Willoughby's in the Cathedral, Thurles – Friday, September 27th, 2024. All proceeds to Cathedral Reroofing Project. Tickets now on sale in Thurles Parish Centre (0504 22229), Bookworm (0504 22257) and Holycross Abbey Shop (0504 43124). Book early to avoid disappointment.

Visit of the Relic of St Charbel

The Relic of St Charbel will visit the Dominican Black Abbey on Sunday, 1st September 2024, from 4 pm to 6 pm. During the afternoon there will be a talk on the life of St. Charbel and novena prayers concluding with Mass at 6 p.m. There will be an opportunity for blessing with the relic after Mass. All are welcome. For further information contact Fr Willie Purcell, 087 6286858.

The Alliance Française in Kilkenny are starting their French classes again, with enrolment on Tuesday 10th September from 7.00 pm in the Club House Hotel (where the classes will be run). So, if you are a beginner and want to know what do you say after you say "Bonjour", or you want to revive your school French, or get better value from your French holiday or are good at French but just need a chance to practice it and build on that, well, there are classes for all levels. There are also classes for Leaving and Junior Cert students. The teachers are native French but very patient with the struggling Irish. And you get an appreciation of French culture in the Cultural Evenings each month, and you can watch a carefully chosen French film each month in the Watergate Theatre. So discover some Joie de Vive at the Alliance Française. See www.afkilkenny.org for more details.

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 M. Finnegan, 5.30pm T. Lawlor.

Eucharistic Ministers 11.00am B. Quinn, D. Quinn, J. Campion; 5.30pm K. Lawlor. F. Culleton.

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

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www.stmaryscathedral.ie/friends