



ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL

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8th September 2024 – Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Thought... In just two week's time we will have the Relics of Saint Bernadette here in the Cathedral. She was just 14 when Our Lady appeared to her... imagine a young 14 year old child trying to convince others that she had seen the Mother of God. It is a real privilege to have her Relics here in the Cathedral and as it is a weekend we are a little bit more able to make time to come to pray with Relics. Saints remind us that ordinary people are called by God to witness to, and do, extraordinary things. Why not make time on that weekend to drop in and to bring before this wonderful Saint your prayers... for yourself or someone else. A little bit of the sacredness of Lourdes in our midst.

Fr Dermot

Please remember the following in your prayers

Joan Browne, Fr Murphy Square.

Anniversaries

11.00am – Jackie O'Brien, Fr Albert Place, Patrick Shasby, Rioch St., Molly & Jimmy Denieffe, Fatima Place and for those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Alexander O'Neill, Anthony Murphy, Alice Stapleton, Imelda McPhilomy.

Weekly Collections

Envelope Collection €560.00; Baskets €2,148.63. Your support of the parish is greatly appreciated.

Itinerary for the visit of the Relics of Saint Bernadette to St Mary's Cathedral Kilkenny

Saturday 21 September

12.00: Formal reception of the Relics of St Bernadette with Mass of Saint Bernadette.

Celebrant: Most Rev. Niall Coll DD Bishop of Ossory

15.00: Rosary. Leader: Representative of the Kilkenny Dominican Rosary Group

18.00: Water Gesture Ceremony. Leader: Very Rev. Dan Carroll VG (representing IPT)

19.30: Ceremony of light and concluding prayers. Leader: Very Rev. Anthony O'Connor Director of the Ossory Lourdes Pilgrimage

Sunday 22 September

11.00 Sunday Mass (beginning with sprinkling the congregation with the water of Lourdes).
Celebrant: Very Rev. Dermot Ryan Adm

15.00: Rosary. Leader: Breda Campion Ossory Lourdes Pilgrimage Group

17.30: Sunday Mass (beginning with sprinkling the congregation with the Water of Lourdes).
Celebrant: Very Rev. Anthony O'Connor Director of the Ossory Lourdes Pilgrimage.

19.30: Bishop Coll leads a farewell ceremony involving a reading from the account given by Saint Bernadette of the apparitions followed by a ceremony of light.

The Kilkenny Choir, under our new Music Director Patrick Rafter, is looking for new members we rehearse on **Wednesday evenings 7.30pm-9.30pm** in Presentation Primary School, Parnell Street, commencing on September 11th, 2024. Why not come along and try it out? For further information phone 087 9826953 or check out our website www.thekilkennychoir.com.

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.

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.

Mayfair Library Events

A programme of free events for older people commenced on Fri Sept 6th at 11am and will continue on Fridays until Nov 1st. Ageing Well, Dementia Awareness, Healthy Homes & Community Safety are among the topics for discussion. For further information, please contact Mayfair Library 056 7794174

Toddler Storytime & Play takes place every Wednesday at 11am; just turn up with your little ones!

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). There are also classes for Leaving and Junior Cert students. The teachers are native French but very patient with the struggling Irish. 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 D. Butler, 5.30pm M. Dowling.

Eucharistic Ministers 11.00 K. Moran, M. Walsh, B. Dunphy; 5.30pm T. Lawlor, K. 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

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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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