

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL



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15th September 2024 – Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Thought...Saints are not special people they are simply people who are special. The miracle of Lourdes, the vision of St Francis of Assisi or the work of Mother Teresa were all carried out by ordinary people who responded in an extraordinary way to the call of God. Each of us receives that call in our Baptism and, the truth be told, repeatedly in our lives as he prompts us to respond to him. As we welcome the Relics of St Bernadette next weekend why don't we pray that our response would be a little better - we might not aim for sainthood straight away, just a small improvement.
Fr Dermot

Please remember the following in your prayers

Anniversaries

11.00am – **Months Mind:** Noel Byrne, Parnell Street.

Mary Gittens, Shellumsrath, Nora Connick, Fatima Place, Eamon Conway, Rothe Terrace

5.30pm Alice Shasby, Rioch Street and for those whose anniversaries occur around this time:

Lucy McKee, Eileen Butler (nee McKee), Bridget Cahill, Syd and Elizabett Bluett.

Weekly Collections

Envelope Collection €310.00; Baskets €1,440.38. Your support of the parish is greatly appreciated.

Faith Seeking Understanding

We were first brought to our faith, probably as infants, by our parents or guardians. On that day they professed faith on our behalf. Throughout our lifetime many of us live that faith in varying ways and often the only education we received was that which we got in school. This course aims, in a gentle fashion, to allow people the opportunity to learn in, an adult way, what it is that we believe. Why not consider this course for the winter months - 2 hrs per week to allow your faith seek understanding. More information in the display boards.

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. 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 from the Parade at 7.30am Booking in St Mary's Parish office or Kay at 087 9428305. Cost €25 and can be paid when booking. All welcome.

Mayfair Library

Free one-to-one support with using computers and other devices is available on Thursdays from 10am-12pm; courtesy of Transition Year students from St Kieran's College. Just drop in!

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.

Please know at all other times private visits to the Relic are most welcome. Just drop in for a silent prayer if you are nearby.

Celtic Brothers in Concert

Come along and enjoy an evening of great music with the Celtic Brothers starring The Willoughbys in the Cathedral of the Assumption, Thurles, Friday, September 27th. All proceeds to Cathedral Reroofing Project. Tickets: Thurles Parish Centre (0504 22229), Bookworm (0504 22257) and Holycross Abbey Shop (0504 43124). Book early to avoid disappointment.

Loreto Secondary School Kilkenny

1st Year Enrolment Autumn 2025 – The closing date for applications for a First Year place is **22nd October 2024**. Applications can be made via the school website www.loretokk.ie

Open Night for 6th Class Girls – An Open Night will take place on **Thursday 26th September 2024**. Further information will be on our website www.loretokk.ie

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. Whelan, 5.30pm Sr. Nuala.

Eucharistic Ministers 11.00 R. Neary, F. Culleton, J. Campion, 5.30pm K. Lawlor, M. Walsh.
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

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