

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL



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29th September 2024 – Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Thought... This past week we celebrated the Feast of St Vincent de Paul, the French, Catholic Priest, who dedicated himself to serving the poor. He was renowned for his compassion, humility, and generosity and for this he was canonised in 1737. Since then many have followed in his footsteps - namely the Vincentian Fathers but, most importantly, many lay men and women who give of their time to work with the Society of St Vincent de Paul - continuing the tradition of helping those who are poor. We are blessed in the parish to have an active Vincent de Paul group and, as you know, on a monthly basis we take up a collection for their work in the parish. Jesus once reprimanded the Disciples with the line "the poor you will always have with you". Sadly that is true, so may we continue to be generous in the care of others.

Fr Dermot

Please remember the following in your prayers

Michael Hanrahan, Riverview.

Anniversaries

5.30pm – Margaret Comerford, Stephen Street and for those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Patrick Darcy, Josephine Neary, Elizabeth Connick, Seamus Connick, John Sinnott, Annie (Nancy) Langton.

Weekly Collections

Envelope Collection €315.00; Baskets €4,321.59. 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 hours per week to allow your faith seek understanding. More information in the display boards.

October and November Offerings

Envelopes are ready for distribution and can be collected at Parish Office. Thank you to all who give of their time to distribute envelopes.

Mayfair Library

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

Taizé Youth Programme 2025

A youth trip to Taizé in France organised by Ossory Youth will take place from Sunday 29th June to Sunday 6th July 2025. A week in the Taizé Community is an opportunity for reflection and contemplation and a little step back from daily life. But bringing people together is also the essence of Taizé and it is a week of meeting young people from different countries and cultures where new friendships are made. Tens of thousands of young people from around the world, including 25 from Kilkenny, will make the trip to Taizé next year. The programme, which runs from November 2024 to July 2025 is open to Transition Year, 5th Year and Leaving Cert students. Closing date for applications is Friday 25th Oct. For additional info including cost and application forms, contact Patrick Bookle, Ossory Youth (056) 7761200, (087) 2129006 or pbookle@ossoryyouth.com

Special First Saturdays Conference on Saturday, October 12th (10am to 4pm) in the Firgrove Hotel in Mitchelstown. Sr Lucia of Fatima explained the importance of this devotion by saying that whether there is peace or war in the world depends on the practise of this devotion. We sure live in very turbulent and troubled times. There will be Mass and four speakers: Dr Katrina Layden, Fr Jaimie Twohig, Christine O'Hara and Fr Marius O'Reilly. We will also pray the Rosary, and do the 15 minute meditation together. Bring your own lunch or eat in the hotel carvery. For more details see firstsaturdays.ie

Medjugorje May 28th, 7 nights. €949 pps half board in Hotel Leone. €100 DISCOUNT if paid by 15th November. €50 discount if deposit paid by 17th Jan '25. Spiritual Director: Fr. Ted Sheehan. Limited places. All travelling with group entered in to draw to WIN cost of pilgrimage (excl single supplement). Group Leader Sean O'Shaughnessy 0862959380

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.loreto.kk.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.loreto.kk.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 R. Heffernan, 5.30pm M. Dowling.

Eucharistic Ministers 11.00am M. Tallent, E. Tallent, N. Molloy; 5.30pm T. Lawlor, K. Lawlor.

YOUR PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES: Sr Betty Cagney and Martina Lawlor

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Towards Peace Helpline: 01 5053028 www.towardspeace.ie
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