

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL



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24th November 2024 – Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

A Thought... My Faith - this is the name of the programme of preparation for the children who hope to celebrate the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion later this year. This programme runs online and has monthly meetings with parents and leaders. A Sunday Mass workbook encourages the children and their families to come to Mass. The online component, which they do at home, is a series of 20 modules covering various topics by means of classes and interactive games to reinforce the learning. These children and their families will be well versed in the faith - this is MyFaith - what is yours!

Fr Dermot

Please remember the following in your prayers

Anniversaries

11.00am: Bridie Sunderland, Circular Road, 1st Anniversary; Michael Neary, Kickham Street; Willie Meighan, St. Rioch's Tce.; Pauline Hackett, Drakelands.

5.30pm: Josephine Culleton, Fr. Murphy Square and for those whose anniversaries occur around this time Sean Walsh, Patrick J. Crotty, Therese O'Donoghue, Margaret Doran, Patrick Doran, Catherine Delaney, Michael Delaney, Jack McDonald.

Weekly Collections

Envelope Collection €790.00; Baskets €1,375.95. Your support of the parish is greatly appreciated.

Sisters of Mary Morning Star Craft Sale

The sisters are a community of contemplative nuns based in Waterford City. They rely totally on providence to sustain their contemplative life and for this reason come to sell after Mass their handmade craft work. A perfect opportunity to find some Christmas gifts! The sisters would love to meet you and receive your prayer intentions on 23rd evening Mass and 24th November at St John's Church Kilkenny.

Ossory Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 19th-25th May 2025

The Ossory Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from 19th-25th May 2025. Bus transport from Loughboy Shopping Centre and Castlecomer GAA pitch to Cork Airport. Full religious programme. Choice of 3* and 4* hotels €949 and €995 respectively. Bookings JWT 01-2410800 or info@joewalshstours.ie. Assisted pilgrims contact Fr Anthony O'Connor 087-2517766.

Cathedral Shop

On Sunday next Michael will bring the Cathedral Shop to the Masses here in the Cathedral - this will make it easier for people to get Christmas Mass card or gifts in advance of the scramble of the weeks ahead.

Family Carers Ireland are holding a Church gate collection today Sunday 24th November, your support would be greatly appreciated.

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 15th Jan '25. Spiritual Director: Fr. Ted Sheehan. Limited places. Group Leader Sean O'Shaughnessy 0862959380

Remembrance Mass for Deceased

During November you are invited to place the names of deceased family members or friends in the basket which will be left at the front of the altar. We will hold these people in our prayers throughout the month and we will offer a special Mass at 7pm on Wednesday 27th November for these people and for all who were buried from the parish this past year.

Holy Hour For Vocations – Wednesday, 27th November 2024, St John's Church, Kilkenny.

On 24th November 2004, the late Pope John Paul II blessed six Monstrances. These were designated for Eucharistic Adoration for vocations for each major continent or geographical area around the world as a symbol of the connection between the Eucharist and priestly vocations. The six regions given a monstrance are: North America, Latin America, Europe, Asia, Africa and the Pacific. The Monstrance that was given to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops is being brought to Ireland and will visit 12 dioceses in November. The Diocese of Ossory will receive the Monstrance on Wednesday, 27th November 2024. Ossory Vocations will hold a [Holy Hour for Vocations in St. John's Church, Kilkenny, on Wednesday, 27th November at 7.30 p.m.](#) All are invited to come and pray for vocations in the diocese.

Collection Ossory Priests Society, Feast of Christ the King, 23rd/24th November 2024

The Ossory Priests Society is responsible for the financial provision for the care of priests in the Diocese of Ossory in infirmity, sickness and old age. The Annual Collection for this good cause takes place on the weekend of the Feast of Christ the King, 23rd/24th November 2024. A contribution to the Ossory Priests Society collection is an opportunity to show appreciation for the many years of service our sick and retired priests have given to God and to His people throughout the Diocese of Ossory. Your support is very much appreciated.

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 G.Cody, 5.30pm T. Lawlor

Eucharistic Ministers 11.00am; 5.30pm

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

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

Invite your family members to support the Cathedral **FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL** at www.stmaryscathedral.ie/friends