

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL



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1st December 2024 – First Sunday of Advent

A Thought... As I write, though I have yet to vote, the polls will open tomorrow morning, therefore I can't possibly know who will be elected to office to form the 34th Dáil. So this short political piece is not political... It occurs to me that the very idea of public service is a most noble one. Someone taking of their time and talents to help their fellow citizens, to help govern the country. I know people will, on occasion, suggest other motives but the very concept itself is wonderful. It resonates perfectly with the Gospel message of service to others - so my prayer then this weekend is that all elected will achieve that which they dream for the people they serve and the country they hope to govern. May God guide the work that now starts..

Fr Dermot

Please remember the following in your prayers

Anniversaries

11.00am: **Months Mind** Sr Betty O'Shea, Presentation Convent. **Anniversaries** Kitty and Christy Galvin, Dean Cavanagh Place, Michael Cuddihy, Blackmill Street, Paddy & Essie Delaney, Fr. Murphy Square.

5.30pm: Jack Egan, Rothe Terrace, Billy Haniphy, Josephine Pigott and for those whose anniversaries occur around this time Martin Lawlor, Maureen Nolan, Teresa Ryan.

Weekly Collections

Envelope Collection €305.00; Baskets €1,331.25. Your support of the parish is greatly appreciated.

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

Cathedral Shop open at the back of the Cathedral after Mass today and for the coming weekends – beautiful Christmas cards, cribs and gifts, and much more available. Sincere thanks to Michael for making this possible.

Diocesan Draw

Please note the December Draw will take place on Wednesday, 18th December.

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

Scoil Aireagail Winter Concert

Join us, Knocktopher Church, Tuesday, 10th December, 2pm, for an afternoon of music and song in celebration of the festive season. All are welcome, and there will be a bucket collection in aid of St. Vincent de Paul (SVP).

Marble City Music Festival

In these past days, we have had the opportunity to listen to some wonderful music and song here in the Cathedral as we attended concerts led by Patrick Rafter and friends. These wonderful concerts were beautiful and uplifting. Well done to all involved.

Advent

As we prepare for Christmas there are many activities planned by the Diocesan Faith Development Group. A poster outlining these is available at the back of the church. The first evening Bishop Niall will lead a reflection on the Theology of Hope in St Kieran's College on Wednesday 11th December, 7pm.

Advent Godly Play

A morning for young people, those attending our primary schools to reflect through Godly Play, the hope-filled message of Advent and Christmas. St Mary's Cathedral Chapter House, Saturday, 14th December, 10.30am. To register contact: afd@ossory.ie

Carrigan: Church, Culture, Context

Commemorating 100 years since the death of Canon Carrigan a two-day conference during which historians will reflect on the work of Carrigan and the context from which it emerged. We are delighted that our own Richard Hyland will be among the speakers. This important weekend marks the very significant contribution that was Carrigan's history of our Diocese. St Kieran's College Kilkenny, Friday 13th and Saturday 14th December 2024. Attendance Free. Details and Registration: 056 7721086 email: admin@stkieranscollege.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 J. Meredith, 5.30pm Sr. Nuala
Eucharistic Ministers 11.00am F. Culleton, K. Moran, M. Walsh, 5.30pm T. Lawlor,
K. Meighan

YOUR PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES: Sr Betty Cagney and Martina Lawlor
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