

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL



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22nd December 2024 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

A Thought... In these past weeks our Catholic Schools have been preparing for Christmas. It is wonderful to see so many of them coming to use the Cathedral for Masses or Carol Services. It is heartening to see those generations come to pray and to reflect on the meaning of these weeks. Schools are about more than mere book education - they form the students morally, physically through sport, and also spiritually. It is good that they get to know God - what a gift to give them for life. Which of us haven't used faith as a crutch at some critical moment or simply a familiar friend in ordinary days.

Fr Dermot

Please remember the following in your prayers those who died recently

Patrick (Patsy) Mackin, Callan and Mary Gaffney, Wellington Square.

Anniversaries

11.00am – Edward Davin and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time – Ann Guilfoyle, Ann Murray, Peggy Blanchfield, Paddy Moynihan, Denis Maher, Paddy Sinnott, Jim Kelly, Sean Dooley, Dick and Annie Burke, Patrick and Julia Burke, Séamus, Milo and Ann Fry, Jack, Peg, Breda, Peter and Aaron Molloy.

Weekly Collections

Envelope Collection €1,015.00; Baskets €1,561.19. 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 Bookshop

These weekends the Cathedral Bookshop and Gift shop will be available again at the back of the Cathedral after the 11am Mass. A chance for people to get Christmas Mass cards or gifts. Thanks to Michael and Rita for making this possible.

Calendar

The city parishes have produced a calendar which will be distributed on the weekend after Christmas. By doing this together as a pastoral area we hope that people will have easy access to the Mass times in the other churches or other information that might be of use.

Christmas Carol Service

Annual Diocesan Carol Service will take place tonight in the Cathedral starting at 7.30pm featuring Tanya Sewell, Soloist, St. Mary's Cathedral Choir, Kilkenny Youth Orchestra and The Unity Singers. An evening of music, song, prayer and reflection. Collection will be taken up for charity.

Christmas Offering

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

Medjugorje Pilgrimage May 28th 2025. Last chance to avail of €100 discount if fully paid by 20th December. Cost €849 pps with discount (€949 thereafter). All who travel with this group entered in to draw for this group only, to win base cost of pilgrimage. Group Leader Sean O'Shaughnessy 0862959390. Still a few seats available. Tour Operator Joe Walsh Tours

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. Finnegan, 5.30pm M. Dowling
Eucharistic Ministers 11.00am B. Quinn, D. Quinn, N. Molloy, 5.30pm T. Lawlor, B. Cagney.
YOUR PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES: Sr Betty Cagney and Martina Lawlor
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Towards Healing Helpline: 1800 313416 www.towardshealing.ie

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