

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL



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12th January 2025 – The Baptism of the Lord

A Thought... We don't just believe. We believe because... We believe because God revealed himself to us. We believe because God became one of us. We believe because the arrival of this infant was a continuation of a long relationship between God and humanity. We believe because we need hope. We believe because it makes sense of so many aspects of our life and death and all that happens in between. We believe because - someone introduced us to God - our parents, grandparents, teachers, priest, religious, Godparent - someone took the time to share with us that great gift of faith. Remember those people who gave you that gift and maybe ask yourself are you passing it on too. We believe because...
Fr Dermot

Please remember the following in your prayers

Gerard Doran, Loughboy.

Anniversaries

11.00am – Mo and Mark Quigley, Rioch St., Essie Delaney, Kathleen Leahy

5.30pm – Danny and Breege Nolan, Dominic Street and those whose anniversaries occur about this time Johnny Brennan, Denis Guilfoyle, Maura Murphy, Bernie Comerford, Agnes Murphy, Judy Carpenter, Ellen Carpenter, Lorenzo Mahony.

Weekly Collections

Baskets €410.00. 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.

Calendar

The city parishes have produced a calendar which will be distributed this weekend after all Masses. 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.

Weekly Envelopes

Envelopes are now ready for distribution and can be collected at parish office. Thank you to all who distribute our envelopes. It is much appreciated.

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

Medjugorje International Youth Festival 2nd to 9th August 2025. Spiritual Director Rev. David Lane. €799.00 half board including flights from Cork. €50 discount if deposit paid by 15th January. Travel with Joe Walsh Tours. Group Leader Anna O'Shaughnessy 089 4038650 /0862959380. Only 25 places available for this group.

80s - 90s Disco

An 80s-90s Disco will take place on Friday, 17th January in Langton's Ballroom 9.00pm till late. All proceeds in aid of local Group 174 Irish Pilgrimage Trust who bring young people with additional needs to Lourdes each April. Tickets €15 available from Eventbrite or phone 087 9040208 or 087 2070609. Join the fun while supporting a good cause. Fancy dress is optional!

Jubilee of Hope 2025

In conjunction with the Jubilee Year 2025, themed Pilgrims of Hope, which officially opened on Christmas Eve with the opening of the Holy Door at Saint Peter's Basilica in Rome, the Catholic Bishops of Ireland have launched an official Jubilee page on catholicbishops.ie. This dedicated page will serve as a central hub for all Jubilee-related updates, ensuring we remain informed about events and activities taking place both in Ireland and around the world. The site offers a comprehensive hub for all things Jubilee - providing downloadable resources, an event calendar for the year to promote and feature activities across Ireland and Rome, as well as hosting inspiring videos highlighting people and events from across the island.

Ceardlann na hArdteiste 2025/Leaving Cert Irish Oral Exam Workshop 2025

A three part Leaving Cert Irish Oral Workshop which will cover all elements of the Leaving Cert Irish Oral exam will take place Johnswell Community Hall on the following date: 8th, 15th and 22nd of March. These workshops will provide an opportunity for students to learn, prepare and practice for their upcoming Leaving Cert Irish Oral Exam. To book or for further information please contact tobarnagaeilge@yahoo.com or 0876673302 (Maria Ní Thuama).

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 M. Finnegan

Eucharistic Ministers 11.00am M. Tallent, E. Tallent, B. Dunphy. 5.30pm R. Neary, K. Meighan

YOUR PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES: Sr Betty Cagney and Martina Lawlor

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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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