

## ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL



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19<sup>th</sup> January 2025 – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

**A Thought...** Ordinary time - that is what this is now. The Church has seasons to the year - Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter and outside of these it is Ordinary Time... So as of last Monday we returned to this. It occurs to me that most of our lives are spent in ordinary time - in the company of family and friends we spend most of the days doing ordinary things - the extraordinary happen but not often - that is why they are extra-ordinary. That is ok - in ordinary time we make the memories that bond us together... we make the memories that we hold most dear... it is in the routine of each day that we get to know each other. It is the everyday that makes having the extraordinary truly special.

*Fr Dermot*

### Please remember the following in your prayers

Patrick (Paddy) Morrissey, Rioch Court.

### Anniversaries

11.00am – Christy Mahony, Fr. Murphy Sq., Peggy Moore, Kickham Street, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time Carmel Maher, William and Catherine Maher, Margaret Doran, Patrick Doran, Catherine Delaney, Michael Delaney, Eamon O'Hara.

### Weekly Collections

Envelopes €635.00; Baskets €1,421.53. Your support of the parish is greatly appreciated.

### Ossory Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 19<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> May 2025

The Ossory Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from 19<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:info@joewalshstours.ie). Assisted pilgrims contact Fr Anthony O'Connor 087-2517766.

### Calendar

The city parishes have produced a calendar which will be distributed again 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 the parish office. Thank you to all who distribute our envelopes. It is much appreciated.

**Medjugorje Pilgrimage** May 28<sup>th</sup> 2025. Cost €849 pps with discount (€949 thereafter). All who travel with this group entered into 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 2<sup>nd</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> August 2025.** Spiritual Director Rev. David Lane. €799.00 half board including flights from Cork. €50 discount if deposit paid by 15<sup>th</sup> January. Travel with Joe Walsh Tours. Group Leader Anna O'Shaughnessy 089 4038650 /0862959380. Only 25 places available for this group.

### 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](http://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: 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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.

<b>Readers Next Weekend</b> 11am J. Meredith 5.30pm M. Finnegan
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<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b> 11.00am M. Tallent, E. Tallent, B. Dunphy. 5.30pm R. Neary, K.Meighan
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**YOUR PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES:** Sr Betty Cagney and Martina Lawlor  
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**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](http://www.towardshealing.ie)

**Towards Peace Helpline:** 01 5053028 [www.towardspeace.ie](http://www.towardspeace.ie)

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