

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL



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2nd February 2025 – The Presentation of the Lord

A Thought... Saint Brigid (Brigid of Kildare or Saint Brigid of Ireland) is the Patroness Saint of Ireland, and one of its three national saints along with Patrick and Columba. She was believed to be an Abbess who founded the important Abbey of Kildare - we all know the story of the cloak and the manner in which she reputedly gained the ground needed for the abbey. It occurs to me, as we celebrate this feast, of the many women who have done so much to bring the faith to us - the women who were with Jesus: his mother; Mary Magdalene; in the early church Phoebe, Lydia; and then the many saints - Thérèse of Lisieux, Bernadette of Lourdes, Mother Teresa - the list thankfully is endless. Our Church is built on the shoulders of so many men and women - may we never forget it, or cease to be thankful.

Fr Dermot

Please remember the following in your prayers

Anniversaries

11.00am – James (Jimmy) Culleton, Old Callan Road, Liam and Conor Delahunty, Castleinch, Jerry, Marie and Angela Davis, St Teresa's Tce., JJ Murphy, Rushbrook, Sean Cantwell, St Francis Tce. and those whose anniversaries occur about this time Maura Gaffney, Annie Ruth, Annie Moynihan, Tom Piert, Sarah (Ciss) Walsh, Edward Walsh, Michael Delaney, Ann Culleton, Nancy Culleton, Adrian Freeney.

Weekly Collections

Envelopes €535.00; Baskets €1,121.03. 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.

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 appreciate

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.

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.

Listening to the Voices of Women in the Bible

This Conference will be on 15th February 2025. Venue: The Pembroke Hotel, Patrick Street, Kilkenny. The speaker: Dr Gráinne Doherty. Times: 10.00 am-4.30pm. Cost: €20 (includes tea/coffee) pay on the door. Booking essential: Contact Sara or Catherina @ 056 7722870 Monday to Friday or e-mail regionaloffice@ssjg.ie before 11 February 2025.

Medjugorje Pilgrimage

May 28th 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.

Cearlann 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 M.Finnegan, 5.30pm T. Lawlor.

Eucharistic Ministers 11.00am B. Quinn, D. Quinn, J. Campion. 5.30pm K. Meighan, B. Cagney.

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Towards Healing Helpline: 1800 313416 www.towardshealing.ie

Towards Peace Helpline: 01 5053028 www.towardspeace.ie

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