

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL



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9th February 2025 – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Thought... On Tuesday next, 11th February, we celebrate the Feast day of our Lady of Lourdes. So many from our Diocese, and from far beyond, journey to Lourdes each year praying for healing. Be that a physical healing or simply the healing that is having peace in their illness. Along with those journeying to Lourdes with illness there are also countless helpers to ensure that all can make it there - nurses, brancardier and even young people from our secondary schools. If we needed to be reminded of the popularity of Lourdes we need only recall the visit of the relics of St Bernadette here to the Cathedral this past year and the amazing volume of people who visited in those days. As all in our Diocese prepare for this year's pilgrimage - we hold them in our prayers. May the Lord reward their generosity and may it be, for them too, an occasion of an encounter with the Lord. Our Lady of Lourdes pray for us.
Fr Dermot

Please remember the following in your prayers

Monica Murray, Johnswell Road; Helena Tynan-Comerford Perry, Cork/Kilkenny.

Anniversaries

11.00: Teresa McGrath, Friary St, Andy Hackett, Drakelands, Betty O'Rourke, Blackmill St, Vera Larkin, Rioch St, John L. O'Sullivan, Dominic St and those whose anniversaries occur about this time Eileen Cummins, Eamon Tallent, Eddie Byrne.

Weekly Collections

Envelopes €985.00; Baskets €1,543.17. 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@joewalshtours.ie. Assisted pilgrims contact Fr Anthony O'Connor 087-2517766.

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.

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 M. Whelan, 5.30pm Sr Nuala.

Eucharistic Ministers 11.00am R Neary, R. Heffernan, B Dunphy. 5.30pm T. Lawlor, K. Lawlor.

YOUR PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES: Sr Betty Cagney and Martina Lawlor

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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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