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## St Mary's Cathedral

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### Weekend Masses

Vigil of Sunday 5.40pm (Capuchin Friary)  
 Sunday: 10.00am 11.00am 5.30pm (Cathedral)

**Weekday Masses** - Monday - Saturday: 9.00am (Blessed Sacrament Chapel)  
 On the occasion of a Funeral, Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral

### Holy Day Masses

Vigil 5.40pm (Friary) 10.00am 5.30pm, (Cathedral) 6.00pm (Black Abbey)  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation** - After any Mass by Request



### Cherishing the Gift of Human Life

#### Bishop Farrell's Pastoral Letter

Copies of Bishop Farrell's Pastoral Letter on the Right to Life are now available. Please take one and read it over the next few days

### Sure or Unsure

#### An Exploration of the Upcoming Referendum

On Tuesday night next, 8th May, at 7.30pm in the Chapter Rooms at St Mary's Cathedral Bishop Dermot Farrell will chair an information evening on the Catholic understanding of the current debate. The evening will be led by Rev Dr Michael Shortall, moral theologian and Dr Kirsten McCarthy, medical doctor. Please join us as part of your journey in informing yourself before the vote on May 25th.

### World Meeting of Families - August 21st to 26th

The World Meeting of Families which takes place in August in Dublin is a momentous and historic occasion for the Irish Church made even more so by the announcement that Pope Francis will be present in Dublin. It promises to be a grace filled occasion for those who attend.

At present the tickets for the Festival of Families in Croke Park on 25th and the Closing Mass in the Phoenix Park on 26th are not directly available on general release until consultations with the relevant statutory authorities on capacity, transport, security, safety and other issues. When these tickets become available **they will be free.**

Those hoping to attend the Final Mass in Phoenix Park are asked to expect an approximate 3 to 5 km walk from where they park or are dropped by bus to the Mass venue due to security, safety and transport considerations.

The excellent programme of the three-day Pastoral Congress for WMOF2018, from 22nd to 24th August, will take place in the RDS and will offer a daily programme of workshops, discussions as well as fun and prayerful activities for individuals and families. Those who book for the Pastoral Congress in the RDS have a guaranteed opportunity to book a ticket for the Festival of Families and Final Mass. All registration and bookings are to be completed on the WMOF website [www.worldmeeting2018.ie](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie)

### Bank Holiday

Mass will be celebrated on Bank Holiday Monday at 10.00am in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

### Parish Office

The Parish Office will be closed Bank Holiday Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> May. It will re-open on Tuesday morning at 9.30am.

### Adoration

Adoration Monday to Friday 9.30am to 10.30am and Monday 12.30pm to 2.30pm.

### Cathedral Bookshop

Open Monday to Friday 9.30am-5.00pm. Closed for lunch 1.30pm -2.00pm. Telephone: 056/7703884.

### Cathedral Cafe

Serving breakfast, lunch and afternoon snacks. Open Monday to Friday 9.00am-5.00pm. Saturday 10.00am - 4.00pm. Groups catered for by prior arrangement. Telephone: 056/7703885.

### Monthly Rosary – James's Green

Rosary at the Statue of Our Lady of Kilkenny takes place this Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> May at 3.00pm

### Presentation Sisters – North East Ireland

This year marks the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Nano Nagle. We invite enquiries from those interested in living in the spirit of Nano Nagle today. See poster in Cathedral Porch.

### MABS

Money Advice and Budgeting Service is a free, confidential and independent service. MABS assist people who have debt problems, who are in difficulty paying a mortgage or who are facing legal action because of debt. They also provide information and access to Insolvency Services. Contact MABS on [www.mabs.ie](http://www.mabs.ie) or call Kilkenny MABS on 0761072610

### Black Abbey Dominican Church, Kilkenny

Novena in honour of Our Lady of Fatima Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2018.

### Conference: A Spirituality of Creation in Laudato Si & Patrick Kavanagh

Will take place on May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018 in St. Patrick's Parish Centre. Speaker: Una Agnew SSL. See Poster in Cathedral Porch.

### AnamCara

Are hosting a Bereavement Event for parents who have experienced the death of their only child or children on Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> May from 10.30-2pm in The Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise. To confirm your attendance please RSVP to [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie) or ring 01/4045378 before 18<sup>th</sup> May.

### Newsletter Items

**Anniversaries and items for the Newsletter to the Parish Office by Thursday morning**

### We pray for those who have died recently

Denis Doherty, Parnell Street,  
 Mary Hehir (nee Dunne),  
*Drakelands Nursing Home and The Sycamores.*  
 Bridie O' Connor, *Crettyard*

### Announced Mass Intentions

Sunday 10.00am Margaret Butler (MM)  
 11.00am Des Price (A)  
 5.30pm Tom Byrne (A)

### Anniversaries

*Sean Davin, Bridget Quinlan, Betty Doheny,  
 Patrick Browne, Sheila Batten, James Morris,  
 John Murphy, Mary and Jack Brennan,  
 Catherine (Kit) Grace,  
 Kathleen & Sylvester Ryan, Seamus Murphy.*

### Upcoming Anniversaries 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2018

10.00 am – Elizabeth & Edward Blanche (A)  
 11.00 am – Liam Meighan (A)  
 5.30 pm – Joseph Brannigan (A)

(A) = Anniversary (MM) = Months Mind

### Pastoral Care

#### Care of the Sick and Elderly

Please contact the Parish office if you have a relative or neighbour sick at home or in hospital and would like to be visited or added to First Friday calls.

#### Baptism

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the last Sunday of the month for the present. Please contact Rita Neary at 086 2031623.

#### Marriage

At least three months notice must be given.



*"Sorry if it shatters the illusion but today is our collection day."*