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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



Evening Vigil of Thanksgiving for the Gift of Human Life

St. Mary's Cathedral, Thursday 24TH May
 from 7.00pm to 9.00pm.

7.00pm- Rosary for the Protection of All Human Life.

Followed by the blessing of our Life Candles.

7.30pm-Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Candlelight Vigil.

*During Adoration you are invited to light one of
 our Life. Candles and place it on or near the
 Altar or alternatively you can hold the candle for
 the duration of the Vigil.*

8.15pm- Litany of thanksgiving for the Gift of Human Life.

8.30pm - Celebration of Mass in thanksgiving for the gift of Human Life.

*After the Vigil you are invited to take a candle
 home with you and light it on the following day
 during voting.*

Followed by Refreshments in the Cathedral Chapter Room.

Message from Bishop Dermot

**"He will lead you into the complete truth."
 John 16:13**

The words of the Gospel on Pentecost Sunday
 have particular significance this coming week.

I ask the Catholic community in the Diocese of
 Ossory to join in moments of prayer in the
 coming days in each parish. There remains a
 great deal of confusion among some of the
 electorate about what the current proposal
 means. We are not voting on a solution to
 complex cases that have touched the minds and
 hearts of many women and men.

Repealing the 8th Amendment removes the only
 legal protection in our Constitution for every
 living but yet unborn child -- perfectly healthy
 baby girls and boys as well as babies who may

have life-limiting condition. As people of faith we are not indifferent to people who suffer, but rather we do what Jesus did. We bring the Church's power to bear, pouring in the oil and wine of compassion, communicating the power of Christ's cross. Compassion, as witnessed in the words and actions of Jesus, means having no truck with the ways of death.

I ask you to invoke the Spirit of Jesus to touch hearts and commit our society to be pro-life in defending the lives of unborn children and in supporting women and men in the challenges they meet in accepting the joy of parenthood.

+Dermot Farrell



First Communion

Congratulations to all our children from Mother of Fair love, CBS & Presentation Schools who receive their First Communion today

Corpus Christi

The Feast of Corpus Christi takes place on Sunday 3rd June with our annual procession.

Further details next weekend

Visit of Holy Family Icon to Diocese of Ossory

The WMOF (Holy Family) Icon will be present in the Diocese from June 11th to 16th. Prayer Services have been arranged on a Deanery basis. In addition to the regular schedule of Masses in each of these Parishes the times of prayer are as follows

Monday June 11th - Arrival of Icon in St Mary's Cathedral 4.00 pm . Short Prayer on Arrival.

Eucharistic Adoration in Cathedral from 6.00 pm to 9.00 pm - with St Joseph's Young Priest's Society for vocations in the Diocese. *Tuesday June 12th* - Icon present in the Cathedral

during the day for those who want to come and pray. 7.00pm - St Mary's Cathedral - Prayer Service with Icon for Middle Deanery parishes .

The Good Shepherd Centre

Are holding their Annual Church Gate Collection today. Your support is appreciated.

St. Patrick's Special School, Kells Road.

Church Gate Collection on Sunday next 27th May. Your support is appreciated.

Adoration

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

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

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

AnamCara

Will hold its next monthly Parent Evening on Monday 21st of May for 7.30pm-9 pm in the Horse & Jockey Hotel, Thurles. This event is open to all bereaved parents. For more information see anamcara.ie or call 085 2888888. Also a Bereavement Event for parents who have experienced the death of their only child or children on Saturday, 26th May from 10.30-2pm in The Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise. To confirm your attendance please RSVP to info@anamcara.ie or ring 01/4045378 before 18th May.

Cathedral Bookshop

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

Cathedral Cafe

Serving breakfast, lunch and afternoon snacks. Open Monday to Friday 9.00am-5.00pm. Groups catered for by prior arrangement.

Newsletter Items

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

We pray for those who have died recently

Kitty Igoe (nee Hughes), Parliament Street,

Cecilia Fahy, Fatima Place,

Eileen Kirwan, Walkin Street,

Margaret (Minnie) Tyrrell, Wolfe Tone Street,

Agnes Swift, St. Fiacre's Place.

Announced Mass Intentions

10.00 am – Birdie & Ralph Kavanagh (A)

11.00 am First Communion

5.30 pm – Pro Populo

Anniversaries

Vera Morton, Sister Maura Donoghue,

Eileen Murphy.

Upcoming Anniversaries 27th May 2018

10.00 am - Colette O'Hehir – (A)

11.00am - Paul Stack – (A)

5.30pm - Liam Bennett - (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.