

St. Mary's Cathedral
10th January 2021
The Baptism of Our Lord

Months Mind

11- Vera Kearns, Parnell Street.

Anniversaries

11 – Mary Doheny, Rioch Terrace.

5.30 – John Horan.

Judy Carpenter, Lorenzo Mahony.

Christmas Envelopes

Thanks to all who contribute to the clergy fund.

Did you know?

There is a great Facebook page called *St. Mary's Parish*. Check it out.

Website Donate Button

A word of thanks and appreciation to those who have used the Donate button on the website to support St. Mary's Cathedral Parish. We encourage others to use this facility to financially support the Parish and Cathedral at this time.

Calendars 2021

2021 calendars and diaries are available at the Parish Office.

Parish Office Hours

In accordance with Government Guidelines the Parish Office will remain closed at this time. Please contact Fr Scriven.

Funerals in Church

10 people are now allowed to attend funerals in accordance with government guidelines

Celebration of Baptisms

There will be no celebration of Baptisms at this time.

Announcement of Easter

The season of Christmas ends with the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord. As the season draws to an end, the solemnity of the Epiphany offers an opportunity to proclaim the centrality of Christ's paschal mystery: dying he destroyed our death and rising he restored our life. The Easter Triduum of the Passion, death and Resurrection of Christ is the culmination of the entire liturgical year. The proclamation of the date of Easter may be announced on the solemnity of the Epiphany after the homily or after the Prayer after Communion. The Announcement with music is to be found in RM, pp. 1351-2.

Know, dear brothers and sisters, that, as we have rejoiced at the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, so by leave of God's mercy we announce to you also the joy of his Resurrection, who is our Saviour.

On the seventeenth day of February will fall Ash Wednesday, and the beginning of the fast of the most sacred Lenten season.

On the fourth day of April you will celebrate with joy Easter Day, the Paschal feast of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the Sixteenth day May will be the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the twenty-third day of May, the feast of Pentecost.

On the sixth day of June, the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

On the twenty-eight day of November, the First Sunday of the Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom is honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

3 Bishops in 97 years

While Bishop Farrell's time in Ossory is just short of three years by comparison others were bishop of Ossory for decades. Abraham Brownrigg became bishop when Moran was transferred to Sydney in 1884 and was bishop until 1928, 44 years in all. A native of Clonegal, Co Carlow, in the Diocese of Ferns, AB (as he often signed his letters) had four uncles who were priests. He worked in the House of Missions in Enniscorthy before his translation to Ossory.

His successor Patrick Collier was bishop from 1928 to 1964, 36 years. A native of Camross he was appointed Coadjutor Bishop of Ossory in July 1928 and succeeded Brownrigg on October 1. A native of Conaghy Peter Birch was bishop for 17 years and Laurence Forristal, from Thomastown and ordained for the Archdiocese of Dublin, came in September 1981 and retired 26 years after his arrival in September 1981.

The death of Dr Birch in 1981 meant that we were just three years short of having three bishops in 100 years. Going back to the 14th century Richard de Ledrede was bishop from 1317 to 1360, 43 years in all. Ledrede was ordained bishop at Avignon in August 1317 – the pope was in Avignon at this time. An Englishman by birth and Franciscan Friar by religious profession Kilkenny was Ledrede's episcopal city while also being the centre for disloyal members of his flock. Their leader was a rich lady named Alice Kyteler. Kyteler was married four times; her first three husbands she reputedly got rid of by poisoning and the fourth, Sir John le Poer, she supposedly deprived of his natural senses by 'philtres and incantations' so that he was totally

emaciated, deprived of his nails, without hair on his body!

In the 15th century Oliver Cantwell (1487-1527) was bishop for 40 years; he repaired the larger bridge in Irishtown which had been to a great extent broken down in the middle by the floods. A Dominican he continued to wear the habit of the Order of Preachers as bishop; he is buried in the Black Abbey.

ALONE – Support line for Older People

Support Line open seven days a week from 8am-8pm. 0818 222024

Mass Cards

A variety of Mass Cards (Sympathy, Get Well and Mass Bouquet Cards) are available in the Parish Office. Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral each Thursday morning for those who ask to be remembered in the shared masses. Individual Mass Cards are also available.

Thanks

The local branch of St Vincent de Paul wishes to thank all who contributed to their church collection. The monies gathered locally will be used locally. Mass will be offered for all.

Cathedral Bookshop

The Cathedral Gift Shop is closed at this time. Supplies etc will be available through the Parish Office: please contact Fr Scriven.

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