

St. Mary's Cathedral
14th February 2021
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Recently Deceased

Sean O'Sullivan, Dominic Street.

Anniversaries

Michael Brennan, Eamonn Tallent, Bridget Knox, Maura Tyrrell.

Ash Wednesday 2021

Next Wednesday, 17th February is Ash Wednesday and marks the beginning of Lent. Blessed Ashes will be available in the Cathedral after Mass on Wednesday. Receiving ashes is an outward sign of an inner step, a movement of the heart towards our beloved Lord. This year we are invited to concentrate much more on the inner, spiritual movement than on its outward manifestation in the imposition of ashes.

To mark the beginning of Lent in the home start with a time of prayer: Bless each other by making the sign of the cross on each other's forehead. Spend some time praying in a way that you know. Make this a prayer of your heart for God's mercy upon this world struggling to cope with the terrible pandemic and the devastation it is bringing."

Use one of the traditional blessings for the imposition of ashes on Ash Wednesday, such as: "**Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return,**" or: "**Repent, and believe in the Gospel.**"

Cardinal Nichols of Westminster writes: Please do take up this invitation as we begin Lent to open your hearts to the gift of God's presence to support, comfort and strengthen you. This year, it may be best to do this, not by going to church, but by sharing the prayer, the blessing and this moment of dedication within the love of your family and friends."

Did you know?

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

Trocaire

Trocaire was established in 1973 as the overseas development agency of the Catholic Church in Ireland. This year Trocaire are highlighting the needs of the people of Sudan where war has taken everything from many many families. Trocaire Boxes are available in the Church for use during Lent. Please support the work of Trocaire who remember those who are often on the margins and least cared for. Information on Trocaire can be accessed on their website: <https://www.trocaire.org/>

Weekly Envelopes

Envelopes are now ready for distribution. Thanks to all who contribute regularly to the Cathedral and also to those who assist in distributing the boxes.

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.

Archbishop Dermot Farrell

If you wish to be associated with a presentation to Archbishop Farrell from the Cathedral Parish please use the envelopes which are available at the back of the Church. Alternatively use the DONATE button on the website and mark the donation as Presentation to Archbishop Farrell.

Cathedral Monthly Draw

Thanks to all who continue to support the Monthly Draw in aid of the Restoration of the Cathedral. The January draw will take place in conjunction with the February draw.

Please note the following:

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.

Sacrament of Confirmation: Confirmation will take place later in the year; date to be confirmed.

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.

Kilkenny Bereavement Support

Kilkenny Bereavement Support is a voluntary organisation that offers a free listening service to bereaved people of all ages.

Since the arrival of Covid 19, we have not been able to offer face to face meetings. At the moment, we continue to support the bereaved by phone or by Zoom. People can discuss their preferred option with their bereavement support volunteer.

To make an appointment, please phone 056-7756538

or email:

director@kilkennybereavementsupport.com.

Cathedral Bookshop

The Cathedral Gift Shop is closed at this time.

Supplies etc will be available though the Parish Office: please contact Fr Scriven.

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MARY'S
CATHEDRAL**

You are invited to be a Friend of St Mary's Cathedral and assist us in works planned to enhance our beautiful cathedral for parishioners, pilgrims and tourists.

Over the coming years we hope to develop the Chapter House as a visitors centre, restore the Cathedral Crib and the chapels of St Joseph and Our Lady.

We invite you and your family members to commit a small financial monthly contribution and *through the small contribution of many we can do great things together.*

Pick up a brochure in the Cathedral, or read online our plans at

www.stmaryscathedral.ie/friends

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