

St. Mary's Cathedral
15th August 2021
The Assumption
of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Recently Deceased

Liam O'Brien, College Road and Emmet Street.
Anne Massey, McDonagh Street.
Seamus Reade, Riverview and McDonagh St.
Mary O'Beirne, Cedarwood Drive.

Anniversaries

11am Edward and Josie Naughton, Rioch Street.
5.30pm Matilda Prendergast.

Anniversaries

Michael Lanigan, Peadar Blanchfield, Tommy Morris,
Jack Allen, Richard (Dixie) Leahy, Dick Walsh,
Jerry Davis.

Next Week Anniversaries:

11am: Mary and Patrick Blanchfield, Fatima Pl.

Website Donate Button

A word of thanks and appreciation to those who use the Donate button to support St. Mary's Cathedral Parish.

Parish Office – Change to Opening

The Parish Office is open Monday, Tuesday and Friday morning from 9.30-12.00 until further notice.

Cathedral Book and Gift Shop

The Book and Gift shop open Wednesday-Friday from 9.00-5.00pm. Great range of cards, books,

Baptisms, Communion, Confirmations.

The Parish of St Mary's continues to hope that it will be possible to celebrate First Communion and Confirmation in September.

Cathedral Cafe

The cathedral cafe is open and we encourage you to support this local cafe – outside seating and take away

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Our Lady of Knock – 17th August

The story of Knock began on the 21 August 1879 when Our Lady, St Joseph and St John the Evangelist appeared at the south gable of Knock Parish church. This miraculous apparition was witnessed by fifteen people, young and old. The witnesses clearly saw the Blessed Virgin Mary dressed in white robes, her hands and eyes turned towards heaven in prayer. On her head was a gold crown and where the crown fitted the brow, a single golden rose. On her right, bowed respectfully towards her, was St. Joseph. He appeared older, his beard and hair were grey and, like Our Lady, he was barefoot. To Our Lady's left stood John the Evangelist vested as a bishop, wearing a small mitre. He held an open book in his left hand and in its pages the lines and letters could clearly be seen. He appeared to be preaching but no voice was heard

Knock is an internationally recognised Marian shrine. St John Paul II visited Knock as part of his 1979 papal pilgrimage to Ireland. Pope Francis went to Knock and prayed at the Shrine before the final Mass of the World Meeting of Families at the Phoenix Park on Sunday 26 August 2018. The date of the memorial is within the annual novena conducted at the Shrine. The National Public Novena takes place each year at Knock Shrine from the 14th to the 22nd of August. Prayer leaflets are available and participation in the Novena is possible through their website: www.knockshrine.ie

Get a Vaccine, Give a Vaccine

Use the envelopes in the Church to place your donation and together with UNICEF we will bring the vaccine to the poorest parts of our world, particularly to children.

WHOSE watching WHO ?

Just a quick glance at the website last week reveals the numbers and countries of where people are logging on to participate in the celebrations of St Mary's Cathedral. Last Sunday we had mass at 11am, a wedding at 2pm and Mass at 5.30pm. The wedding couple, Joju and Alka, natives of Kerala in India; living in Dublin; Joju's sister was married in St Mary's last year. 49 people logged on for the 11am Mass and 47 for the 5.30pm Mass. 17% of those who were logged onto the website on Sunday were from Ireland: 51 from Dublin, 30 from Kilkenny, 4 Carlow, 2 Newbridge, and others from all around Ireland; some of course were logged on for the wedding.. The wedding at 2pm welcomed 358 users from India, 34 from Qatar, 32 from United Kingdom, 17 from Indonesia, 16 from USA, 11 from United Arab Emirates, 7 from Australia, 6 from Canada and 6 from Kuwait. Remember these figures represent the number of computers logged on, not the number of people. In all 625 computers were logged onto the site on Sunday. Conservatively at 4 people per computer this is over 2400 people!



Feast of the Assumption
Windows of the Assumption

Today the 15th August is the Feast of the Assumption. The window in the North Transept depicts the Assumption of Our Blessed Lady into Heaven. The window was designed in Rome for Fr Cavanagh and is the

gift of Daniel Cullen. The window is over the vault that contains his remains. The inscription asks us to pray for the donor: *This Window is the Gift of Mr Daniel Cullen Esq and Anastasia His Wife of the City of Kilkenny Pray for Them and Their Posterity AD 1866.*

The window is the work of Early and Powell of Dublin. Michael Wynne in Irish Stained Glass in The Irish Heritage Series remarked that the stained glass windows of Earley and Powell "could be extremely good, but sometimes lapsed in quality, due no doubt to the large number of different artists who worked in the studios". Regrettably, this is the case here as we see the artistic details of the faces have deteriorated over the years.

A detailed account of the new window was given in the Kilkenny Journal, March 21, 1867 a few days before the window was installed in the Cathedral. The windows were designed to fit in the three lancet openings of the gable of the northern transept. In the central panel the Blessed Virgin Mary is represented ascending into Heaven. Her arms are thrown upwards and outwards, and her robes of blue and white contrast superbly with the ruby ground. In the folds of her mantle bands of gold are exquisitely interwoven. At either side of the figure of the Virgin angels are represented ministering to her, and the apex of the picture represents clusters of lilies beautifully painted.

At the base six of the apostles St John (rich ruby), St Andrew (purple mantle), St Peter (blue mantle over a yellow tunic), St Thomas (yellow and blue garments); St Simon and St Jude are represented standing round the tomb of the Virgin, from which she had arisen, and at either end of which an angel is sitting. Embroidered bands of colour of fine design aid in making the centre section of the picture one of the most perfect things of the kind ever brought under our notice. The tomb is composed of varied white glasses stained in parts, a fine yellow, with panels of ruby, blue and orange "let in" with great ability.

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