

**St. Mary's Cathedral**  
**21st February 2021**  
**First Sunday of Lent**

**Recently Deceased**

Carmel Murphy, McCauley Place  
Teresa Wall, Fatima Place;  
MI O'Hanrahan, Dukesmeadows

**Anniversaries**

11-Sr. Nora McCarthy-Months Mind  
5.30 -Sean & Sheila Hyland, Clonmorán.

Jimmy Gahan, Martin Dermody, Vera Shortall, Edward Ned Morrissey, Maureen Dowling, Annie Dowling.

**Did you know?**

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

**Trocaire**

Every year Trócaire asks for your help during Lent to fund lifesaving programmes around the world. Families like Awut and Ajak's in South Sudan need your support now more than ever. Trócaire are appealing to you to continue your support this Lent. Resources, prayers and videos are available on [www.trocaire.org](http://www.trocaire.org) and donations can be made to the Lent campaign in the following ways:

1. By collecting a Trócaire box (*insert relevant information for your parish here*)
2. Online at [www.trocaire.org](http://www.trocaire.org)
3. By phone: 1850 408 408 (ROI) or 0800 912 1200 (NI)

The contents of each and every Trócaire box, no matter how small, come together to make a significant difference. This virus knows no borders, but neither does our compassion.

**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.

**Lent in the Diocese**

Details of the Ossory Adult Faith Development Lenten Programme are available on the notice board of the Cathedral and on the Website: Thought for the Day; Sundays of Lent, Lectio Divina, Lent Texts, Lent Tweets, Online Resources.

**Cathedral Monthly Draw**

Thanks to all who continue to support the Monthly Draw in aid of the Restoration of the Cathedral. The January, February and March draw will take place at the end of March.

**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.

**Vocation Prayer Intention for Lent**

First Sunday of Lent: That prayer, penance and alms giving will enable more men and women to follow the Holy Spirit as He leads them to discover their vocations in Christ, we pray to the Lord.

**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.

**2021 World Day of Prayer**

Traditionally held in March each year the International World Day of Prayer will take place this year, 2021, on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> Feb at 11am hosted by RTE 1. The theme this year is 'Build a strong Foundation', the service written this year by the Christian Women of Vanuatu.

**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, [director@kilkennybereavementsupport.com](mailto: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.

**FRIENDS OF ST 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](http://www.stmaryscathedral.ie/friends)

**Going the extra mile to polish a jewel**

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