

**St. Mary's Cathedral
21st March 2021
Fifth Sunday of Lent**

Months Mind

11-Michael O'Hanrahan, Dukes Meadows
5.30 Carmel Murphy, McCauley Place.

Anniversaries

Eamonn Hennessy, Mary (Mir) Brett.

Did you know?

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

Lenten Offering

Thanks to all who contribute regularly to the Cathedral
and also to those who assist in distributing the envelopes.

Easter Cards

Easter Mass Bouquet Cards and Mass Cards are available
in the Parish Office. A triduum of Masses will be
celebrated in St Mary's Cathedral in the week after
Easter for all who wish to be remembered. The Shared
Mass Bouquet Card cost €1 and a donation of €3 will be
given to the priest.

Website Donate Button

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

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2021 -Year of St Joseph

A father
"in the shadows,"
centred on Mary and Jesus

In a new Apostolic Letter entitled *Patris corde* ("With a Father's Heart"), Pope Francis describes Saint Joseph as a beloved father, a tender and loving father, an obedient father, an accepting father; a father who is creatively courageous, a working father, a father in the shadows.

Pope Francis describes Joseph's fatherhood of Jesus as "the earthly shadow of the heavenly Father." "Fathers are not born, but made," says Pope Francis. "A man does not become a father simply by bringing a child into the world, but by taking up the responsibility to care for that child." Joseph, says Pope Francis, "knew how to love with extraordinary freedom. He never made himself the centre of things. He did not think of himself but focused instead on the lives of Mary and Jesus."

Prayer to St Joseph

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.*

To you God entrusted his only Son;

in you Mary placed her trust;

with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,

show yourself a father

and guide us in the path of life.

*Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.*

Holy Week 2021

7.30pm is the time to watch....

Each evening in Holy Week we will have a gathering
from St Mary's Cathedral at 7.30pm

Monday, 7.30pm: Holy Week – the Week of Mercy

Tuesday, 7.30pm: Holy Week in the Footsteps of Our Lady

Wednesday, 7.30pm: Mass of Chrism 2021

Thursday, 7.30pm: The Upper Room – The Eucharist

Friday, 7.30pm: The Via Delarosa – In the Footsteps of Jesus to Calvary

Saturday, 7.30pm: Holy Saturday: We Watch and Wait at the Tomb

Getting Ready for Holy Week 2021...

St Mary's Cathedral asks you to have a candle ready for Holy Week. Light it each day as you sit at your table, in your sitting room around your phone or computer. Allow the Candle to focus us and gather us all around the Lord.

On **Thursday**, place a small towel and bowl of water on the table...Jesus washed the feet of his disciples.

On **Friday**, place a cross or crucifix on the table – Behold the Wood of the Cross on which hung the Saviour of the World

On **Saturday**, place a small piece of white material – Peter reached the tomb and saw the linen cloths on the ground....