

St. Mary's Cathedral
25th April 2021
Fourth Sunday of Easter
Day of Prayer for Vocations

Recently Deceased

Anastasia (Nancy) Hennessy, Patrick St. Paddy Lyons, Kilkenny and New York.
Rev Norman Lynas, St Canice's Cathedral.

Months Mind

11-James Brennan, Drakelands.

Anniversaries

5.30-Maurice & Margaret Wall, DeLoughry Place
Mairead & Seamus Dowling, Fr. Murphy Square.

Kitty Murray, Patrick Price, Joe Sinnott, Ann & Noel O'Dwyer, Daniel Gibbons, Michael O'Brien, May O'Brien, John Doheny, Mary & Jack Brennan, James Morris, Nuala Crotty.

Lenten/Easter Offering

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

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Parish Office

The Parish Office is opened each morning if you wish to contact Fr Scriven by phone or in person, 10am-12.30pm.

Cathedral Shop

The Cathedral Shop, in line with Government guidelines, is closed at this time. Cards, books and other items are available in the Parish Office in the Presbytery.

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**Excerpt from Bishop Nulty's Pastoral Message for
Good Shepherd Sunday**

Priesthood and religious life respond positively to this need in our world today. A life lived in this way is a life lived for others, to remind them of how special they are in the eyes of God. The religious sister, the priest, the brother, the lay missionary remind us that there is more to life than mere economics; there is more to life than mere existence; there is more to life than merely living. The existence of a life of vocation in our communities is living proof that humanity is destined for more; its gaze drifts beyond the limits of a finite world. The existence of a life of vocation reminds humanity to dream, not just in sacred moments but in secular too, of what we are destined to become.

Pope Francis in this year's message for the World Day of Prayer for Vocations reflects on the power of dreams in the life of St Joseph, for whom we are currently holding a special year of devotion. Dreams for Joseph, he noted, were calls from God requiring a response. His first led to marriage and made him the father of Jesus; the second led him to flee Egypt to save his family; the third told of his return home; the fourth brought him to Nazareth from where Jesus would begin (cf Mt 1:20; 2:13.19.22). The dreams of Joseph, then, led him - to new places, to safety, through the familiar, to a new start.

In life too it is our dreams, important dreams, that continually lead us. The young student is led by dreams of a career, the young scientist is led by dreams of some great discovery, the young sports person is led by dreams of some great result or achievement. Dreams call us forward to new places. They ensure that we don't settle for now. They encourage growth, progression and advancement.

Further resources in relation to Vocations will be available on the Diocesan Website and on our new Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Vocations-Ossory>

Numbers at Funerals

In accordance with Government Guidelines 25 people may attend funerals as and from April 26th. There are no other changes to public worship at the time.

Trocaire

Please return Trocaire boxes or donations to the Presbytery at this time.

Did you know?

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

Former Principal Ordained Priest

On Saturday, 24th April Brother Damian Casey, former Principal at Mother of Fair Love School, Kilkenny, was ordained a priest of the Franciscan Order by Most Rev. Dermot Farrell, Archbishop of Dublin.

Damian was born in Waterford and attended Mount Sion C.B.S. After school, his life took him on a career in teaching, ending up as Principal of Mother of Fair Love School.

He made many friends in the Marble City and is well remembered in the area. In 2011 Damian began exploring his vocational calling and this led him to the Franciscan Family. In September 2014 in the Franciscan Friary in Ennis he made his first profession. On 14th September 2019 in the Franciscan Friary, Clonmel, Damian made his solemn profession as a Brother of St. Francis. He then moved to Dublin to train in hospital chaplaincy and on 8th September 2020, Archbishop Eamonn Martin ordained Damian a Deacon.

This Saturday the journey Damian began 10 years ago sees him answering the call to priesthood. May God bless Fr. Damian in his ministry.

Preparations for the National Synod

The Irish Bishops have announced an initial submission phase of the Synodal Pathway for the Catholic Church in Ireland. Explaining the initial submission phase Bishop Brendan Leahy of Limerick said, "Before embarking on the Synodal Pathway consultation, bishops are inviting submissions to reflect on what methods/models to adopt in these coming two years of conversations." Feedback, which should be no more than 300 words and submitted by Pentecost Sunday, 23rd May, ought to focus on the nature of the process for the consultation i.e. how we can best go about this initial phase of establishing the conversation, rather than on the prospective themes for the Synodal Pathway, which will be addressed in the next phase. "It is said that the journey of a thousand miles begins with one step. I think (this) is a simple but significant step and I hope many will offer their suggestions."

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