

**St. Mary's Cathedral
28th February 2021
Second Sunday of Lent**

Recently Deceased

MI O'Hanrahan, Dukesmeadows,
Gary Halpin, St. Thomas Square,
P.J. Garvan, Ballycallan & James's Green.

Anniversaries

11-Kathleen & Richard Whyte, College Court.

Sean Jones, Catherine Kelly, Maura Delaney, Michael and Mary Tyrrell.

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 and donations can be made to the Lent campaign in the following ways:

1. By collecting a Trócaire box
2. Online at 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.

5th March: St Kieran's Day

The 5th of March is the feast of St Kieran, patron of our diocese. Often referred to as Ciarán of Saigher Kieran is one of the 12 apostles of Ireland and is considered to be the first saint born in Ireland. Cape Clear Island of the south west coast of Cork is traditionally regarded as his birth place. It is reported that Patrick sent Kieran to Ireland from Rome having given him a bell with the instruction to build a monastery where it sounded. He settled in Seir Kieran as a hermit but soon disciples were attracted to him and a large monastery grew up around his cell. He is traditionally depicted as a John the Baptist type figure, wearing animal skins and dwelling in the wilderness. The mosaic in the Cathedral pictures him with a fox and the bell and well is clear to be seen.

Lenten Offering

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

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.

Dying with Dignity? A Reflection

Join us for a virtual gathering to explore the Dying with Dignity Bill with Moral Theologian Rev. Dr Michael Shortall (Maynooth) who will lead us in a short reflection on this controversial bill facing the Irish people. To sign up [email afd@ossory.ie](mailto:afd@ossory.ie) for the link for this gathering on Monday, 1st March 7.30pm.

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.

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

Contact the Kilkenny Bereavement Support group: phone 056-7756538, or, director@kilkennybereavementsupport.com.

Cathedral Bookshop

The Cathedral Gift Shop is closed at this time. Supplies etc will be available through 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

***Going the extra mile to
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