

## St. Mary's Cathedral

29th August 2021

### Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Recently Deceased

Sheelagh Lynch, Rothe Terrace  
Liam (Chunky) O'Brien, St. Fiacc's Place

#### Anniversaries

11am John Bolger, Blackmill Street  
Patrick (Tipp) O'Neill, Walkin Street  
5.30pm Eileen Gibbons, St. Teresa's Terrace  
Teresa Gowen, James's Green.

#### Anniversaries

Emmet Nolan, Nance O'Neill, Tony Walsh.

#### Next Week

##### Anniversaries:

11am: Jackie O'Brien, Fr. Albert Place

##### Months Mind – 5<sup>th</sup> September

5.30 Liam O'Brien, Emmet Street.

#### 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.

To Book a Baptism please contact the parish office. It is still hoped that First Communion will take place as planned in September.

#### Diocesan Draw

The Diocesan Draw took place last Wednesday night in the Chapter House. Congrats to all the winners – including Trish Bryne from our parish on Kathleen Phelan's card. The Draw will recommence in September. Thanks to all the promoters who continue to promote the draw and make a huge difference to the Cathedral. Be in to Win.

#### Cathedral Cafe

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

#### Safeguarding in Ossory

Ms. Kathleen Sherry is the Diocesan Director of Safeguarding and Designated Liaison Person. Tel: 085 802 1633,  
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#### 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.

#### Confirmation

Plans are continuing for the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation on 9<sup>th</sup> September. Bishop Nulty will lead the celebration in which the boys and girls from the city schools will be confirmed. The ceremony will take place in Nowlan Park at 6.30pm. Thanks to our teachers and schools for preparing the children for the sacrament.

On Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September Fr. Scriven and Sr. Maria will lead an evening of preparation on zoom for those from the parish schools who will receive the sacrament.

On Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> September the ceremony of light will be celebrated in St. Mary's Cathedral.

Confirmation will take place on Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> September.

A different year has forced us all to celebrate the sacraments differently.

#### COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, 0818 222 024.

#### Kilkenny Adult Learning Service: KCETB

Starting in September Advanced and Beginners courses in Computer Skills. Contact KCETB, 43 Patrick Street, Kilkenny. Tel: 056-7763149 Mobile 087-7385691.

Invite your family members to support the Cathedral

## FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL

Become a friend at [www.stmaryscathedral.ie/friends](http://www.stmaryscathedral.ie/friends) and become part of the story.

*Going the extra mile to polish a jewel*

## Ossory Planning Group

22<sup>nd</sup> June 2021

Bishop Denis Nulty has established a 'Diocesan Planning Group' to assess the current pastoral reality in the diocese of Ossory and with a view to where we will be in five years' time develop a set of proposals as to how the pastoral needs of the diocese can continue to be met in the coming years. The group has met on four occasions via Zoom to explore possible new strategies and structures which best respond to the present and future pastoral situation.

The method the group is using in carrying out its work is termed 'See – Judge – Act' – a method regularly used by Pope Francis and familiar to many through Young Christian Students. The first step is to examine the current reality (See) then discern and choose the best path (Judge) and finally plan the necessary action (Act).

In the first step the group were presented with the following stark facts: There are currently ten parishes without a resident priest and it is estimated that in 2026 there will be a further fifteen parishes whose resident PP will be aged over seventy-five. There are only fifteen priests who are born in 1961 or later. Presuming that there will need to be 4 priests active and available for leadership in the four city parishes, this brings the number of priests under 74 available for ministry within the 38 parishes outside the city to 20 in 2026.

In the second step (Judge) the group have identified the following issues as those in need of urgent attention: Role of the Priest/Role of the Laity; Renewing Structures/Renewing Faith: Faith/Life: Education: Liturgy; Covid

The group continues to meet with a view to developing proposals for action on these issues.



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