

**St. Mary's Cathedral**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> May 2021**  
**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**Anniversaries**

11- Des Price, Blackmill Street.  
5.30-Barry McCarthy

Richard and Bridget Kenny, Margaret Doran, Patrick Doran, Pauline Delaney, Josie Doran, Phil Doran, James Gleeson, Mary Doran, Frank Scott, Sean Davin, Kathleen and Sylvester Ryan.

**Lenten/Easter Offering**

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 use the Donate button to support St. Mary's Cathedral Parish.

**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. It will reopen on May 17th. Cards, books and other items are available in the Parish Office in the Presbytery.

**FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S  
CATHEDRAL**

Become a friend at [www.stmaryscathedral.ie/friends](http://www.stmaryscathedral.ie/friends)

Invite your family members to support the Cathedral and become part of the story.

*Going the extra mile to polish a jewel*

**Public Worship**

In accordance with Government guidelines it will be possible to attend mass as and from May 10<sup>th</sup>. We are awaiting clarification as to the number who can attend.

**Numbers at Funerals**

In accordance with Government Guidelines 25 people may attend funerals as and from April 26<sup>th</sup>. This will change on May 10<sup>th</sup> when 50 people will be allowed to attend.

**First Communion and Confirmation**

Bishop Nulty has asked that all celebrations of First Communion and Confirmation would not take place in May or June and that parishes do not set any dates until further clarity is offered.

**Baptisms**

Bishop Nulty has informed us that the celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism is possible at this time. Please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements.

**Trocaire**

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

**St Mary's Parish Facebook Page**

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

**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."

**Blessed Edmund Rice – 5<sup>th</sup> May**

Edmund Rice was born in 1762 in Callan, county Kilkenny, Ireland. Following his early education he moved to Waterford where he was apprenticed to his uncle, Michael, who supplied the numerous shops visiting the expanded port.

Edmund eventually succeeded his uncle and became a prosperous businessman. He married in 1785 and a daughter was born to the marriage but soon after his wife died in 1789. Edmund cared for his daughter with the support of his step-sister, Joan.

After much discernment and seeing the lack of Christian education among the boys of Waterford, Edmund commenced his great work of Christian education, which over time spread across the globe.

Two religious congregations, the Christian Brothers and the Presentation Brothers, developed from the foundation which he laid in 1802. Edmund led the Brothers for many years before dying in Waterford in 1844.

In 1996, he was declared "Blessed" by the Church – the first step in the Catholic Church towards sainthood.

We salute our two schools in our Parish who live the spirit of Blessed Edmund.

**Blessed Edmund Rice Prayer**

O God we thank you  
for the life of Blessed Edmund Rice.  
He opened his heart to Christ  
present in those oppressed by poverty and injustice.  
May we follow his example of faith and generosity.  
Grant us the courage and compassion of Blessed Edmund as we seek to live lives of love and service.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

***St. Mary's Cathedral Kilkenny***

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