

## St. Mary's Cathedral Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> December

### Second Sunday of Christmas

#### Recently Deceased:

Sean Kenny, Wellington Sq  
Delores Clifford, Old Callan Rd;

#### Anniversaries

11am: Sean Hayes, Dean Cavanagh Pl  
Margaret and Seamus Dunlop, Rothe Tee

Edward Moriarty, Annie and Mick Ruth,  
Pat McQuinn

#### Christmas Envelopes

Thanks to all who contribute to the clergy fund.

#### Did you know?

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

#### 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.

#### Calendars 2021

2021 calendars and diaries are available at the Parish Office.

#### 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.

#### Bishop Farrell is appointed Archbishop of Dublin

Bishop Dermot Farrell has been appointed Archbishop of Dublin by Pope Francis. He will take over the pastoral guidance of the Archdiocese on the 2<sup>nd</sup> February, the Feast of the Presentation. He continues in the capacity of the Administrator of the Diocese of Ossory.

Bishop Farrell was appointed Bishop of Ossory on the 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2018. A native of Castletown-Geoghegan he worked in his native diocese of Meath as curate in Mullingar and Tullamore before moving to Maynooth in 1990. He was President of Maynooth from 1996 until 2007 when he was appointed Parish Priest of Dunboyne. Following the announcement of his appointment to Ossory in 2018 he was ordained bishop on 11 March. He chose as his episcopal motto "*Adiutorium nostrum in nomine Domini*" from Psalm 124: – "Our help is in the name of the Lord".

In informing the priests of the diocese on Tuesday Bishop Farrell wrote: "I did not seek out this new pastoral assignment, but allowed myself to be called, and accompanied". He continued: "For the last three years I have been Bishop of Ossory, and I have been exceedingly happy and fulfilled among you and among our people. I came as a 'stranger' among you, and I remember the warmth of your welcome and that of the people. The anxieties I had about moving from Meath quickly melted away...I thank you and through you I thank the people. In consequence, I will leave a part of my heart in Ossory whose pastoral care was entrusted to me".

At the announcement ceremony in Dublin in the Church of our Lady of Lourdes, Sean McDermott St, the Archbishop-Elect again spoke of his happiness and fulfilment in his

three years in Ossory and continued "As you will understand I have a certain sadness in leaving Ossory, its priests and people".

Welcoming the new Archbishop the Primate of All Ireland, Dr Eamonn Martin, saluted Bishop Farrell as a hardworking and personable colleague with many skills and qualities to bring to his new ministry as Archbishop of Dublin.

#### Six days short of Three Years.

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2018 Bishop Farrell was presented as Bishop of Ossory. He was ordained bishop in St Mary's Cathedral on the 11<sup>th</sup> March.

On the wall of the North Transept in the Cathedral is a list of the Bishops of Ossory. Believed to be prepared by Bishop Moran (later Cardinal Archbishop of Sydney) a cursory glance shows that while Bishop Farrell's tenure as Bishop was just three years there were shorter terms. Many of these short terms of office were because the bishop was transferred to another diocese: Thomas Peverell (1395-1398) moved to Wales and Worcester; John Griffin (1399-1400) came from Limerick to Leighlin and to Ossory in 1399 and died on the 2<sup>nd</sup> March 1400; Griffin's successor, John, was only bishop for a few months; Roger de Appleby (1400-1403) became bishop on April 6, 1401 and either died, resigned or was translated elsewhere in 1403; Dr Patrick Shee was appointed to the See of Ossory at the age of 71 and was bishop from 1732 to 1736 – he had been and remained administrator of St Mary's Parish.

The detailed tablets on the wall of the North Transept were prepared by Cardinal Moran. Basset's Kilkenny City and County printed in 1884 mentions that "two large slabs, commemorative of all the former Bishops of Ossory are in the

process of preparation, and will soon be erected within the cathedral". Canon Carrigan's written work on the history of the Diocese of Ossory acknowledges the labours of Cardinal Moran among the Roman Archives that enables us to have an accurate account of the succession of bishops. Much of these details come from the records of the payment of 'the usual tax to the Camera Apostolica' (The Holy See).

#### Communion for the Housebound

Arrangements can be made for a family member to bring Holy Communion – please contact the Parish Office.

**ALONE – Support line for Older People**  
Support Line open seven days a week from 8am-8pm. 0818 222024

#### 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.

#### Thanks

The local branch of St Vincent de Paul wishes to thank all who contributed to their church collection. The monies gathered locally will be used locally. Mass will be offered for all.

#### Cathedral Bookshop

The Cathedral Gift Shop is closed at this time. Supplies etc will be available through the Parish Office: please contact Fr Scriven.

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