

St. Mary's Cathedral
4th April 2021
Easter Sunday

Recently Deceased

Brendan Reidy, College Road
Dean Norman Lynas, St Canice's Cathedral.

Anniversaries

Michael O'Shaughnessy, Mil Morris, Annie and
Dick Burke, Ann Walsh.

Mass during the Week

Mass will be celebrated each morning at 9am from St Mary's Cathedral. The Mass on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday will be a Tridium of Masses for those who requested prayers through Easter Cards and Bouquets for friends and family this Easter. These needs will be brought before the Lord each morning.

Did you know?

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

Lenten Offering

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

Website Donate Button

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Going the extra mile to polish a jewel

Mass of Chrism - It's not our work, it's His work.

A beautiful mass was celebrated on Wednesday evening for the blessing of Holy Oils of Chrism, the Sick and Catechumens. Bishop Nulty reminded us that:
"The oils that are blessed today reassure us we are never abandoned, we are never on our own. Our sacred signs and gestures are grounded in the life and ministry of Jesus. It's not our work, it's His work. We are merely instruments in His hands, all of us anointed at baptism and confirmation; more of us anointed at ordination. Let the oils speak. Let us be signs of hope in a world that needs such hope. And let us be brave not simply to pander to an understandable hunger by some – simply to receive Christ's body without actually becoming His body. Transforming our parishes, all 42 of them to be His body where every person in the parish has a voice and every person is heard. This is synodality at its best and we look forward to travelling where it brings us as parishes and diocese over the coming months and years".

Ossory Times

The Easter edition of Ossory Times is available this weekend in the Cathedral. It is a reminder of the life of faith that continues in our parishes in these months. An Easter message of hope at this time.

The Diocesan Draw

The Diocesan Draw did not take place in March and it is hoped to have the next draw at the end of April – subject to Government guidelines.

Thanks

A word of thanks to all who helped with the Easter ceremonies here in St Mary's Cathedral. It was difficult to close the doors and celebrate again with only a few people present. Thanks to readers, singers, musicians and sacristans who helped throughout the week. A blessed and joy filled Easter to you all.

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The Webcam – Connecting us together

Where would we be without one? In these lockdown days we have been lucky to have the webcam in the Cathedral. Each day the numbers varied: 63 on Monday night, 71 on Tuesday night, 291 for the Mass of Chrism, 142 for the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, 114 on Good Friday at 3pm and 93 on Good Friday evening for the Stations of the Cross. We look forward when we can have congregations present at mass and we echo Archbishop Farrell's words this week:

I welcome the announcement of the increase in the number of family members who can attend the funeral Mass of their loved one, although it is not clear why this measure has been delayed for one month.

However, I will continue to emphasise to Government the importance of the earliest possible return to the public worship, and that the easing of restrictions must not be subordinated to powerful commercial interests, even those considered "non-essential."

There will be further direct engagement with Government to ensure that specific positive consideration is given to public worship by the end of April. The significant care with which any re-opening of churches for public worship will be approached by Church authorities is well attested. Furthermore, the vulnerability of many of those attending Mass is not lost upon those of us in ministry. My call for easing of restrictions on public worship is based on a fair process for the reopening of society as conditions permit.

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, by calling 0818 222 024.