

St. Mary's Cathedral
5th September 2021
Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Please pray for the following:

Month's Mind:

5.30pm Liam O'Brien, Emmet Street

Anniversaries

11am Jackie O'Brien, Fr. Albert Place

Anniversaries

Michael (Mick) Delaney, William (Billy) Burke,
Michael and Bridget Slattery, Cassin Family,
John (Sean Curran).

Next Week

Anniversaries:

11am: Jimmy & Molly Denieffe, Fatima Place.

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 – Opening Hours

The Parish Office is open Monday, Tuesday and Friday morning from 9.30-12.00 until further notice.

Cathedral Book and Gift Shop

The shop has a wide range of gifts for First Holy Communion and Confirmation. The Book and Gift shop open Wednesday-Friday from 9.00-5.00pm. Great range of cards, books, The Parish Office is open on Monday and Tuesday Morning and has a range of gifts in the office at this time.

Baptisms, Communions, Confirmations.

To Book a Baptism please contact the parish office.

Cathedral Cafe

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

Diocesan Draw

The new draw begins at the end of September. Please support this monthly draw which greatly assists the beautiful work already undertaken.

Coeliac and Holy Communion

Please note that if you are gluten intolerant you are welcome to receive Holy Communion from the Ciborium that has Coeliac Hosts. Prepared specially in St Finbarr's Convent in Cork they are safe for use. Please present to receive in the right hand side aisle and indicate to the minister your preference.

Car Parking

We appreciate that parishioner understand that the forecourt of the cathedral is not suitable for long-term car parking. The barrier has reclaimed this space and has greatly improved the visitor's experience. Mass goers are welcome to use the grounds as usual when they are attending liturgies in the Cathedral.

September/October Rota

The rota for ministers for the months of September and October are available in the Parish Office. They can also be forwarded by email or Whatsapp by contacting the office.

First Holy Communion

We are delighted that First Holy Communions will be celebrated in the next few weeks. Saturday 11th we will welcome the boys from CBS, Sunday 12th the boys and girls from Mother of Fair Love and on Saturday 18th the girls from Presentation Primary School will celebrate. Please remember them and their families in your prayers.

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.

Ceremony of Light and Sacrament of Confirmation

Plans are continuing for the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation on 9th 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 Monday, 6th September the ceremony of light will be celebrated in St. Mary's Cathedral.

Invite your family members to support the Cathedral

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CATHEDRAL**

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and become part of the story.

Holy Water Fonts

There are four Holy Water Fonts in the cathedral! Two inside and two outside! Well, outside first.

Bassett's Kilkenny City and County (1884) describes the two Holy Water Fonts at the entrance door: "At the main entrance are two mammoth ocean shells, the gift of Naval Surgeon Daniel J Duigan, 1877. They are mounted on blocks of polished white marble and serve admirably the purposes of holy water fonts" (page 41). Margaret Phelan notes that the two ocean shells are now at the entrance to Castlecomer Parish Church. Upon the pedestals are now placed bowls hewn from Kilkenny black marble mounted on shaped and inscribed white marble blocks.

The inscription on the base refers to Daniel J Duigan: Margaret Phelan suggests that Dr Daniel Duigan 'probably came from north Co Kilkenny or Leix where the name is frequently met with'. There is an entry in the Marriage Register of the Cathedral of a marriage between Daniel J Duigan, M.D. R.N., to Margaret Cavanagh on 21st Sept 1857 by Bishop Edward Walsh. This wedding must have taken place in the 'Old Cathedral' as the present building was only opened on the 4th October that year (second last wedding in the Old Cathedral). Further research discovers that the British Science Museum, Kensington, London, has a medal Daniel J Duigan, MD Naval Brigade (1855-1856) was awarded the Italian Gallantry medal for oriental campaign.

Duigan published a paper 'On the Use of the Moustache and Beard in the Royal Navy' in *The Sanitary Review and Journal of Public Health* (1 Jan 1859) giving three reasons why navy personnel should 'on physiological grounds' grow a beard: the moustache and beard protect a man from 'the inhalation of dust, from solar blistering, from diseases of the respiratory organs and from malarious influence'!

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