

St. Mary's Cathedral
7th March 2021
Third Sunday of Lent

Recently Deceased

Cora Lawless, Dublin and Kilkenny
Matthew Cantwell, Kilkenny & Mothewell.
Paul O'Beirne, Loughboy

Anniversaries

11-Adrian Harkin, Rose Inn Street,
Carol Funcheon, Dean Cavanagh Place,
Michael Cahill, Esther and Larry McDonald.
Old Callan Road.

5.30-Breda Byrne, Dean Cavanagh Place.

Bishop Peter Birch, Denis Gorey, John and
Kitty Maher, Jack Fitzpatrick, Sheila
Delaney, Edward (Ned) Delaney.

Did you know?

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

Lenten Offering

Envelopes are now ready for distribution.
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 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.

Lent in the Diocese

Details of the Ossory Adult Faith Development
Lenten Programme are available on the notice
board of the Cathedral and on the Website:
Thought for the Day; Sundays of Lent, Lectio
Divina, Lent Texts, Lent Tweets, Online
Resources.

Trocaire

Every year Trócaire asks for your help during
Lent to fund lifesaving programmes around the
world. Families like Awut and Ajak's in South
Sudan need your support now more than ever.
Trócaire are appealing to you to continue your
support this Lent. Resources, prayers and
videos are available on www.trocaire.org and
donations can be made to the Lent campaign in
the following ways:

1. By collecting a Trócaire box
2. Online at www.trocaire.org
3. By phone: 1850 408 408 (ROI) or
0800 912 1200 (NI)

The contents of each and every Trócaire box,
no matter how small, come together to make a
significant difference. This virus knows no
borders, but neither does our compassion.

Cathedral Monthly Draw

Thanks to all who continue to support the
Monthly Draw in aid of the Restoration of
the Cathedral. The January, February and
March draw will take place at the end of
March.

Please note the following:

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.

Sacrament of Confirmation: Confirmation
will take place later in the year; date to be
confirmed.

Kilkenny Bereavement Support

Contact the Kilkenny Bereavement Support
group: phone 056-7756538, or,
director@kilkennybereavementsupport.com.

Covid 19 – The Vaccine

Various different Conferences of Bishops have
issued statements on the ethical questions
about the vaccines that are available for Covid
19. While there are some concerns about the
development of the vaccines the American
Bishops have affirmed that it is 'morally
acceptable' to take the vaccine... "given the
world-wide suffering that this pandemic is
causing, we affirm again that being vaccinated
can be an act of charity that serves the
common good."

In December, the Holy See said it is "morally
acceptable" to receive COVID-19 vaccines
that used the controversial cell lines in their
research and production process.

This Irish Bishops also affirmed the moral
position: We are encouraging Catholics to
support a programme of vaccination, not only
for their own good, but for the protection of
life and the health of those who are vulnerable
and for the common good of humanity.
Acknowledging that questions have arisen that
human foetal cell-lines, which have their
origins in abortions carried out in the past, are
used in the development and production of
some of the vaccines for COVID-19 the
Bishop's statement continues: "If a more
ethically acceptable alternative is not readily
available to them, it is morally permissible for
Catholics to accept a vaccine which involves
the use of foetal cell-lines, especially if the
potential risk to life or health is significant, as
in the case of a pandemic. Refusal to accept a
vaccine could contribute to significant loss of
life in the community and especially among
those who are most vulnerable. This reality
must inform any judgement of conscience."

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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.

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.

Cathedral Bookshop

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

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Mary's Cathedral and assist us in
works planned to enhance our
beautiful cathedral for parishioners,
pilgrims and tourists.

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