

**St. Mary's Cathedral**  
**7<sup>th</sup> February 2021**  
**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Recently Deceased**

Phil Breen, Dean Cavanagh Place  
Kathleen Geoghan, Walkin Street.

**Anniversaries**

11am – Tommy & Edel Burke, Dean Cavanagh Place.

Paddy O'Brien, Eileen Cummins,  
Kathleen Gibbons, Ann Dalton,  
Bridget Knox. Maura Jordan,  
Kathleen Doran, Margaret Doran,  
Adrian Freezey, John Delaney,  
Michael Blanchfield, Florence McCarthy.

**Did you know?**

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

**Weekly Envelopes**

Envelopes are now ready for distribution. Thanks to all who contribute regularly to the Cathedral and also to those who assist in distributing the boxes.

**Apostolic Administrator for Ossory**

Pope Frances has appointed Bishop Denis Nulty, Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin, as Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Ossory. Bishop Nulty was born in Slane, Co Meath, the youngest of five children. Educated locally he studied for the priesthood in St Patrick's College Maynooth and was ordained in 1987. His first appointment was as curate in Mullingar and in 1998 he was appointed Parish Priest of Drogheda.

In May 2013 he was appointed Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin. He was ordained by Archbishop Diarmuid Martin. His episcopal motto is 'Serve the Lord with Gladness', taken from Psalm 100.

In announcing his appointment as Apostolic Administrator of Ossory Bishop Nulty writes: "Humbly and happily I have accepted this role. In my years as your neighbour in the Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin I have witnessed the many initiatives and activities of, and for, the faith which you have undertaken... It is my pleasure, then, to walk with you of this period of time as a new Bishop is found for you".

He joins the whole diocese of Ossory in wishing Archbishop-Elect Dermot Farrell well as he begins his ministry in Dublin: "I know you will join with me in a prayer of thanksgiving for his time here in Ossory and we pray too that the Spirit will continue to guide him in his work now in Dublin".

**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.

**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.

**Cathedral Monthly Draw**

Thanks to all who continue to support the Monthly Draw in aid of the Restoration of the Cathedral. The January draw will take place in conjunction with the February draw.

**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.

**World Day of the Sick 2021**

World Day of the Sick 2021 February 11 February 11 is World Day of the Sick, an observation started by Pope John Paul II as a way for believers to offer prayers for those suffering from illnesses. The day coincides with the commemoration of Our Lady of Lourdes.

Pope Francis has proposed the theme for this year: *You have but one teacher and you are all brothers*" (Mt 23:8). *A trust-based relationship to guide care for the sick*. The theme of this Day is drawn from the Gospel passage in which Jesus criticizes the hypocrisy of those who fail to practise what they preach (cf. Mt 23:1-12). When our faith is reduced to empty words, unconcerned with the lives and needs of others, the creed we profess proves inconsistent with the life we lead. The danger is real. That is why Jesus uses strong language about the peril of falling into self-idolatry. He tells us: "*You have but one teacher and you are all brothers*" (v. 8).

**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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