

St. Mary's Cathedral
9th May 2021
Sixth Sunday of Easter

Anniversaries

11- James and Mary Cullen, Walkin Street
5.30-Tom Byrne, Dean Cavanagh Place.

Steve Moynihan (Snr), Bill Bergin, Bill Delaney,
Josie Delaney, Patricia Casey, Sean Barry,
Paddy Cummins, Bridget Hickey, Davy Ruth.

Sunday 16th May

11am: Liam and Richard Meighan
11am: Mary Walsh (Month's Mind)
5.30pm: Margaret Hayes

Lenten/Easter Offering

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 use the Donate button to support St. Mary's Cathedral Parish.

Parish Office

The Parish Office is opened each morning if you wish to contact Fr Scriven by phone or in person, 10am-12.30pm.

Cathedral Shop

The Cathedral Shop, in line with Government guidelines, is closed at this time. It will reopen on May 19th. Cards, books and other items are available in the Parish Office in the Presbytery.

St Mary's Parish Facebook Page

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

Public Worship

In accordance with Government guidelines it will be possible to attend mass as and from May 10th. It will be possible for 140 to attend mass in St Mary's Cathedral.

Numbers at Funerals

In accordance with Government Guidelines from 10th May it will be possible for 50 people to attend a funeral. This number is capped regardless of the size of the church. Funerals are still considered private family events and arrangements should indicate so.

First Communion and Confirmation

Bishop Nulty has asked that all celebrations of First Communion and Confirmation would not take place in May or June and that parishes do not set any dates until further clarity is offered.

Baptisms

Bishop Nulty has informed us that the celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism is possible at this time. Please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements.

Trocaire

Please return Trocaire boxes or donations to the Presbytery at this time.

Praying the Rosary in the Month of May

Pope Francis is encouraging the faithful to pray the Rosary for an end to Coronavirus during the month of May, when the People of God express with particular intensity their love and devotion for the Blessed Virgin Mary. "I want to encourage everyone to rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary at home in the month of May. This can be done either as a family, a group or individually; you can decide according to your own situations, making the most of both opportunities."

On another occasion St. Pope John Paul II said: "Today we begin the month dedicated to Our Lady a favourite of popular devotion. In accord with a long-standing tradition of devotion, parishes and families continue to make the month of May a 'Marian' month, celebrating it with many devout liturgical, catechetical and pastoral initiatives!"

Preparations for the National Synod

The Irish Bishops have announced an initial submission phase of the Synodal Pathway for the Catholic Church in Ireland. Explaining the initial submission phase Bishop Brendan Leahy of Limerick said, "Before embarking on the Synodal Pathway consultation, bishops are inviting submissions to reflect on what methods/models to adopt in these coming two years of conversations. For e.g.: focus groups, parish hall meetings, questionnaires, deep-listening sessions; written submissions; family focused gatherings; summary of findings of assemblies that have already taken place across dioceses; and/or conferences. Parish teams, parish pastoral councils and other parish groups, as well as individual parishioners " Feedback, which should be no more than 300 words and submitted by Pentecost Sunday, 23rd May, ought to focus on the nature of the process for the consultation i.e. how we can best go about this initial phase of establishing the conversation, rather than on the prospective themes for the Synodal Pathway, which will be addressed in the next phase. "It is said that the journey of a thousand miles begins with one step. I think (this) is a simple but significant step and I hope many will offer their suggestions."

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