

St. Mary's Cathedral
19th December 2021
Fourth Sunday of Advent

Recently Deceased

Bridget (Bid) Johnston, Hebron Road
Anne Keegan, St Francis Tce

Anniversaries

11am Julia Heffernan and Mary Malone
Tommy and Agnes O'Neill, Rothe Terrace

Patrick Sinnott, James Kelly, Michael Hennessy,
Nannie Donovan, Chrissie Comerford, Billy Phelan,
Edward Davin, Richard Gaule, Rita and Michael Gaule.
Kay Scott, Mary Blanchfield, Mary Delaney.

Next Week's Anniversaries

11 Jimmy King, James's Green
Catherine King, Marble Crest
Peggy and Kevin Egan, Drakelands

Parish Office

Please note that the Parish Office is open for parish business between 9.30am and 12.30pm Monday, Tuesday and Friday. Please contact the office to book baptisms, weddings, anniversary Masses and other parish business.
Email: stmaryscathedral@ossory.ie or Tel 056 772 1253

New Parish Website

New website has been launched. Check it out!

Diocese of Ossory Advent Carols Service

On Sunday 19th of December at 6.15pm, thanks to the help of our friends at KCLR96FM, the Dioceses of Ossory and Kildare & Leighlin can come together, via the radio, for a reflection of Advent Carols and prayers, led by our parishes, in the company of Bishop Denis Nulty. Why not join us from the comfort of your own home with your family for this short Advent reflection.

Cathedral Book and Gift Shop

The Book and Gift shop open Monday - Wednesday 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.

Website Donate Button

A word of thanks and appreciation to those who use the Donate button to support St. Mary's Cathedral Parish.

Christmas Triduum

A triduum of masses will be celebrated after Christmas (27th, 28th and 29th) remembering your intentions and prayers. Cards are available at the Parish Office and in the Cathedral Shop.

Mass Schedule during the coming week:

Monday – Friday: 9am
Christmas Eve: 4pm and 6pm.
Christmas Day: 9am and 11am.
Sunday, 26th: 11am and 5.30pm.
Mass schedule for the City Churches available at the back of the Cathedral

Envelopes

The Parish Envelopes for 2022 are ready for distribution and can be collected at the office. Thanks to all who distribute them on behalf of the parish.

If you wish to receive the box of envelopes for the parish please have a word with Fr Scriven or contact the office. The contribution of many makes a great difference to the running costs of the parish.

Digital Advent Calendar

A popular resource for prayer and reflection during Advent is the interactive digital calendar which is now available on www.catholicbishops.ie. This year's calendar theme focuses on the theme of 'Hope'. Each day during Advent a virtual door can be opened on the calendar containing faith content, including an audio/video reflection. Now in its eighth year, this digital calendar is a well-received resource for families, schools and parishes as it offers suggestions for prayer, charity and penance during this special liturgical season.

Christmas Cards

A great stock of Christmas Cards is available in the Parish Office and the Cathedral Shop. Also gifts for Christmas, a selection of cribs and other seasonal stock.

Calendars 2022

The Church Art (€1.60) and Sacred Heart Calendars 2022 (€2.50) are now available in Bookshop and Office. They are beautifully produced with Christian art and with details of feastsdays.

Christmas Offering Envelopes

The Christmas Offering envelopes are being distributed at this time. This offering supports the clergy of the parish. Thanks to all for their generosity.

God's Word – Daily Reflections 2022

Jesus opened their minds to understand the scriptures on the road to Emmaus. St Paul's publications gives us the word of God for each day of the year with a short reflection. Available in the Bookshop.

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You and your family members are invited to become a
FRIEND OF ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL

Diocesan Draw

Congratulations to the December winners and thanks to all who are promoters and who support the draw each month. Results on the notice board at the back of the cathedral. Happy Christmas to one and all.

Work in the Cathedral

Work in the Cathedral sanctuary has begun and will pause now over the Christmas break. An engineering assessment of the floor is been done in preparation for the new altar. Some of the Black and White floor tiles have been salvaged and will be reused in the centre aisle. Preparatory work will begin this week in St Joseph's Chapel.

SAFEGUARDING in our Parish and Diocese

The Diocesan Designated Liaison Person,
Ms. Kathleen Sherry, 085 802 1633 -dlp@ossory.ie
Parish Safeguarding Representative:
Sr Betty Cagney
Counselling Services - Towards Healing Confidential Helpline 1800 313 316 – www.towardshealing.ie

Ossory Vocations - Fourth Sunday of Advent

Hearts that carry Joy: Mary is the one we look to as the true example of a witness to Jesus Christ. She shows us clearly what is at the heart of a Christian Vocation - a Yes to God's plan for my life which is a Gift to be shared with others. When we say yes to God in a spirit of generosity and look beyond ourselves we are truly carriers of Christ, bearers of the Good News, agents of Gospel care. We sow the seeds of Joy in a world that needs to regain its smile.

Questions for you:

When you see others in need how do you respond?
How can you as a young person bring the Love of God to other in real ways?
What are the gifts and talents you have that could bring Joy to others.
Could you see yourself giving your life to Christ as a bearer of his of hope and joy to people as priest or religious?
Do you trust that God's plan for you will be fulfilled?

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