

St. Mary's Cathedral
5th December 2021
Second Sunday of Advent

Recently Deceased

Larry O'Shea, O'Loughlin Road
Con Downey, Talbot's Inch

Months Mind-8th December

12noon Eileen O'Dwyer, Cathedral Square.

Anniversaries

11am Michael Cuddihy, Blackmill Street
Jim Maher, Shellumsrath.
5.30 Jack Egan, Rothe Terrace
Lennon and Donegan Families, Parnell Street.

Anniversaries

Martin Nolan, Julia Heffernan, Mary Malone, Mary
McKee. Bess and Mick Delaney, Tom Dalton.

12th December

11am Sheila Butler, Parnell Street. (Months Mind)-

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 will be launched on Tuesday...

Cathedral Cafe

The Cathedral Cafe is open and we encourage you to support this
local cafe – outside seating, take away and indoor dining all
catered for.

Cathedral Book and Gift Shop

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.

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
remembering your intentions and prayers. Cards are available at
the Parish Office and in the Cathedral Shop.

Parish Pastoral Council

A meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will take place on
Monday 6th December at 7.30pm in the Chapter House.

Data Protection Officer

Three year Part Time Fixed term contract working with the Diocese
of Ossory, Ferns and Kildare and Leighlin. More information from
www.ossory.ie or the Diocesan Office 056 77624458.

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.

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

Beginning on Sunday 5th December Vocations Ossory are holding a
series of Zoom Meetings for young people who wish to explore
questions about life and faith on three Saturday's in December from
10 am - 11 am
On Saturday 11th December the topic will be... 'Openness to God's
Mission: What am I made for? '
See our facebook page
<https://www.facebook.com/Vocations-Ossory-109568687936204>
or follow us on twitter @vocossory
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St Mary's Cathedral

We received the green light to proceed with the
Sanctuary work in St Mary's Cathedral a few
weeks ago. Planning has continued in the interim
and at a site meeting this week it was decided to
begin preparatory work immediately. Work will
commence tomorrow.

The implication of this decision is that there will be limited use of
the cathedral over the next four months.

- We will be able to use the Cathedral for weekend masses.
- Weekday mass will be celebrated in the Blessed Sacrament
Chapel or in the Chapter House.
- The Cathedral will be open for a visit, to light a candle and
say a prayer, and in time to visit the crib.
- It will be possible to celebrate a funeral in the Cathedral but
the option of St Canice's Church will also be explored.
- The Sanctuary area, Apse and North Transept will be
surrounded by hoarding and access will only be possible to
authorised personnel. Access for all associated with the
works will be through the North Transept.

The scheduled work is:

- Preparation of the floor area of the sanctuary (the red carpet
area)
- Preparation of the ground for the new altar which will be of
Combe Brune Limestone.
- Preparation of the front step and the installation of a new
ambo (also in *Combe Brune* limestone)
- Preparation of a baptismal area
- St Joseph's Chapel and Our Lady's Chapel: Cleaning of the
mosaics, reinstallation of the reredos and repair to the
windows
- Restoration of the Bishop's Chair (Cathedra)
- Resiting of the Statues of Our Lady and St Joseph
- Repair to the parquet floor
- Associated electrical works and cabling for microphones
- Design and installation of an aumbry for the Holy Oils

The timescale at the moment is that the works be completed by
the end of March. The decision to commence the works now
before Christmas was made to assist the completion of the work
on schedule.

We are hugely indebted to the commitment and professionalism
of architects Mr Brian Dunlop and Mr Paul O'Daly who have
worked on this project over the past two years. It is wonderful to
see the works beginning this week.

Invite your family members to become a
FRIEND OF ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL