

St. Mary's Cathedral
16th January 2022
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Recently Deceased

Beatrice Byrne, Callan Road
Joseph Quigley, Rosewood, Johnswell Road.
Bernadette Egan, Dublin Rd.

Anniversaries

11am John Dowling, Fr. Murphy Square
Breedge and Danny Nolan, Dominic Street.

Liam Delahunty, Pat Delaney, Judy Carpenter, Ellen
Carpenter, John O'Shea, Jim Cashin, Jamie Cullen,
Carmel Maher.

Next Week's Anniversaries

11am: Joe Duffy, St. Francis Terrace
5.30pm Maureen Murphy, Poulgour.

Mass Schedule during the coming week:

Mass each morning at 9am in Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

Parish Office

Office hours 9.30am – 12.30pm, Monday, Tuesday &
Friday.
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Calendars 2022

The Church Art (€1.60) and Sacred Heart Calendars 2022
(€2.50) are now available in Bookshop and Office.

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St. Vincent de Paul

The St Vincent de Paul will take up their monthly collection
after all masses today.

Cathedral Book and Gift Shop

The Book and Gift shop is open Wednesday, Thursday and
Friday from 9.30am – 2.30pm.
The Parish Office carries a range of goods and cards for
various occasions.

New Parish Website

The parish website has information about our parish. Please
log onto www.stmaryscathedral.ie
The amount of €1900 has been forwarded from our Parish.

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

Bishop Michael Burrows

The Rt Revd Michael Burrows has been elected as Bishop of Tuam,
Limerick and Killaloe. He has served as Bishop of Cashel, Ferns
and Ossory since 2006. Speaking after the announcement Bishop
Michael commented: "I leave a diocese which I have greatly loved
after nearly 16 years, having learned so much from them, but clearly
it is a time to embrace the new challenge of a new diocese and I
look forward to working to cement the new United Dioceses of
Tuam, Limerick and Killaloe and serving God's people there."

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18th – 25th Jan

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is traditionally observed
from the 18th to the 25th January – the octave of St. Peter and St.
Paul. The theme this year is: 'We Saw His Star in the East'.

The story of the Magi visiting the Holy Family in Bethlehem is one
very familiar to us. The Magi have sometimes been seen as a
symbol of the world's diversity – different religions and cultures –
that comes to pay homage to the Christ-child. The story might
therefore represent the unity of all created that God desires.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in 2022 has been prepared
by the churches of the Middle East, the history of which was, and
still is, characterised by conflict and strife, tainted with blood and
darkened by injustice and oppression. The Christians of the Middle
East offer these resources conscious that the world shares many of
the travails and much of the difficulties that it experiences and
yearns for a light to lead the way to the Saviour who is the light that
overcomes darkness.

Cathedral Work

The Crib was put away this week and immediately work
commenced on the Lady Chapel. Scaffolding has been
erected and the process of cleaning the ceiling and mosaic
walls has begun. Assessment of the windows has been
undertaken and while the windows themselves are in good
repair there is repair work necessary to the reliefs.
In preparing the space the statue of Our Lady was taken down.
An inscription on the back of the statue indicates that it was
made by Meyers of Munich. Meyers were significant artists
in wood, glass and stone. From their workshop came the
window over the south door: The Window of the Sacred
Heart. In the records there is a reference to this statue being
in the cathedral when the cathedral was consecrated in 1857.
The main sanctuary floor has now been prepared and it is
hoped to pour the necessary concrete subfloor at the beginning
of this week.

Tom Glendon

Work on the altar continues in the workshop of Tom Glendon
in Loughrea. Thomas Glendon is the stone craftsman who is
preparing the new liturgical elements. Tom is a long-standing
Irish Master Craftsman who specialises in sculpture,
letterform, ecclesiastical work and design in stone, wood and
bronze. He learned the basic skills of his trade while working
in his father's stone yard in Dublin. After serving an
apprenticeship with Michael Biggs he moved to Limerick in
1974 where he set up a workshop. He later returned to Dublin
where he now lives – his workshop is in Loughrea. Amongst
his vast range of work throughout Ireland is the altar in St
Mel's Cathedral in Longford.

Speaking of his work for our cathedral he commented: "*My
design echoes the form resonant in the moulding of the fluted
springing columns of the Cathedral. I feel it essential that the
form of the new elements should not only emphasise the
existing stonework but also compliment the treatment of the
hand textured finish in tool marking.*

*Both the altar and ambo will be made of Come Brune, an
oolitic buff coloured stone from France, which will contrast
nicely with the light grey of the existing stonework,
particularly, when set upon the envisaged contrasting pattern
of selected tiles*".

The new stone altar will be some five tons in weight.

**Please wear a face mask while in the cathedral
during these weeks when our seating capacity is
reduced. Please be mindful of social distancing.**