

St. Mary's Cathedral

9th January 2022

The Baptism of the Lord

**Bishop Denis Nulty, Diocesan Apostolic Administrator,
with Fr Richard Scriven, Administrator of the Cathedral,
wish you all a blessed and peaceful New Year.**

Recently Deceased

Anthony Jordan, Stephen Street
Lucy Doyle, O'Loughlin Court.
Jim Tyrell, Dominic Street
Frank McEvoy, St. Francis Terrace.

Months Mind

5.30pm Kitty Galvin, Dean Cavanagh Place.

Anniversaries

11am Sean Hayes, Dean Cavanagh Place
Mary Doheny, Rioch Terrace.
5.30pm Eileen Lennon, Dominic Street.

Ann Guilfoyle, Edward Moriarty, William Kavanagh,
Lorenzo Mahony, Bernie Kelly, Michael and Annie Ruth,
Peggy Jones.

Next Week's Anniversaries

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

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.

Email: stmaryscathedral@ossory.ie or Tel 056 772 1253

Calendars 2022

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

Website Donate Button

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

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

Cathedral Book and Gift Shop

The Book and Gift shop is open Thursday and Friday from
9.30am – 5.00pm

The Parish Office carries a range of goods and cards for
various occasions.

Book of the Week – SACRED SPACE 2022

The 2022 Prayer Book published by the Irish Jesuits gives a
thought for every day of the week. The book *Sacred
Space* steps into the ups and downs of your life with the
assurance that God is always with you.

New Parish Website

The new parish website has been launched. Check it out!

UNICEF Appeal

Thanks to all who left a donation for the Unicef appeal GET A
VACCINE GIVE A VACCINE. 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

Cathedral Work

Work recommenced in the cathedral during the past week.
As you will see the top part of the cathedral nave is now
cordoned off. Two new steps will be installed from the nave
into the sanctuary; repair work is necessary to the black and
white tiles of the centre aisle and the reinstatement of parquet
flooring left and right.

The chapel of St Joseph has been cleaned and repair work on
the windows will begin this week. When the crib is removed
scaffolding will be erected in the Lady Chapel to enable it to
be cleaned. Preparation work continues in the sanctuary - in
particular preparation of the floor for new altar.

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The Cathedral Crib

While there are no details available about the purchase or
procurement of the Crib there is a date beneath the manger:
1934. It is reasonable to assume that the crib was part of the
extensive work of Bishop Collier.

Bishop Collier became bishop in 1928 and within a short
while extensive renovations were carried out to the Cathedral.
In all £28,000 was spent – a sum greater than the original cost
of building the cathedral. Outside the turrets were in a
dangerous condition and had to be taken down and rebuilt.
The roof in several places was leaking badly, all parts of the
roof needed attention. In the church mosaics work was
carried out on the walls of the sanctuary. What we see today
is the third decorations on the sanctuary wall: that which was
put there in the 1850s when the cathedral was open, work
carried out by Bishop Brownrigg in the 1890s and what we
have now of the early 1930s. The walls of the cathedral were
also cemented. A new organ was installed in 1939 and at this
time also the Altar of the Little Flower was erected.

Writing in the 1947 Souvenir Book on the occasion of the
centenary of St Mary's Cathedral (published in 1947) Fr John
Clohessy quotes Hilaire Belloc: "Architecture is the most
anonymous of all the arts" from an essay *Unknown People*. It
is true to note that all the bishops since 1643 have shaped our
cathedral and while the architects and builders are unknown to
us their work is present and enduring.

Repair to the Crib 2021

In the past year the figures have been repaired and repainted.
There have been many positive compliments of how well they
now look. Thanks to Mary and Pat Hickey who spent
considerable time working on the figures in the early part of
2021. We are grateful for your time and expertise and your
repair and preparation of the figures for repainting. They
looked splendid this year.

Word of Thanks

A word of thanks and appreciation to Edel and Jim Meighan
who erect the crib each year – a long standing commitment by
the Meighan family over generations.

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