

St. Mary's Cathedral
27th February 2022
Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time

Recently Deceased

Eric McGrath, Rioch Street
Joseph Brennan, Bishop Birch Place
Anne Hanrahan, Riverview, Ardnore
Margaret Mary Lowe, Kennyswell Road
Thomas Dwyer, 37, Ossory Park.
Paul Smithwick, Clane and Kilkenny

Anniversaries

11am Kathleen & Richard Whyte, College Court
Stella Doheny, High Street

Sean Jones, Rita, John and Pat Hillman, Catherine Kelly,
Elizabeth Myles, Michael and Mary Tyrrell, Vera Shortall,

Next Week's Anniversaries

11am Teasie McGrath, Friary Street (Months Mind)
Michael Cahill, Esther and Larry McDonald
Carol Funcheon, Dean Cavanagh Place.
5,30pm Breda Byrne, Dean Cavanagh Place.

Wednesday – Ash Wednesday

Next Wednesday is Ash Wednesday and the first day of Lent. It is a day of Fast and Abstinence. On the day in the readings there is an awareness of our sinfulness, as we pray 'Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned'. There is also a sense that the time to repent and turn back to the Lord is now. The gospel puts before us three ways to renew our lives: Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. These three strands of Lenten observances are as ancient as Christianity itself. "Fasting is the soul of prayer, mercy is the lifeblood of fasting. If we have not all three together, we have nothing" St Peter Chrysologus.

Parish Office

Office hours 9.30am – 12.30pm, Mon, Tues & Fri.
Email: stmaryscathedral@ossory.ie or Tel 056 772 1253

St. Vincent de Paul

Collection after all Masses today. Thank you for your support.

Save the Date – You are invited

Solemn consecration of the new altar in the Cathedral and re-opening after the works – 27th March.

www.stmaryscathedral.ie

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

The Synodal Path 2021 2022



Synod 2021 2023 for a Synodal church: Communion Participation Mission. Pope Francis wants to hear you and so does the Diocese of Ossory. Be part of our Listening

Journey in Listening Lent 2022. More information from www.ossory.ie and www.synod.ie

Diocesan Draw

Congrats to the local winner in the February draw and to all. Thanks for supporting the Draw and Stay in to Win.

Lectio Divino

The Kiss of Christ is a short hybrid course (online and at home/in parish) to introduce the way of *lectio divina* and to support those who would wish to practice it during Lent 2022. FR Séamus O'Connell, St Patrick's Pontifical University, Maynooth will resource and guide the course which begins on Wednesday 23rd. More details from www.aspal.ie

Website Donate Button

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

Loughboy Library

Loughboy Library is delighted to welcome back our groups and clubs again after a long absence. . The Irish Circle, Writers' Group and Knitting group have also resumed – new members welcome! The first meeting of the Book Club will take place on Thursday 3rd of March at 10.30am. As this is 3rd March is also World Book Day. Contact the library on 056-7794176

Carlow Institute Open Day

Carlow Institute of Further Education and Training are holding an open day on Thursday 3rd March, 11am-3pm and 5pm 0 8pm. Come and see and explore the courses that are starting in September 2022.

Please continue to practice best practice.

Mass for Peace

Bishop Denis Nulty will be the principal celebrant at a Mass for Peace at St. John's Church at 7.00pm on Ash Wednesday. The people of Kilkenny City and county are invited to join with us in praying for peace in the world at this time. Ashes will be blessed and distributed during this Mass. All are welcome to join us in prayer for this urgent intention. *Lord, make us instruments of peace.*

International World Way of Prayer

World Day of Prayer will be marked in St Fiacre's Church on Friday at 7.30pm. The theme written by Christian women of England, Wales and Northern Ireland is 'I know the plans I have for you'.

Works update...

Work continues at a pace... The reredos of the two side chapels are been installed. Work continues on the floor of the sanctuary and the tilers moved in this week. The new Kilkenny marble steps were also delivered this week and will now be put in place.

Repair of the Lady Chapel – can you help?

If you would like to be associated with the work in the Lady Chapel please use the envelopes at the back of the church to leave your donation. A donation of €15 is suggested and it can be placed in the secure box at the entrance door. Many thank for your continued support of the restoration project.

Exploring Priesthood Zoom with Seminarians and Priests

On Tuesday 1st March @ 8pm there will be an opportunity for young men to join in a Zoom meeting to find out more about priesthood and to hear directly from two young men who are currently studying for the priesthood in our National Seminary in Maynooth. Further information and registration details can be obtained by emailing info@vocations.ie alternatively by visiting vocations.ie/zoom

Cathedral Book and Gift Shop

The Book and Gift shop is open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 9.30am - 3pm. The Parish Office carries a range of goods and cards for various occasions.



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