

**St. Mary's Cathedral**  
**6<sup>th</sup> February 2022**  
**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Recently Deceased**

Seamus Butler, Dukessmeadows Avenue  
John (Ian) Kennedy, McAuley Place  
Yvonne Foran, Cypress Grove

**Anniversaries**

11am Sean (John L) O'Sullivan, Dominic Street  
Thomas and Edel Burke, Dean Cavanagh Place  
5.30pm: Florence McCarthy, Rushbrook.

Michael Blanchfield, Michael Doherty, Kathleen  
Geoghegan, Kathleen Gibbons.

**Next Week's Anniversaries**

11am Anna Keegan, Francis Terrace (Months Mind)  
Cyril Keegan, Francis Terrace  
5.30pm Carmel Murphy, McCauley Place.

**Mass Schedule during the coming week:**

Mass each morning at 9am in Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

**Parish Office**

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

**Parish Website**

The parish website has information about our parish.  
Please log onto [www.stmaryscathedral.ie](http://www.stmaryscathedral.ie)

**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.

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



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**Repair and Restoration of the Lady Chapel – Update.**

Work began in the cathedral just before Christmas. The primary work currently is preparation for and installation of a new altar and ambo in the sanctuary. At the same time, we are delighted that the two side chapels – The Lady Chapel and the Chapel of St Joseph – are being cleaned and restored. Initially, all the mosaics of these chapels are being cleaned – literally being washed down. These mosaics date to the work of Bishop Collier in the early 1930s. Over the years a build-up of dust and smoke have clung to the mosaic, and all have now been cleaned.

Repair to the windows has also been necessary. While the windows themselves are in good condition (repair work to the lead in these windows was done in 2011) the reliefs and paintwork needed repair. The reliefs and mouldings have now been cleaned and repainted and 'gold leaf' applied to the decorative designs.

The altar in the Lady Chapel is original to 1857. St Joseph's Chapel was erected by Bishop Brownrigg in the 1890s. The marble background (the Reredos) in both altars will be re-erected. Each chapel will be lit with new lighting. This work complements the beautiful centre apse of the Cathedral which was cleaned earlier and has been much admired by parishioners, pilgrims, and visitors alike.

**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](http://www.towardshealing.ie)

**The Synodal Path**

Pope Francis has invited the universal Church to engage with one another as we discover in dialogue the promptings of the Spirit at this time.

Bishop Nulty has outlined the plan for our own diocese. It is a journey that will take three phases:

**Phase One (January to March):**

A time to create awareness of the Synod/Synodality throughout the diocese.

**Phase Two (March to April):**

During our 'Listening Lent' we will have consultation sessions in all our parishes and Pastoral Areas to ensure that the voices of all in Ossory are heard.

**Phase Three (Eastertime):**

During the weeks after Easter the Diocesan Synod Group will collate all the responses.

**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.

**Website Donate Button**

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

**Welcome**

We offer a *céad míle fáilte* to The Reverend Stephen Farrell as incumbent of the Kilkenny Union of Parishes and as Dean of Ossory. A native of Tyrone Rev Stephen has worked in most recently in Dublin.

**CBS Primary School**

CBS Primary School is now accepting 'Applications for Admission' for the 2022/2023 academic school year. Applications forms are available on our website [www.cbsprimarykilkenny.ie/admissions](http://www.cbsprimarykilkenny.ie/admissions) or please call the school at 0567761739 for further information.

**St. Mary's Day Care Centre**

Care Assistant required two days per week. Wednesday and Thursday 10am – 4pm.  
For further information [stmaryshousingdcc@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryshousingdcc@gmail.com)

**Newpark Close Resource Centre**

Confidential and affordable counselling service provided by The Dandelion Counselling Service. Counselling, Child/Play/Art Therapies offering Family Support and Bereavement counselling. Further information 087 3979033

**Covid 19 Update**

The Irish Bishops Conference have asked that to ensure the safety and wellbeing of the vulnerable or anxious members of our congregations we would

1. Continue to wear face coverings inside Church buildings
  2. Use sanitizer on entry and exit
  3. Continue the suspension of a handshake as a sign of peace
  4. To receive Holy Communion in the hand
  5. Not to restore the use of Holy Water for communal use at the entrance to Church buildings
- The Bishops Conference will meet in March to review this situation.

**Please continue to practice best practice.**