

**St. Mary's Cathedral**  
**6<sup>th</sup> March**  
**First Sunday of Lent**

**Recently Deceased**

Rev. Fr. John Delaney, Coon  
Margaret (Peggy) Bateman, Waterford Road  
Stephen Power, Hazel Grove  
Mary Callan, Sycamores.

**Anniversaries**

11am Tessie McGrath, Friary Street – Months Mind  
Michael Cahill, Esther and Larry McDonald  
Carol Funcheon, Dean Cavanagh Place  
5.30pm Breda Byrne, Dean Cavanagh Place.

John Hodge, Dolly Blanch, John and Kitty Maher.

**Next Week's Anniversaries**

11am Seamus Browne, Fr. Murphy Sq – Months Mind  
Joe Butler, St. Teresa's Terrace  
Margaret Byrne  
5.30pm Catherine Egan, Rothe Terrace.

**Parish Office**

Office hours 9.30am – 12.30pm, Mon, Tues & Fri.  
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**Lenten Envelopes**

The Lenten Collection for the Clergy will be taken up during the weeks of Lent. Thanks to the distributors who distribute the envelopes throughout the parish. Envelopes will be available for collection on Friday from the Parish Office. Parishioners can avail of the online payment system using the parish website. Thanks to all for their contributions.

**St Mary's Cathedral Gift and Bookshop**

The Chapter House Bookshop is open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 9.30am-5pm. The shop has a wide range of books and gifts suitable for Confirmation and First Holy Communion: bibles and rosaries, prayer books all suitable for young people. The Parish Office carries a range of goods and cards for various occasions.

**Save the Date – You are invited**

Solemn consecration of the new altar in the Cathedral and re-opening after the works – 27<sup>th</sup> March, 5.30pm.

[www.stmaryscathedral.ie](http://www.stmaryscathedral.ie)

**SAFEGUARDING in our Parish and Diocese**

The Diocesan Designated Liaison Person,  
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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 2021 2022**



Journey in Listening Lent 2022.

[www.ossory.ie](http://www.ossory.ie) and [www.synod.ie](http://www.synod.ie)

You are invited to attend one of the many meetings organised in Ossory during the season of Lent. Details on the Church Notice Board.

**Prayer for Peace**

Bishop Nulty has written a pastoral letter which is available at the back of the church. This letter encourages us to pray for peace in the world and in particular Ukraine at this time.

**Lectio Divino – The Kiss of Christ**

*lectio divina* led by Fr Séamus O'Connell, St Patrick's College, Maynooth will resource and guide the course. Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>, 7.30pm More details from [www.aspal.ie](http://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.

**Together For Lent**

The four city parishes invite you to attend a series of Lenten Masses during Lent 2022. Beginning on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March Mass will be celebrated in St FIACRE'S Church at 7.30pm. The speaker on the night will be Gemma Mulligan, Director of Faith Development in the Diocese of Ossory. Gemma will speak on **Faith in the Diocese**.

**Please continue to practice best practice.**



**St. Mary's Cathedral Kilkeny**

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**Sisters of St John of God**

A celebration to mark the 150<sup>th</sup> foundation of the Congregation of the Sisters of St John of God will take place on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March at 5.30pm in St Fiacre's Church, Loughboy. The contribution of the John of God Sisters to our diocese has been immense and is paralleled throughout Ireland and the world. Here in Ossory the sisters worked in schools and hospital – here in Kilkenny in Aut Even, St John of God Primary School, Social Services; they had convents also in Owing, Rathdowney, Thomastown, Castlecomer. This gathering with many of the sisters and families is an opportunity to mark their 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary. All are welcome in St Fiacre's for this celebration and gathering afterwards.

**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 tiler has nearly completed his work. The new Kilkenny marble steps were also installed this week.

**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.

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Consecration of the New Altar**

Bishop Nulty will preside over the consecration of the Altar and Ambo at the 5.30pm Mass on March 27<sup>th</sup>. During the mass the altar will be blessed and consecrated using the oil of Chrism and the first mass at the new altar will be celebrated. SCHEDULE:

March 15<sup>th</sup>: All major works to be concluded

March 20<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>: Cathedral Closed. Sanding of the Parquet Floor in the centre nave of the church will take place during this week. Cleaning of the mosaic floor of the apse and side altars will take place also during this week.

Preparation for the ceremony on the 27<sup>th</sup> will also take place during this week and particularly on Sunday 27th.

Cleaning of the Cathedral – help will be needed during the final week of March to clean and prepare the cathedral.

**There will be NO 11am mass on Sunday 27th.**

*Every war leaves our world worse than before. War is a failure of politics and of humanity, a shameful capitulation, a stinging defeat before the forces of evil.*

*Francis*