

## St. Mary's Cathedral

17th July 2022

### Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Please remember the following in your prayers

#### Deaths:

Bobby Alyward, Ballyhale

#### Anniversaries

Peter Teehan, Dominick and Sadie Moran, Mary Fry, Patricia Wiltshire.

#### Next Weeks Anniversaries

11.00 Bridgid and Bill Brennan, Fatima Place

#### Parish Office

Please note Office hours this week are:

9.30am –12.30pm. Monday and Friday.

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

The shop has a wide range of books and gifts bibles, rosaries, prayer books all suitable for all ages. The shop is open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 9.30am-5pm.

#### Website Donate Button

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#### Local Camino

The annual Camino Jenkinstown Walk will take place on Sunday, July 24th (Eve of the Feast of St. James) beginning at Jenkinstown Church Car Park at 2.30 pm. This is to coincide with the Jubilee celebrations in St. James Cathedral SantiagoDe Compostela. All Covid 19 protocols to be adhered.

#### SAFEGUARDING in our Parish and Diocese

Ossory Diocesan Designated Persons; Ms. Kathleen Sherry 085 802 1633, safeguarding@ossory.ie; Mr. Cathal Cullen 087 100 0232 or Ms. Rose Brophy 087 331 4330; Garda National Protective Services 01 6663430/35. Civil Authorities: Tusla Child and Family Agency Carlow/Kilkenny area 052 617 7302. Parish Safeguarding Representative: Sr Betty Cagney.

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## World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

Pope Francis has decided to institute a Church-wide celebration of a *World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly*. Starting this year, it will be held on the fourth Sunday of July, close to the liturgical memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus which is held each year on July 26th. Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July is designated as *World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly* this year. **Announcing the Day Pope Francis said:** The voice of the elderly “is precious because it sings the praises of God and preserves the roots of the peoples.” The elderly, he continued, “remind us that old age is a gift and that grandparents are the link between the different generation, to pass on to the young the experience of life.”

Pope Francis expresses beautiful sentiments for the occasion. Perhaps he looks at the elderly from the vantage point of an 85-year-old. See what you think, whatever your age. What bells does it ring for you?

- “Dear grandparents, dear elderly persons, we are called to be artisans of the revolution of tenderness in our world! Let us do so by learning to make ever more frequent and better use of the most valuable instrument at our disposal and, indeed, the one best suited to our age: prayer. “Let us too become, as it were, poets of prayer: let us develop a taste for finding our own words, let us once again take up those taught by the word of God”. Our trustful prayer can do a great deal: it can accompany the cry of pain of those who suffer, and it can help change hearts. We can be “the enduring ‘chorus’ of a great spiritual sanctuary, where prayers of supplication and songs of praise sustain the community that toils and struggles in the field of life”.”
- Old age is no time to give up and lower the sails, but a season of enduring fruitfulness: a new mission awaits us and bids us look to the future. “The special sensibility that those of us who are elderly have for the concerns, thoughts and the affections that make us human should once again become the vocation of many. It would be a sign of our love for the younger generations”. This would be our own contribution to the revolution of tenderness, a spiritual and non-violent revolution in which I encourage you, dear grandparents, and elderly persons, to take an active role.
- One fruit that we are called to bring forth is protecting the world. “Our grandparents held us in their arms and carried us on their knees”; now is the time for us to carry on our own knees – with practical assistance or with prayer alone – not only our own grandchildren but also the many frightened grandchildren whom we have not yet met and who may be fleeing from war or suffering its effects. Let us hold in our hearts – like Saint Joseph, who was a loving and attentive father – the little ones of Ukraine, of Afghanistan, of South Sudan...

## Sacred Music in St Mary's Cathedral

At a meeting of the parishioners of St Mary's in the Cathedral Sacristy on Sunday October 18 1857 it was calculated that the ‘organist and quire-assistants’ would probably account for an expenditure of £50 per annum, and at a subsequent gathering it was proposed by John Callanan, T.C., and seconded by John Feehan, T.C., “that the salary of the present organist be twenty pounds per annum, to be paid to her in August next”. The ‘her’ in this case referred to the first organist of the cathedral, Miss Coffey, who, until her disappearance from the account-books in 1865 ruled her choir from a small organ in the south transept of the cathedral, a transept now known as the site of the Little Flower shrine. Mr Whyte of Dublin, who apparently supplied the first organ, presided at the instrument for the consecration of the cathedral and Herr Stoedkell, B.M., of the 16<sup>th</sup> Lancers conducted the choir.

Miss Coffey was followed in rapid succession by Miss Dunny, 1865, during whose term the present Cathedral organ was installed; G Morosini, 1867, - a pupil of the composer pianist Thalberg; Miss O'Brien, 1871, and Mrs Somers, 1872, the latter being probably a member of the choir advanced in ‘stressful time’ to the post, and apparently unequal to the training of the choir, a duty which was undertaken for “some months” by Mr. Washington, a member of the teaching staff of the Model School; at any rate, by 1873 Mr John Fallon had assumed the duties of the organist, and Mrs Somers had reverted to the ranks. A notice in the Kilkenny Journal of February 1878, referred with pleasure to a new Mass composed by Mr Fallon and augured that it “would add largely to the high musical reputation acquired by the well skilled and versatile composer”. He died in 1877 and Mr August Moosmair followed him as organist. The newcomer must have left very quickly since, Ms Donegan played temporarily for “several months” and received a reward of £5 for her pains on the appointment of Mr McDonnell in 1879. In October 1881 Miss Donegan was again appointed and on her retirement in 1905 Most Rev. Dr Brownrigg, in appreciation of her devoted services, presented her with a gift of £100. Mr Rudolph Nieermann, who came in 1906 – Mr Carl Mueller of St Kieran's College was the organist during the interregnum – relinquished the office to Mr Corry in 1907 and Mr. Koss succeeded in 1912. During the five years, 1917-1922, Miss Josephine McGrath supplied the organist's round of duties.



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