

St. Mary's Cathedral

6th November 2022

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Please remember the following in your prayers

RECENTLY DECEASED

Bernie Little, Shandon Park
Sheila Dawson, The Sycamores

ANNIVERSARIES

11am Alan Mooney, Dean Cavanagh Place.
Andy O'Brien, St. Francis Terrace.

Sheila Butler, Mary and James Mulrooney, Myra Murray.

NEXT WEEKS ANNIVERSARIES

11am Sean Lennon, Dean Cavanagh Place
5.30pm Liam Delaney, Walkin Street
Joan and Christy Bollard, Kieran Street

NOVEMBER – MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

During the month of November we prayerfully remember all our dead. Please leave the names of your loved ones in the sacred space of the Cathedral – we will remember them at all of the mass in the Cathedral during this month.

NOVEMBER – ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE MASS

The annual Remembrance Mass will take place in St Mary's Cathedral on November 21st at 7.30pm, the Feast of the Presentation of our Lady. Families and all who have been bereaved in the past year are invited to attend this memorial mass and remember with us prayerfully all who have gone before us marked with the sign of peace.

NOVEMBER STATION ENVELOPES

The November Station Envelopes are available for distribution – thanks to all who distribute the envelopes.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME

The preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation begins in the coming weeks. Those presenting for Confirmation and their families are invited to the Enrolment Mass in the Cathedral next Sunday evening, 13th November, at 5.30pm.

CATHEDRAL MONTHLY DRAW

Congrats again to the local winners in the monthly Cathedral Draw – great to see some of the prizes each month remain in the parish. Wonderful also to see an increase in those buying tickets – thanks to all who have generously supported the draw over the past number of years and all who support the restoration work and care of our beautiful Cathedral.

EPISCOPAL ORDINATION OF MGR NIALL COLL

The new Bishop of Ossory will be ordained in St Mary's Cathedral on Sunday 22nd January at 3pm. Please keep Mgr Coll in your prayers at this time of preparation before he is ordained bishop of our diocese.

REMEMBRANCE GATHERING

Twenty seven years ago this week Jo Jo Dullard disappeared, she was 21 years old. The annual remembrance gathering walk for Jo Jo will take place on Sunday November 13th at 12.15. The walk will begin at the courtyard of Kilkenny Castle and move to the Missing Persons Monument in the Castle Park for a prayer service for Jo Jo.

COFFEE MORNING AND CAKE SALE

A Coffee Morning and Cake Sale will take place In Aid of Cois Nore & Carlow Kilkenny Homecare Team on Thursday the 10th November in St John's Day Centre from 11.00am. Come along, have a cuppa and a bun and help local cancer charities in memory of Fr Lorcan Moran. All are welcome!

TEAM HOPE CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL 2022

Team hope delivers gift filled shoeboxes straight into the hands of children affected by poverty in Eastern Europe and Africa. We are asking people to get their shoeboxes into our drop off points listed on our website www.teamhope.ie by the 8th November.

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE JUNE 2023

More information on 087/9970655 Medjugorje Pilgrimage ex Cork 31st May to June 7th 2023. Cost €849.00 pps. Early booking discount of €100 per person if fare booked and paid in full by December 5th. €200 deposit secures place. Half board accommodation in Hotel Leone. Optional insurance €39.00. Spiritual Director Fr. Ted Sheehan. Contact Sean O'Shaughnessy 0862959380 or Joe Walsh Tours 012410800. Places limited.

ROMAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

Over the past years the Romanian Orthodox Church have used St Mary's Cathedral for the celebration of the Eucharist. The local community are delighted that Fr Ioan Pituscan will travel to Kilkenny from Dublin to celebrate the Orthodox Liturgy here in Kilkenny. His Eminence Metropolitan Joseph has delegated Father Ioan to celebrate the Holy Services in Kilkenny as often as possible. Commencing this Sunday Fr Ioan will lead the congregation. Their celebrations will be celebrated in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

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ALL SAINTS OF IRELAND – NOT CELEBRATED THIS YEAR

November begins with the Feast of All Saints. Each November on the 6th November we celebrate in Ireland the Feast of all Saints of Ireland. Pope Benedict XV beatified Oliver Plunkett in 1920 and during his papacy the Feast of All the Saints of Ireland was instituted.

Oliver was canonised in 1975, thus becoming the first new Irish saint for almost seven hundred years. It recalls especially the seventeen Irish Martyrs of the 16th and 17th centuries who were beatified by Pope John Paul II in 1992 and many others who died as a result of persecution during what in Ireland are known as the "Penal Times".

Did you know that only four Irish saints have been officially canonised: SS Malachy (1094-1148), Lawrence O'Toole (1128-80) Oliver Plunkett (1625-81) and St Charles of Mount Argus (1821-93). All the other Irish saints, such as Ss Patrick, Brigid, and Colmcille, are saints, as it were, by acclamation of the local Church, before the official papal canonisation process was established. The Feast of All Saints of Ireland remembers those who had a reputation for holiness and whose causes for canonisation have not yet been completed, such as Blessed Thaddeus MacCarthy (1455-92), the seventeen Irish martyrs of the 16th and 17th centuries, Blessed Edmund Ignatius Rice (1762-1844), Blessed Columba Marmion (1858-1923) and the Servant of God Matt Talbot (1856-1925) and people like Legion of Mary envoys Ediel Quinn and Alfie Lamb, whose causes have already been introduced. But it also includes those whose lives of sanctity were known only to their families, friends or members of their parish diocese or religious community.

WORK IN THE CATHEDRAL

A meeting took place this week in the Cathedral to discuss the conclusion of the work which was begun in January. Thomas Glendon is the craftsman who, with his son Philip, carved the altar and ambo. He is presently working on the baptismal font which will be placed in the space prepared at the top of the centre aisle. Carved from combrune limestone it will echo the shape and design of the altar and ambo and also have a glass mosaic insert depicting the Holy Spirit and the theology of baptism.

The kneelers of the pews in the centre aisle and those in the North and South Transepts will also be restored over the next number of months – a project that will be finished before the ordination of our new bishop.

Repair work to the mosaic floor of St Joseph's Chapel will also be undertaken in the next few weeks.

Nirvana Lighting are a local company based in Castlecomer and are presently examining improvements to the lighting in the main cathedral.

Locally it is also hoped to repair the kneelers in the side chapel and these are used for weddings.