

**St. Mary's Cathedral**  
**4<sup>th</sup> December 2022**  
**Second Sunday of Advent**

**Please remember the following in your prayers**

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

Teresa Ryan, Blackmill Street  
Rita O'Brien, Dean Cavanagh Place  
Catherine Ruth, Marble Crest  
John McCarthy, St. Fiacre's Place  
Patrick Nugent, Ardmore  
Jimmy O'Hara, St. Fiacre's Gardens  
Helen Dunne, Lower Conahy/Walkin Street.

**ANNIVERSARIES**

11am Willie Meighan, Rioch Terrace  
Mary Smith, Waterford Road  
Michael Neary, Kickham Street  
5.30 Jack Egan, Rothe Terrace  
Kitty and Christy Galvin, Dean Cavanagh Place.

Paul Slattery, Mary McKee, Sean and Olein Moran, Joe Murphy, James Donnelly Snr, James Donnelly Jnr, Sean Donnelly, Sarah (Ciss) Walsh, Edward Walsh, Peg McAndrew, Jim McAndrew, Jack McDonald, Paddy Delaney, Mick Delaney.

**NEXT WEEK**

**Months Mind**

5.30 Sean Heffernan, Drakelands

**ANNIVERSARIES**

11am Edward (Eddie) Nolan, Fr. Murphy Sq-  
5.30pm Maureen & Billy Hanaphy, Jack & Josephien Pigott

**PRAYER FOR OUR NEW BISHOP**

A prayer card for our new bishop has been prepared and is available at the back of the church. Please remember Fr Coll in your prayers.

**CATHEDRAL DRAW**

Congratulation to all who won in our November draw, locally Sr Nuala was the winner of €300. Next draw will take place on 21<sup>st</sup> December.

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST**

Fr Vincent Sherlock, Diocese of Achonry, presents a short course and reflection on the role of the Minister in our community. Reflections available on [www.aspal.ie](http://www.aspal.ie)

**ADVENT: A TIME TO PREPARE FOR CHRISTMAS**

At the 5.30pm mass next week (Dec 11<sup>th</sup>) a number of priests will be available for the celebration of the Sacrament of Penance. This will be a opportunity to receive the grace of the sacrament as we prepare for Christmas.

**PREPARATIONS FOR EPISCOPAL ORDINATION**

The first choir practice takes place today in St Mary's Cathedral. The diocesan committee responsible for the ordination will meet with Bishop Nulty on Friday.

**ADVENT 2022**

The Adult Faith Development office of the diocese has prepared some resources for Advent.

**A thought for each day Booklet** (Thoughts, Reflections and Prayers) Booklet available to download at [www.ossory.ie](http://www.ossory.ie)

**Together We Pray:** Pray Pause Rejoice and Reflect on a Scripture Passage with Pauline Haughny at St. Kieran's Collect each Saturday for Advent. Contact [afd@ossory.ie](mailto:afd@ossory.ie)

**Christ in Our Homes:** Send images of the crib in your home, parish, school or club to [afd@ossory.ie](mailto:afd@ossory.ie)

**Godly Plays for Advent:** each week a new play is available on the Ossory website: [www.ossory.ie](http://www.ossory.ie)

**Sundays of Advent:** A guide to the readings for each of the Sundays of Advent.

**CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL - ST CANICE'S CATHEDRAL**

The Christmas Tree Festival returns to St Canice's Cathedral this year from Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> Dec to Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December: a forest of unusual trees, seasonal stalls, a raffle, musical entertainment and of course something for the children.

**SAFEGUARDING IN OUR PARISH**

CONTACT The Diocesan Designated Liaison Person, Ms. Kathleen Sherry, 085 802 1633 - [dlp@ossory.ie](mailto:dlp@ossory.ie)

**OUR PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE:**

Sr Betty Cagney

Counselling Services - Towards Healing Confidential Helpline 1800 313 316 – [www.towardshealing.ie](http://www.towardshealing.ie)

**COELIAC AND HOLY COMMUNION**

Please note that if you are gluten intolerant you are welcome to receive Holy Communion from the Ciborium that has Coeliac Hosts. Prepared specially in St Finbarr's Convent in Cork they are safe for use. Please present to receive in the right hand side aisle and indicate to the minister your preference.

**BECOME A FRIEND OF ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL**

**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY**

The Carol Service will take place in St Mary's Cathedral on **SUNDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER** at 7.30pm – tell your friends.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS**

It can be difficult to get nice Christmas Cards that depict the religious significance of Christmas: The Crib, The Holy Family, The Shepherds and Wisemen. The Cathedral Shop and Parish Office have a large variety of cards for Christmas. Please support the Parish and also spread the Good News.

**CHRISTMAS TRIDUUM**

A Triduum of Masses will be celebrated by St Mary's Parish at Christmas time. Specially printed Christmas Cards are available in the Parish Office and/or the Cathedral Gift Shop.

**CATHEDRAL GIFT SHOP**

The Chapter House Bookshop at St. Mary's Cathedral will be open 5 Days a week (Monday to Friday) starting Monday 28th November up until Christmas. The Shop has a great selection of Nativity Cribs, Christmas Cards, Calendars and diaries for 2023, also a wide selection of Bibles, Liturgical and spiritual Books. The Bookshop also has a wide selection of Mass Cards and religious Gifts for any occasion."

**GOD'S WORD – DAILY REFLECTIONS 2023**

Jesus opened their minds to understand the scriptures on the road to Emmaus. The St Paul's publication gives us the word of God for each day of the year with a short reflection. Available in the Bookshop.

**MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE JUNE 2023**

More information on 087/9970655 Medjugorje Pilgrimage ex Cork 31st May to June 7th 2023. Cost €849.00 pps.. Contact Sean O'Shaughnessy 0862959380 or Joe Walsh Tours 012410800. Places limited.

**CHILDREN'S ROSARY**

Children's Rosary - every Thurs evening 7pm, St. Fiacres Church, Loughboy. Part of Blythe Kauffman's worldwide group <https://childrensrosary.org>

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