

St. Mary's Cathedral
12th February 2023
SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Please remember the following in your prayers

RECENTLY DECEASED

Elizabeth (Betty) O'Rourke, Blackmill Street
Conor Delahunty, Castleinch
Esther Ryan, Cellarstown
Richard McDonagh, Domonic Street
John Ryan, Ashurst

Months Mind

11am James Quigley, Rioch Street

ANNIVERSARIES

11am Vera Larkin, Rioch Street
Teresa McGrath, Friary Street
Mark Quigley, Rioch Street
J.J. Murphy, Rushbrook.
5.30pm Carmel Murphy, McCauley Place.

Mary O'Hara, Eamon Tallent, Eileen Cummins.

NEXT WEEK'S ANNIVERSARIES

11am Edel and Thomas Burke, Dean Cavanagh Place
Michael Hanrahan, Dukes Meadowns

PARISH OFFICE

Office open Monday, Tuesday and Friday 9.30am to 1.00pm

CATHEDRAL GIFT SHOP

The Shop is open Tuesday thro Friday, 9.30am – 5pm. A wide variety of gifts for First Holy Communion and Confirmation is available. The shop also has in stock different publications of the Bible.

CRISIS IN TURKEY AND SYRIA

Nationally the bishops of Ireland have asked that an opportunity to respond to the earthquake crisis in Turkey and Syria be given at masses next weekend, 18th/19th February. Monies donated will be given to Trocaire who, through their good offices, will respond to those most in need at the 4 sites of these earthquakes.



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ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday week is Ash Wednesday and marks the beginning of Lent 2023.

JOURNEY THROUGH LENT

The Priory Institute is delighted to offer a free of charge online retreat 'Reflecting on the Sunday Gospels of Lent as Steppingstones on our Journey to Easter'. The course consists of four recorded presentations that will become available over the six Sundays of Lent ending on Palm Sunday, so on the first Sunday there will be access to one recording and on the second Sunday access to two recordings and so on. Participants can watch the films whenever suits them, and revisit films they have already viewed. For more information visit our website: www.prioryinstitute.com

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. Please present right hand side aisle and indicate to the minister your preference.

SAFEGUARDING IN OUR PARISH

CONTACT The Diocesan Designated Liaison Person,
Ms. Kathleen Sherry, 085 802 1633 - dlp@ossory.ie

OUR PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE:
Sr Betty Cagney

Counselling Services - Towards Healing Confidential Helpline
1800 313 316 – www.towardshealing.ie

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

The parish has had a number of enquiries from couples since the beginning of the year looking to have their marriage celebrated here in the Cathedral. While we are happy to welcome couples who are not parishioners it is important that parishioners would also give advance notice of their wedding plans. It is parish policy that only one celebration of marriage takes place on each day. If you or someone in your family is thinking of getting married in the parish please contact the office.

ST. MARY'S DAY CARE CENTRE

Coffee morning every Thursday starting 2nd February from 10.30am to 12.30pm If you would like some company or just somewhere to call. Feel free to drop in for a cuppa and a chat. **All welcome. No Charge.**

MEDJUGORJE - EVENING OF PRAYER

Rosary, Mass, Adoration, Prayer for Healing will take place in St Fiacre's Church, Loughboy on Monday, 13th February at 7.30pm. All are welcome

LOURDES 2023: 23RD TO THE 28TH MAY

The Diocese of Ossory is delighted to announce that the Lourdes Pilgrimage will recommence this year. Five nights accommodation from staying in the Agena Hotel (€879) or the Hotel Padoue (€899). Details on www.ossory.ie

2023 DIVINE MERCY - NATIONAL CONFERENCE

The National Conference will take place from Friday, 17th to Sunday, 19th February with a variety of guest speakers. The Conference will be available on www.RadioMaria.ie divinemercuryconference.com or churchservices.tv. Bus leaving from Kilkenny on Saturday 18th February for details please call Kathleen on 089 245 8784.

ON-GOING WORK IN THE CATEHDRAL

Architect Paul O'Daly, Stonemason Thomas Glendon were joined by Vincent O'Byrne of Irish Church Metals at a meeting in the Cathedral on Wednesday. A review of the design for an Aumbry took place. This special place of reservation for the Holy Oils will be placed on the pillar adjacent to where the new baptismal font will be placed. The oils the Oil of Catechumens, Oil of Chrism and Oil of the Sick are blessed each year by the bishop at the Mass of Chrism.

Seven Dedication Crosses and the six Dedication candles were also examined and removed for restoration. These crosses and candles relate to the ceremony of Dedication of the Cathedral. The architect also reviewed the area around the side altars of St Therese and the Sacred Heart. In the work of the 1970s the altar step was removed from both of these altars and some damage was done to the mosaic floor.

ST VALENTINE – THE IRISH CONNECTION

In 1835 an Irish Carmelite John Spratt visited Rome. His fame as a preacher had gone before him, and the elite of Rome flocked to hear him and he received many tokens of esteem from the doyens of the Church. One such token, the remains of St Valentine, were presented by Pope Gregory XVI (1831-1846). On November 10, 1836, the Reliquary containing the remains arrived in Dublin and were brought in solemn procession to Whitefriar Street Church where they were received by Archbishop Murray of Dublin. With the death of Fr Spratt interest in the relics died away and they went into storage. During a major renovation in the church in the 1950s/60s they were returned to prominence with an altar and shrine being constructed to house them and enable them to be venerated. The statue was carved by Irene Broe and depicts the saint in the red vestments of a martyr and holding a crocus in his hand. Today, the Shrine is visited throughout the year by couples who come to pray to St Valentine and to ask him to watch over them in their lives together.