

St. Mary's Cathedral
15th January 2023
SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Please remember the following in your prayers

RECENTLY DECEASED

James 'Mo' Quigley, Rioch Street.
Brian O'Callaghan, Talbot's Inch.
Lylie Curran, Carrigaline

ANNIVERSARIES

11am John Dowling, Fr. Murphy Square
Danny and Breege Nolan, Dominic St
Mary Doheny, Rioch Tce.
5.30pm Christy Mahony, Fr. Murphy Square.

Essie Delaney, Kathleen Leahy, Myra Scully, Judy Carpenter,
Ellen Carpenter, Joe Slattery, Jim Cashin, Mary O'Shea, Mary
Leahy, Seamus Browne, Carmel Maher.

PRAYER SERVICE – FRIDAY NIGHT 7.30PM

As we look forward to the ordination of Fr. Niall Coll as our new Bishop on Sunday, 22nd January you are invited to gather to pray for the Bishop in St. Mary's Cathedral on the 20th January at 7.30. During the prayer service the Pectoral Cross, the Episcopal Ring, the Mitre and the Crozier, which will be presented to the Bishop during the ordination ceremony, will be blessed. This will be an opportunity for us to express our prayerful support and welcome to Bishop Coll.

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 to receive in the right hand side aisle and indicate to the minister your preference.

CATHEDRAL GIFT SHOP

The Shop is open Tuesday thro Friday, 9.30am – 5pm. A wide range of gifts, books and religious items available. Mass cards for various occasions are also available in the shop.

St. Vincent de Paul

Collection after all Masses today. Thanks for the support.



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BISHOPS OF OSSORY

From 1884 to 1981 we had only three Bishops of Ossory. Bishop Brownrigg, from Wexford, was Bishop from 1884 to 1928, 44 years. He even outlived his Co-adjutor, Bishop Downey, who was to succeed him but died before him. He was succeeded by Bishop Patrick Collier, a native of Camross in the Slieve Blooms. He was Bishop from 1928 until 1962. In turn, he was succeeded by Bishop Peter Birch, a native of Conahy. Bishop Birch attended the second Vatican Council. He died suddenly on 7th March 1981. Bishop Laurence Forristal, a native of this parish and an auxiliary Bishop in Dublin, became our Bishop to succeed Bishop Birch. Bishop Forristal served as Bishop until 2007. Upon his retirement Bishop Seamus Freeman became our Bishop. A native of Callan, he was a member of a religious congregation called Pallottines. Due to ill health, he retired in 2016. Bishop Dermot Farrell, from Westmeath and a priest of Meath diocese, became Bishop on 11th March 2018. He was appointed Archbishop of Dublin in December 2020. Since then Bishop Denis Nulty, Bishop of the neighbouring Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin, has been the Apostolic Administrator, appointed by Pope Francis to 'keep and eye' on us until a new Bishop is ordained. That will happen on 22nd January when Bishop-elect Niall Coll, from the Diocese of Raphoe, a staunch Donegal man, is ordained as our new Bishop. And it all started with Saint Kieran, from Oilean Cleire, off the Cork coast, who came to the kingdom of Ossory and founded a Church at Seir Kieran.

When you are in Kilkenny and have some time to spare, call to St. Mary's Cathedral and see the list of all the Catholic Bishops of Ossory. Bishop Elect Niall said, on the day of his appointment, 'I come to Ossory at a time of great challenge to faith, a time when Irish society is increasingly secular and individualistic. The four-century and more long dominance of the Tridentine pattern has left Catholics almost everywhere unfamiliar with and thus unskilled in discerning and negotiating possibilities for change in church life. But, trusting in the power of the Holy Spirit, discern and change we must, in line with Pope Francis' emphasis on the need for 'synodality'. I look forward to working with the priests, people and religious of the diocese of Ossory to enhance the work already underway here to develop a sustaining theological and pastoral vision, one able to invite, inform and enthuse a new generation of Christian witnesses'.

THANKS

Mother of Fair Love School have written to thank St Mary's Cathedral Parish for the kind donation towards the music programme in the school. Following the collection at the Carol Service €1,800 was given to Ms Mary Cody, Principal, by Mr John O'Neill, Director of the Annual Carol Service. Thanks to all who contributed so generously and Ms Cody assured all that the money would make a tremendous difference to the school and the lives of the children. Míúe buíochais.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

Join us on our pilgrimage to Medjugorje May 31st to June 7th ex Cork. Cost €849.00 pps. Pay deposit before Feb 17th and get €50.00 discount. Contact Sean O'Shaughnessy 0862959380.

MUSIC & DANCE WORKSHOP

A Music and Dance Workshop is being facilitated by Kilkenny Arts Festival in John Of God Primary School on 24th Jan, 7th & 24th Feb at 7pm. This adult only workshop will involve some singing and movement, but absolutely no experience is necessary – just a willingness to try something a little different!

DATED FOR YOUR DIARY

Confirmation : 25th March
Ash Wednesday: 22nd February
Easter Sunday: 9th April
First Holy Communion: 20th May

SAFEGUARDING IN OUR PARISH

CONTACT The Diocesan Designated Liaison Person,
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OUR PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE:

Sr Betty Cagney

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