

St. Mary's Cathedral

19th February 2023

S EVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Please remember the following in your prayers

RECENTLY DECEASED

Edward (Ned) Sweeney, Killester and Kilkenny
Mary Millar, Rathfarnham

ANNIVERSARIES

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

Seamus Culleton, Sadie McGrath, Therese McGrath, Jim
Cody, Annie Dowling, Peggy Shanahan, Jimmy Gahan.

NEXT WEEK'S ANNIVERSARIES

11am Kathleen and Richard Whyte, Haughney Green and
College Court
Stella Doheny, High Street
Sean Jones, Beechpark

Months Mind

11am Sr. Regina Keyes, Presentation Convent.

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.

DIOCESAN DRAW

The February draw will take place on Wednesday 22nd at 8pm
in the Chapter House. All welcome.

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. 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 22nd is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of
Lent. Mass in the Cathedral with the blessing and
distribution of ashes at 9am. Fr Scriven will visit the
schools on Wednesday for a service marking the beginning
of Lent.

Lent has a particular penitential aspect. In accordance
traditionally no flowers adorn the altar area; the alleluia is
not sung and the Gloria will not be prayed until Easter
Saturday night.

On Ash Wednesday we receive ashes marking the beginning
of the season of Lent and time for the purification of our
souls. The sign of penance signifies the human condition of
the sinner, who seeks to express guilt before the Lord in an
exterior manner, and by so doing express an interior
conversion, led on by the confident hope that the Lord will
be merciful.

Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence. Fasting is
the soul of prayer, mercy is the lifeblood of fasting. If we
have not all three together, we have nothing” (St Peter
Chrysologus).

DIOCESE OF OSSORY – LENT 2023

A wide variety of activities for Lent are being offered locally
by the diocese of Ossory. See notice board in the porch for
details of talks or the diocesan website: www.ossory.ie

- Has Catholic Education a future in a Modern Ireland?
- The Ethics of War in this time of Conflict
- Synodality – Our Church Today
- Women in the Church – Biblical Perspectives
- What does Pope Francis intend by calling us to be a
Synodal Church?
- St Patrick – How would he speak to a modern Ireland?
- Take and Eat – Reflections for Eucharistic Ministers
- Foundations in Youth Ministry
- Lenten Tweets

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

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.**

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

TROCAIRE - WORKING FOR A JUST WORLD

Trocaire was set up by the Irish Bishops in 1973 and is 50
years old this year. Trócaire is the Irish word for
compassion and this wonderful organisation turns the
compassion of the Irish people into life changing support
for people around the world who need it. Working
closely with local organisations within the countries
where they work Trócaire shares ideas, skills and money
so that local people can help themselves and their
communities.

Lenten Trocaire Boxes are available in the Cathedral for
collection. Please use them during the weeks of Lent.

FRIDAY PENANCE

- Abstaining from meat or some other food
- Abstaining from alcoholic drink or smoking;
- Making a special effort at involvement in family
prayer;
- Making a special effort to participate in mass on
Fridays;
- Visiting the Blessed Sacrament;
- Making the Stations of the Cross;
- Fasting from all food for a longer period than usual
and perhaps giving what is saved to the needy;
- Helping the poor, sick, old or lonely.

*From the statement on Friday Penance
Issued by the Irish Bishops' Conference, 2011*

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

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

SAFEGUARDING IN OUR PARISH

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