

St. Mary's Cathedral

5th February 2023

Fifth SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Please remember the following in your prayers

RECENTLY DECEASED

Conor Delahunty, Castleinch
Sheila Hamilton, Maudlin Street
Edward Roche, McCauley Place
Maura Shortall, John Street

ANNIVERSARIES

11am Eilish and Dan Dillon, Rushbrook
Andy Hackett, Drakelands Middle

Phil Breen, Maura Gaffney, Patrick Murray, Michael
Blanchfield, Alice and Michael Breen, Michael Doherty.

NEXT WEEK'S ANNIVERSARIES

11am Vera Larkin, Rioch Street
Teresa McGrath, Friary Street
Mark Quigley, Rioch Street
J.J. Murphy, Rushbrook.

Months Mind

11am James Quigley, Rioch Street

PARISH OFFICE

The parish office will be closed on Monday, 6th February.

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.

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

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CATHEDRAL GIFT SHOP

The Shop is open Tuesday thro Friday, 9.30am – 5pm.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

The preparation for the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation continues this week. The boys and girls of our schools are already working on their preparation in the schools and we are grateful to the teachers for all the work they are doing. Confirmation names have been chosen and each boy and girl is working on a project. On Tuesday evening the parents and guardians will meet with in the Cathedral for a night of preparation and discussion on the sacrament. Sr Maria and Fr Scriven will deliver this evening. Please pray for all who will receive the sacrament and for their families and sponsors.

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 to secure a booking.

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

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. Relaxed atmosphere where we are all friends. Feel free to drop in for a cuppa and a chat. **All welcome. No Charge.**

TOTUS TUUS EUCHARISTIC CONFERENCE 2023

Live on Radio Maria Ireland from 2pm on Saturday 4th February. Speakers include Fr. Columba Mary Toman OP, Fr. Patrick Cahill O.J.S.S., Fr. Patrick Lagan (Derry Diocese), Maura Murphy (Holy Family Mission). Radio Maria Ireland can be listened to by downloading the Radio Maria Ireland APP, Saorview Channel 210 or listen live at (01)4373277

CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME

We congratulate the Church of Ireland community this weekend as they welcome there new bishop to Ossory. Bishop Adrian Wilkinson will be installed as Bishop of Ossory in St Canice's Cathedral this Sunday afternoon. Bishop Niall Coll will attend.

THE OBSERVER

Great coverage with pictures in the Observer Newspaper this week. Well worth a look and read.

WHO CELEBRATES?

The entire Body of Christ, animated by the Holy Spirit, celebrates the liturgy. The celebrating assembly is the community of the baptised. Liturgy is not a matter of private prayer, but a public act of worship by the faithful gathered by the power of the Spirit under the authority of the bishop, their teacher and shepherd. 'Mother Church earnestly desires that all the faithful should be led to that full, conscious and active participation in liturgical celebrations which is demanded by the very nature of the liturgy, and to which the Christian people... have a right and an obligation by reason of their Baptism'. The faithful are called to come to the liturgy consciously prepared to make their thoughts agree with what they say and hear and to cooperate with divine grace. Within the assembly, the ordained have a unique function of service. 'These servants are chosen and consecrated by the sacrament of Holy Orders, by which the Holy Spirit enables them to act in the person of Christ the head, for the service of all the members of the Church'. Thus, for example, priests preside at the Eucharist, in which the elements of bread and wine are changed into the Body and Blood of Christ. Priests act in the person of Christ, the Head of the Church, and in the name of the Church when presenting to God the prayers and self-offering of the people and when offering the Eucharistic sacrifice, above all as they proclaim the Eucharistic Prayer.

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Saturday, 11th February, is the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, and is designated World Day of the Sick. Pope Francis invites us: 'Let us turn our thoughts to the Shrine of Lourdes, a prophetic lesson entrusted to the Church for our modern times. It is not only what functions well or those who are productive that matter. Those who are sick are at the centre of God's people, and the Church advances together with them as a sign of a humanity in which everyone is precious, and no one should be discarded or left behind.'