

St. Mary's Cathedral
5th March 2023
Second SUNDAY OF LENT

Please remember the following in your prayers

RECENTLY DECEASED

Martin O'Shea, Fr. Murphy Square
Pauline Brennan, Ardmore
Michael Shanahan, Bennettsbridge
Cathal Moran, Skeoughvosteen

Months Mind

11am Sr. Sheila Bowe, Presentation Convent.

ANNIVERSARIES

11am Carol Funchion, Dean Cavanagh Place
Michael Cahill, Esther and Larry McDonald
5.30pm Breda Byrne, Dean Cavanagh Place.
Jack Piggot.

John and Annie Free, Maura Delaney, Kathleen Doran,
Margaret Doran, John Delaney, Jack Fitzpatrick, Billy
Wallace.

NEXT WEEK'S ANNIVERSARIES

11am Adrian Harkin, Rose Inn Street
5.30pm Patrick Cantwell

Months Mind

11am Betty O'Rourke, Blackmill Street

PARISH OFFICE

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

CATHEDRAL GIFT SHOP

The Shop is open Tuesday through 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.

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LENT 2023

POPE JOHN PAUL II: Repent and believe in the Gospel.
This invitation, which we find at the beginning of Jesus' preaching, introduces us into the Lenten season, a time to be dedicated in a special way to **conversion and renewal**, to **prayer**, to **fasting and to works of charity**. In recalling the experience of the chosen people, we too set out as it were to retrace the journey that Israel made across the desert to the Promised Land. We too will reach our goal; after these weeks of penance, we will experience the joy of Easter. Our eyes, purified by prayer and penance, will be able to behold with greater clarity the face of the living God, to whom man makes his own pilgrimage on the paths of earthly life.

DIOCESE OF OSSORY – LENT 2023

St Patrick: How would he speak to a modern Ireland?
It is easy to leave saints confined to our past. It is hard to imagine them in our world today and yet our study of them and the Gospel messages they shared can provide much fruit for today. Join with Rev Billy Swan, Diocese of Ferns, for a reflection on what the Patron Saint of our country might say to us today. St Kieran's College, Tuesday 7th March, 7.30pm.

ORDINATION OF BISHOP COLL

The recording of the ordination ceremony of Bishop Coll in January is available for viewing on Youtube. Search 'Ordination Bishop Coll' and you will find the link.

PARKING

A limited number of places are available for parking at the cathedral. Please contact the parish office for details.

JOURNEY THROUGH LENT

The Priory Institute is delighted to offer a free of charge online retreat 'Reflecting on the Sunday Gospels of Lent as stepping stones 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. 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 staying in the Agena Hotel (€879) or the Hotel Padoue (€899). Details on www.ossory.ie

TROCAIRE - WORKING FOR A JUST WORLD

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

LENTEN ENVELOPES

The Parish Lenten Envelopes are available in the parish office for distribution. Thanks to all who help with distributing these envelopes and also all who contribute to this parish fund. This collection is for the stipend of Fr Scriven and Bishop Coll.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

The parish confirmation preparation programme continues this week. On Tuesday night a Zoom Meeting will take place with parents and guardians. The sacrament of penance will also be celebrated during this week.

5TH MARCH 1965- ST KIERAN'S DAY

On the 5th March 1965, the Feast of St Kieran, the first mass with the priest facing the people was celebrated in St Mary's Cathedral. Bishop Birch presided at the Solemn High Mass. The Kilkenny People carried the news on the front page of the paper the following week with a photograph showing a temporary altar that was erected under the tower.

The paper reported:

“Mass, with the priest facing the congregation, was celebrated for the first time in the Diocese of Ossory on a temporary altar on the main aisle beneath the tower in St Mary's Cathedral on Friday, the Feast of St Kieran. His Lordship, Most Rev. Dr. Birch, Bishop of Ossory, presided at the Solemn High Mass, and the celebrant was Rev T. O'Connor, Dean, St Kieran's College; deacon Rev S Doherty, Sub-Deacon, Rev P Malone, master of ceremonies, Rev P Duggan.”

The Kilkenny People published a photo of the celebration in the Cathedral and there is a copy in the diocesan archives.

The mass was still in Latin; it was a number of years before the English texts became available and it took a further 10 years before the official English Text were approved and were in widespread use.

SAFEGUARDING IN OUR PARISH

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