

St. Mary's Cathedral
9th April 2023
Easter Sunday
Happy Easter

BEANNACHTAÍ NA CÁSCA

Bishop Coll, Bishop of Ossory, and Fr Scriven, Administrator of the Cathedral wish all parishioners and visitors a blessed and grace-filled Easter. May the Risen Christ be our hope as we enter the Season of Easter.

Please remember the following in your prayers

MONTHS MIND

11.00 Richard McDonagh, Dominic Street

ANNIVERSARIES

11.00am Margaret Cody, Bennetsbridge

Annie Connick, Elizabeth McGrath, Arthur Connick, Patrick Cahill, Bess and Mick Delaney, Goss Murray, Annie and Dick Burke, Joe and Ann Walsh, Elizabeth Geoghegan, Paddy and Josie Blanchfield.

NEXT WEEKS ANNIVERSARIES

11.00am Elizabeth, Justin, Kevin and Michael Ruth, Kickham Street
Mary O'Neill, Fr. Albert Place
5.30pm Jordan McHugh, Fatima Place.

MASSES EASTER WEEK

Please note that there will be no 9am mass in St Mary's Cathedral during this coming week. Mass in The Capuchin Friary, The Black Abbey, St Fiacre's and St John's Church each day at 10.30am.

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office will be open on Tuesday and Friday during this coming week, from 9.30am to 12.30pm.

CATHEDRAL BOOKSHOP

The Cathedral Bookshop will be open on Thursday and Friday during this coming week, 9.30am to 5pm.

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

BAPTISMAL FONT

In January 2020 Bishop Farrell invited Mr Paul O'Daly, a liturgical architect, to St Mary's Cathedral to begin a conversation on the refurbishing of the sanctuary. Mr Thomas Glendon, stonemason and letter writer, was invited by Bishop Farrell in December 2020 with Mr O'Daly to visit the cathedral. Bishop Denis Nulty, Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Ossory, continued the work begun by Bishop Farrell upon his translation to Dublin. Following discussions with and approval from Kilkenny County Council the work commenced in December 2021 under the guidance of local architect Brian Dunlop. The redesigned sanctuary was consecrated by Bishop Nulty at Easter 2022 and has been admired by many. The altar, ambo and font are hewn from *Combe Brune* Limestone and mimic the design of the columns of the cathedral.

This Easter, 2023, the final part of this work has been completed with the installation and consecration of a new Baptismal Font. Under the guidance of Thomas Glendon and Paul O'Daly the completed baptismal font arrived in Kilkenny on Wednesday. This weekend Bishop Coll consecrates the baptismal font during the Easter Vigil – a fitting evening for this ceremony.

The final piece of this work has also been designed and carved by Thomas Glendon. The mosaic is the work of Laura O'Hagan. Based in Wicklow Laura's work can also be seen in St Mel's Cathedral in Longford. She has freely and creatively interpreted the design concept given to her by Thomas Glendon. The hand, representing the Father, is open in a gesture of blessing. From the open hand flow seven gold threads representing the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit. Fish swim freely in the swirling waters in the abundance of God's gift. The fish are also to be found in the two angel carvings of John Hogan the Younger.

MISSION APPEAL

St Mary's Cathedral will welcome Sr Mary Shanahan to the parish to speak at masses next Sunday. Sr Mary is a member of the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary and will speak to us of the work of the sisters here in Ireland and worldwide. Founded in 1877 today the congregation works in 73 countries on five continents as part of the Franciscan family. While their work has changed over their 150 years of service to the church this dedicated group of religious and lay faithful continue to bring the message of Christ's love to the furthest ends of the earth.

TROCAIRE - WORKING FOR A JUST WORLD

Trocaire boxes and/or envelopes can be returned during Holy Week. Please bring the box or your contribution to Mass or drop them into the office.

CONVERSATIONS WITH WOMEN IN THE BIBLE

A day to explore insights from their stories and God's transforming presence in their lives in Pembroke Hotel Kilkenny on Saturday May 13th. Speaker: Sr. Therese Fitzgerald SND

PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

Pilgrimage to Knock will take place on Sunday 23rd April. The Day will include Adoration, confession and Mass celebrated by Archbishop Kieran O'Reilly, Archbishop of Cashel and Emily. The Keynote address will be given by Fr Pat Collins. A bus will run from Kilkenny. Details available later.

CONCERT

"The Kilkenny Choir presents Haydn's Theresienmesse and Insanae et Vanae Curae with orchestra and soloists, in the beautiful surroundings of St. Canice's Cathedral, Kilkenny on Saturday, April 22nd; 8pm. Tickets €20/ €15 Concession, U18s Free, available on Eventbrite or at the door.

Revcovery Programme in Kilkenny

Suffering from mental health symptoms? Depressed? Anxious? Angry? Stressed? Hopeless? Recovery self-help classes every Tuesday 7pm in St Patrick's Parish Centre. www.recoveryireland.ie or email ckbss@yaho.

SAFEGUARDING IN OUR PARISH

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