

St. Mary's Cathedral
14th May 2023
6th Sunday of Easter

Please remember the following in your prayers

RECENTLY DECEASED

Joe Walton, Dean Cavanagh Place
Aoife Corr, Stephen Street
Timothy (Tim) Kennedy, Kells Road
John Dunne, Callan formerly St. Teresa's Tce.
Margaret Trehy, The Sycamores.

ANNIVERSARIES

11 am Jim and Margaret Butler, Dominic Street
5.30pm Paul Stack

Bridget Lalor, Paddy Cummins, Liam Meighan, Margaret,
Patrick, Josie, Phil Doran, Pauline Delaney, Mary Doran,
Bill Delaney, Kathleen Ryan, Sylvester Ryan.

NEXT WEEKS ANNIVERSARIES

11 am Liam Meighan, Rioch Terrace
5.30pm Kathleen King, James's Green

MONTHS MIND

11 am Joseph Barry, Dean Cavanagh Place

PARISH OFFICE

The parish office will be closed on Monday and Tuesday during this coming week – open on Friday.

CATHEDRAL GIFT SHOP

The Shop is open Tuesday through Friday, 9.30am – 5pm.
Gifts for Weddings and Holy Communion are available;
wide choice of bibles in stock.

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF FATIMA

A novena to Our Lady of Fatima will take place in the Black Abbey, beginning on Saturday 13th, concluding on Sunday 21st. The preacher will be Fr Colm Mannion OP. Mass and Rosary each day: Saturdays: 10am & 6.10pm; Sundays: 3pm; Monday - Friday: 10am & 7pm

TROCAIRE - WORKING FOR A JUST WORLD

Please return Trocaire Boxes at this time.

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MARY – THE FIRST DISCIPLE - OUR MODEL IN FAITH

Mary met the requirements of discipleship in an outstanding way. There is one thought running through the New Testament: while Mary is the mother of God's Son, she is first and foremost a disciple, not in the historical sense that she accompanied Jesus during his ministry, but in the sense that Mary above all others is the one who heard the Word of God and acted trustingly upon it. Mary's faithfulness and trust in God's Word runs right through from the Annunciation to the coming of the Holy Spirit in the Acts of the Apostles after the Resurrection.

Like Mary, our life stories are also touched by events which we cannot understand. Sometimes it is only in looking back that we can see God's presence in these events. Mary's story is close to our story. Mary is blessed not simply because she gave birth to a child, the Son of God. She is blessed because she **heard, believed, obeyed, kept, pondered the Word, and continued** to act on it. Mary is truly our model in faith.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2023

First Holy Communion will take place for CBS and Presentation Primary School on Saturday May 20th. Please remember the boys and girls in your prayers.

ALL IRELAND ROSARY RALLY

Trip to Knock Sat 3rd June. Bus leaving Castlecomer and Butt's Green. Please contact 086 8469011 to book a seat.

Kilkenny Bereavement Support

Bereavement Support for children, adolescents and adults; support for people bereaved by suicide; free and confidential service. For appointment please contact 056 7756538.
www.kilkennybereavementsupport.com

Plant Sale& Coffee Morning

Plant Sale& Coffee Morning in aid of: 'As I Am' the charity for autistic adults and children on Saturday 20th May, 10am to 12pm in Dunmore Parish Hall. R95NX08 Admission: €5 Kilkenny Flower Club would appreciate your support for this worthy cause.

SAFEGUARDING IN OUR PARISH

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

Counselling Services - Towards Healing Confidential
Helpline 1800 313 316 – www.towardshealing.ie

THE BELLS OF ST MARY'S – PART 2

There are two dome bells which were used at mass within the cathedral. They are inscribed with their donors' names. Firstly, a cast brass bell is dated 1867 and the inscription reads:

*To God's temple from Dr and Mrs Duigan
in gratitude for a novena heard 1867*

Daniel J Duigan MD RN was married to Margaret Cavanagh by Most Rev Edward Walsh, Bishop of Ossory on 21st August 1857. The wedding took place in the 'Old Cathedral' as the present building was only opened on the 4th October 1857 (the second last wedding in the Old Cathedral). There is a medal (The Italian Gallantry medal for oriental campaign) inscribed '*Daniel J Duigan, MD Naval Brigade (1855-1856)*' in the British Science Museum, Kensington, London.

Dr Duigan's name also appears on the inscription on the base of the holy water fonts at the front door of the cathedral. Bassett's *Kilkenny City and County* (1884) describes the two Holy Water Fonts at the entrance door: "At the main entrance are two mammoth ocean shells, the gift of Naval Surgeon Daniel J Duigan, 1877. They are mounted on blocks of polished white marble and serve admirably the purposes of holy water fonts" (page 41). Perhaps Duigan acquired these shells on one of his journeys out east. Margaret Phelan (St Mary's Cathedral Kilkenny, 1972) notes that the two ocean shells are now at the entrance to Castlecomer Parish Church. Upon the pedestals are now placed bowls hewn from Kilkenny black marble.

The inscription on the white marble reads: *asperges me hyssop et mundabor (sprinkle me with hyssop and I shall be clean (from the Catholic Mass))*
More next week.....

175 YEARS OF THE RAILWAY STATION

McDonagh Railway Station was opened on May 12th 1848 and celebrates 175 years this week – it was named McDonagh Junction in 1966 after Thomas McDonagh one of the signatories of the 1916 Proclamation. McDonagh, a native of Tipperary, taught in St Kieran's College for one year in 1902 moving then to St Colman's College in Fermoy. He was a founding member of ASTI, the secondary teacher's trade union. The railway station was only 9 years in existence when St Mary's Cathedral was opened but played a significant part during the weekend of Oct 4th bringing huge crowds to Kilkenny for the dedication and consecration by Bishop Walsh.

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