

St. Mary's Cathedral
21th May 2023
FEAST OF THE ASCENSION

“The Ascension of Jesus into heaven acquaints us with this deeply consoling reality on our journey: in Christ, true God and true human, our humanity was taken to God. Christ opened the path to us. He is like a roped guide climbing a mountain who, on reaching the summit, pulls us up to him and leads us to God”.

Pope Francis

Please remember the following in your prayers

RECENTLY DECEASED

Alice Shasby, St. Rioch's Street
Margaret (Rita) Trehy, The Sycamores
Lizzie Fogarty, Bodalmore
Elaine Phelan, Dean Cavanagh Place

MONTHS MIND

11am Joseph Barry, Dean Cavanagh Place

ANNIVERSARIES

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

Sean Barry, Patricia Casey, Josie, Catherine and Michael Delaney.

NEXT WEEKS ANNIVERSARIES

11am Mairead and Seamus Dowling, Fr. Murphy Sq
Martin Flynn, Drakelands

Months Mind

5.30 Bobby Culleton, Old Callan Road.

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.

PARISH OFFICE

The parish office will be on Monday, Tuesday and Friday during this coming week.

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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2023

Congratulations to the boys and girls of our schools who received First Holy Communion on Saturday. A wonderful memorable day for all the families involved. A massive thank you to teachers, special needs assistants (SNAs), musicians and singers who all have worked so hard to prepare for this very important celebration. A particular thanks to Sr Maria RSM who coordinates the preparation for the sacraments in our parish: Sr Maria is a regular visitor to the schools and is a great link between the parish and those who work and learn in our schools.

OSSORY PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

After a number of years due to COVID the Ossory Pilgrimage to Lourdes take please this week. Led by Bishop Coll the pilgrimage departs on Wednesday 23 returning on Pentecost Sunday. Many dioceses are not bringing assisted pilgrims this year due to the unavailability of the Hospitalité accommodation. It is hoped that it will be possible next year. Please remember the pilgrims in your prayers during this coming week.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Collection after all Masses today. Your support is appreciated.

COMMEMORATION FOR MISSING PERSONS

Monument for missing persons 21st anniversary of the unveiling of the National Monument for missing persons in Kilkenny Castle Park will take place on Sunday May 28th gathering at 12 noon in the Castle courtyard, walking to the monument for a service of reflection and remembrance. The national monument is visited every year by people from all over the world and holds an important place in the hearts and memories of families of those who are missing in Kilkenny and throughout our country. The Minister for Justice will be the guest speaker. Music by the Kilkenny Gospel Choir.

SAFEGUARDING IN OUR PARISH

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OUR PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE:
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Counselling Services - Towards Healing Confidential Helpline 1800 313 316 – www.towardshealing.ie
Please consult the diocesan website (www.ossory.ie) for all relevant documents and diocesan policies.

YEAR OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

This Saturday evening (Vigil of the Ascension) we begin our Diocesan Novena for Diocesan Novena for Vocations to Diocesan Priesthood. As the Irish Church has now begun a special year of prayer for Vocations please join with us in praying for the needs of our own Diocese. You can pray the Novena at home and we will pray it at our daily Masses here in the Parish. Copies of the Novena prayers are available here in the Church. You can also access the Novena on the Diocesan Website or on the following social media platforms: Twitter @vocossory or facebook <https://www.facebook.com/vocationsossory21>

CONCERT IN ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL

Lehigh University Choir (USA) will give a concert in St Mary's Cathedral concert in St Mary's Cathedral on in St Mary's Cathedral Wednesday May 24th at 7pm. Entry is Free. Singing a variety of classical, folk and barbershop pieces the choir welcomes you to this evening of song. Donations on the night will go toward the Music Programme in Mother of Fair Love School Kilkenny

THE BELLS OF ST MARY'S – PART 3

The second bell, again dome in shape, is inscribed: *Presented by John and Ellen Birch to St Mary's Cathedral, 1880. The marriage of John Birch and Ellen Madigan is recorded in the marriage register of St Patrick's Parish on 17 January 1865. Their address is given as Moates; the celebrant was Fr Hayden and the witnesses were James Birch and Hanna Madigan.*
The Parish Baptismal Register of St Mary's Cathedral records the birth of Mary Birch to John Birch and Ellen Madigan of High Street on March 27, 1868. Fr M Kavanagh was the priest, and the godparents were Richard Birch and Margaret Madigan.

Margaret Phelan in the Old Kilkenny Review (1968) records that The Ulster Bank bought a premises – 27 High Street – from a John Birch in 1912. The Bank had been in Parliament Street – more recently the premises of Messrs Crotty Solicitors – and the move to High Street occupied a site that had once been two shops: Birch's and Powers. Powers (No 26 Hight St) is listed as a shop in the 1901 census and the Birch family in No 27 Had a Public House. The 1911 census gives details of 27 High Street: John Birch and Johanna Kelly. The census record tells us that there were eight rooms in the house and that Birch's profession as Grocer and Spirit Merchant. Johanna Kelly is listed as a servant.