

**St. Mary's Cathedral**  
**28<sup>th</sup> May 2023**  
**PENTECOST SUNDAY**

**Please remember the following in your prayers**

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

Maura Donnelly, College Road  
Elaine Phelan, Dean Cavanagh Place  
Sr. Bridget Bolger, Loreto Convent  
Sr. Kathleen Moore, Loreto Convent

**MONTHS MIND**

5.30pm Bobby Culleton, Old Callan Road

**ANNIVERSARIES**

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

5.30pm Florence & Alice McCarthy, Drakelands.

Agnes Dermody, James Phelan, Mary Christina O'Hara,  
Paddy Howard, Paddy Sharkey, Mary and Paddy  
Delaney, Bill Bergin.

**NEXT WEEKS ANNIVERSARIES**

11.00 Mary Christina O'Hara

**MONTHS MIND**

11am Margaret Trehy, The Sycamores

**FIRST FRIDAY**

Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June, is the First Friday of June. Fr Scriven will visit the housebound over this weekend with Holy Communion. If you, a family member or a neighbour would like a visit with Holy Communion please contact the office to make arrangements.

**GRAVEYARD MASSES - DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

St Kieran's Cemetery Mass - Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> June, 7.30pm  
Foulkstown Cemetery Mass - Thursday, 27th July - 7.30pm

**PARISH OFFICE**

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

**DIOCESAN DRAW**

The May Draw will take place on Wednesday at 8pm in the Chapter House. All welcome.

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**OSSORY DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2023**

The Diocesan Pilgrimage 2023, which concludes on this Sunday, took place over five days. Travelling this year along with Bishop Niall were many front-line workers who did so much to care for people throughout the covid pandemic. Those who travelled took part in the usual moments of prayer and reflection in Lourdes and at the Grotto. They lit candles and prayed for the many intentions which they carried with them on our behalf.

**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>

**OSSORY ADULT FAITH DEVELOPMENT**

Holy Land Pilgrimage 2024 Ossory AFD Holy Land Pilgrimage - 19th to 26th February 2023. Led by Fr Dermot Ryan and Fr Kieran O'Shea. Cost - €1,615p.p. sharing. Return flights from Dublin via London with BA - 23kg check-in luggage - In-flight catering - Three nights in Bethlehem - Three nights in Nazareth - Buffet breakfast and dinner daily - Extra breakfast included on day of arrival - all coaching and tours - Full religious programme organized. For Booking contact Kieran and Laura Troy, Newtown, Rahan, Tullamore, Co. Offaly on 057 935 5050 or [info@myriam.ie](mailto:info@myriam.ie). Fill out your booking form and return with a deposit of €300pp. Please note: this itinerary is not suitable for anyone with mobility issues.

**SAFEGUARDING IN OUR PARISH**

CONTACT The Diocesan Designated Liaison Person,  
Ms. Kathleen Sherry, 085 802 1633 - [dlp@ossory.ie](mailto:dlp@ossory.ie)

**OUR PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE:**  
Sr Betty Cagney

Counselling Services - Towards Healing Confidential Helpline 1800 313 316 – [www.towardshealing.ie](http://www.towardshealing.ie)  
Please consult the diocesan website ([www.ossory.ie](http://www.ossory.ie)) for all relevant documents and diocesan policies.

**THE COMING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

If you feel the darkness of solitude, if you feel that an obstacle within you blocks the way to hope, if your heart has a festering wound, if you can see no way out, then open your heart to the Holy Spirit.

Pope Francis

**JUNE: THE MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART**

June traditionally has been the month of the Sacred Heart. During this month we will pray the Divine Praises at Mass. In the cathedral – in the south transept – there is the beautiful window of the Sacred Heart and Sr Margaret Mary Alacoque. This window dates from the mid 1880s. C 1886 a very severe storm destroyed the original window, and it was replaced by the window of the Sacred Heart. This stained-glass window is the work of Mayer and Co Munich, well known stained glass artists. From this company also came the statue of the Blessed Virgin in the Lady Chapel. The altar of the Sacred Heart is the work of James Pearse – father of Patrick and William Pearse. It is highly probable that the statue was imported from Italy, but the altar and mosaic work is that of Pearse. On the opposite wall is the large oil painting of the revelations to Sr Margaret Mary Alacoque and from whom the devotion to the Sacred Heart is attributed. The large oil painting is in a frame design by William Hague. Hague was commissioned by Bishop Brownrigg for the works undertaken in the 1890s...

**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.

**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 today Sunday May 28th gathering at 12 noon in the Castle courtyard, walking to the monument for a service of reflection and remembrance. The Minister for Justice will be the guest speaker. Music by the Kilkenny Gospel Choir.

**REMEMBRANCE CELEBRATION**

A Peace and Remembrance Conference will be held at the Kilford Arms Hotel on 13th June the Feast of St. Anthony and Yeats's Day. Featuring talks, music, poetry. Free admission. All welcome

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