

St. Mary's Cathedral
7th May 2023
5th Sunday of Easter

Please remember the following in your prayers

RECENTLY DECEASED

Vinnie Coyne, Melville Heights
Katherine (Kay) Doyle, Michael Street

ANNIVERSARIES

11.00am Margaret Hayes, James's Green
5.30pm Tom Byrne, Dean Cavanagh Place
Maurice and Margaret Wall, DeLoughry Place.

Frank Scott, Steve Moynihan.

NEXT WEEKS ANNIVERSARIES

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

PARISH OFFICE

The parish office is open Monday and Tuesday during this coming week: 9.30am to 1.00pm.

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.

TROCAIRE - WORKING FOR A JUST WORLD

Please return Trocaire Boxes at this time.

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.

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 All welcome

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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2023

Congratulations to Ella, Leo, Mason and Johnny who received their First Holy Communion this week. Thanks to the dedication staff of the school for the wonderful preparation for the celebration.

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.

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE FROM CORK

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje will take place from May 31st to June 7th 2023; the spiritual director is Fr. Ted Sheehan. Cost per person sharing is €849.00 half board staying in Hotel Leone. 6 places still available. Please contact Sean O'Shaughnessy on 0862959380 or Joe Walsh Tours on 012410800.

BLESSED EDMUND RICE

Edmund Rice was born in Callan on June 1 1762. In 1802 he founded his first school in Waterford – Mount Sion - and gradually spread throughout the country. He died in Waterford on 29 August 1844. He was beatified by Pope John Paul II on October 6 1996.

96 schools in Ireland celebrated the feast day of Blessed Edmund on Friday, 5 May. Worldwide there are 270 schools stretching across the five continents with over 70,000 pupils. There are three schools in our diocese: primary schools in Callan and Kilkenny and the CBS Secondary school in Kilkenny. Last summer the secondary school in Callan joined with the Mercy Secondary school and Scoil Abhainn Rí continues the ethos of Edmund Rice in his home town.

THE EDMUND RICE PRAYER

O God

we thank you for the life of Blessed Edmund Rice.

He opened his heart to Christ

present in those oppressed by poverty and injustice.

May we follow his example of faith and generosity.

Grant us the courage and compassion of Blessed Edmund

as we seek to live lives of love and service.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BECOME A FRIEND OF ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL

THE BELLS OF ST MARY'S.

The Bells of St. Mary's was a 1945 American musical comedy-drama film starring Bing Crosby and Ingrid Bergman. Crosby in the persona of Fr O'Malley and Bergman as Sr Mary Benedict try to save their parish school.

But what of the **Bells of St Mary's** here in the marble city? The bell in St Mary's Cathedral tower is the work of the Murphy Foundry of Dublin and is dated 1869.

John Murphy (1837 – 1879), a coppersmith, established his business at 109 James's Street, Dublin, in 1837. In 1843 he branched out into bell founding, casting a bell for the church of Tuam and in the years that followed casting many single bells and at least eight rings of bells. His work can be seen and heard in many churches throughout Ireland and abroad: the cathedral churches of Thurles, Cork and Melbourne, the Redemptorist Monastery in Limerick and St Augustine's church in Dublin. Distinctive in their design Murphy's bells was thinner in profile than other bells of this period.

The bell is decorated with the crowned harp. The crowned harp was used by the Dublin Assay Office to assay and hallmark all gold and silver produced in Ireland since 1637 – The **Dublin Assay Office** was founded by a royal charter issued by King Charles I re-establishing the medieval Guild of All Saints. The crowned harp is clearly visible on the waist of the bell.

Another bell foundry in Dublin was founded by Matthew Byrne. He had been chief engineer in the Royal Navy and he established **The Fountain Head Iron Foundry** in Dublin in 1840. In 1887 the 'M Byrne Patent Rotary Mounting' was patented. This was a cast iron headstock through which a tapered boss on the crown of the bell was inserted and bolted in place using the crown staple bolt. A significant difference with this system was that simply by slacking the nuts the bell can be rotated thus presenting a new striking face to the tongue to strike. This increases the life of the bell beyond measure.

The tower bell in St Mary's hangs on this system.

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