

St. Mary's Cathedral

2nd July 2023

Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Please remember the following in your prayers

Bridget Dunne, Kennyswell Road
Geraldine Heffernan, Loughboy
Eileen (Ina) Murtagh, Troyscourt
Breda Fogarty, Newpark Drive
Ann Coyne, Bishops Meadows

ANNIVERSARIES

11am Susan Phelan, St. Francis Terrace
Kevin Egan, Drakelands
Mike Quinlan, Dominic Street
Danny Phelan, Stephen Street.

Renee Murphy, John and Kitty Cleere, Paddy, Billy and Ger Cleere.

NEXT WEEKS ANNIVERSARIES

11am John Delaney, Freshford
5.30pm Thomas Malone

PARISH OFFICE

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

DIOCESAN DRAW

The Diocesan Draw took place in Slieverue on Wednesday night hosted by Slieverue Parish. Thanks to all and great to see two winners here in the parish. Congratulations to the winners and thanks again to promoters. Bishop Coll has asked that the draw continue into next year. The support in 2022/2023 has been very good and the income from the draw is an important source of revenue for the Cathedral work. August will be the final month of the current draw and September will begin the new year.

GRAVEYARD MASSES - DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Foulkstown Cemetery Mass - Thursday, 27th July - 7.30pm

COELIAC AND HOLY COMMUNION

Please note that if you are gluten intolerant you are welcome to receive Holy Communion from the Ciborium that has Coeliac Hosts. Please present to receive in the right hand side aisle and indicate to the minster your preference

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PARISH SCHOOLS

We wish all in our parish schools a pleasant and safe holiday with the closure of the schools for the summer holidays. Thanks to all staff for their commitment and dedication to the care of our young people. Each school had a ceremony of graduation for those advancing to the next stage: for some in Mother of Fair Love onto work and in our two primary schools, CBS and Presentation, to secondary school. May God bless them in the years ahead.

VISITORS TO THE CATHEDRAL

June has been a very busy month with visitors from all over the world visiting our cathedral. There are organised groups, family groups, individuals each day spending time in the cathedral. Their reaction is fantastic and a great tribute to the work that we have just done and to you all who have financially supported the work of the past two years. For years to come we will be grateful to the craftsmanship and skills of so many who have contributed in this generation to the story of St Mary's. We look forward to more visitors in the coming summer months – and hopefully they are all 'tapping'!

DESIGNER MINDS

Designer Minds have 2 upcoming Summer Camps running in Kilkenny. Choose a Science Design & Technology Camp OR Art Camp (or try out both and receive a discount). For all boys & girls currently in Senior Infants up to 6th Class. Check Dates and Register online at www.designerminds.ie or call 087 631 0411.

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
Please consult the diocesan website (www.ossory.ie) for all relevant documents and diocesan policies.

ST VICTORIA'S ALTAR AND FR CAVANAGH

In 1867 the relics of St Victoria were translated and entombed in the Cathedral on the occasion of celebrating 10 years since the consecration in 1857. On 13 October Bishop Moran presided as four priests carried the shrine containing the sacred relics into the cathedral.

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The shrine is in the form of a catafalque containing the image of the saint who appeared to have been in her seventeenth year. She had been sought in marriage by a patrician named Eugenius who was enraged by her refusal. He denounced her to the Roman magistrate as a Christian and was condemned to death. She was buried in the catacombs of Rome.

Rev Michael Kavanagh (Administrator of St Mary's 1865-1871) preached at the celebration to receive the sacred relics. Father Kavanagh had visited Rome and he was present when the body of St Victoria was dis-embombed during the excavations in the cemetery (catacombs) of St Callistus; as a mark of special favour the sacred relic was bestowed by the Sovereign Pontiff upon Bishop Moran and St Mary's Cathedral. The catafalque was originally placed in St Joseph's Chapel but during the re-ordering of the 1890s the altar was placed in its present position opposite the Sacred Heart Shrine.

Fr Michael Kavanagh was born in Hospital Lane, St James's Green to John Kavanagh and Mary Neary on 18 January 1828. He studied at St Kieran's College from 1842 – 1849 (St Kieran's College was at this time located on the Callan Road – there since 1836). He attended St Patrick's College Maynooth from 1849-1856. After his ordination in 1856 he was appointed curate to St Mary's and in 1865 he was appointed Administrator. He died on 3 September 1871 and is buried in Mauldin Street graveyard. His only appointment was to the Cathedral. His uncle, Fr Patrick Neary, was born at Troy's Gate and was parish priest of Mullinivat from 1881-1887.

In 1866 he with Bishop Walsh attended a meeting with parishioners and citizens of Kilkenny to begin fundraising £1.600 for a new organ. During his time in the cathedral a storm destroyed the window in the south transept (1867) and Daniel Cullen generously donated £300 for the window of the Assumption of Our Blessed Mother in the north transept. Daniel Duigan donated the bell.

On 17 November 1864 Sir Robert Peel, Chief Secretary to Ireland, made an unexpected visit to Kilkenny. He visited St Mary's and the Freeman Journal reported: "Sir Robert was most agreeably surprised to see such a noble structure – an edifice built by the voluntary contributions of a generous, faithful and industrious people. None of the clergy men was in the church at the time, so that Sir Robert and party inspected it by themselves. He did not stay long but it would seem from his subsequent remarks that he took in at one glance all that was worth seeing."