

St. Mary's Cathedral
13th August 2023
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Please remember the following in your prayers

ANNIVERSARIES

Peadar Blanchfield, Michael Lanigan, Nance O'Neill, JohnJoe Hennessy.

PARISH OFFICE

The parish office is moved to the Cathedral Bookshop and is now accessible five days of the week.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY MASS FOR BISHOP SÉAMUS FREEMAN S.A.C. (RIP)

Bishop Niall will celebrate the first anniversary Mass for Bishop Séamus Freeman, on Sunday 20th August 2023, here in St Mary's Cathedral parish at 5.30 p.m. We invite you to come and join us in prayer for Bishop Séamus as we gather along with his family and all from the Diocese at that Mass. May his gentle soul rest in peace. You are invited to join with all in attendance for refreshments afterwards offered in the Chapter House.

PRAYER AT THE HEART OF OUR CITY

We hope to establish a group for adoration in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel in St Mary's Cathedral. It would be beautiful to have a constant presence of prayer for our Diocese and world at this time. The number of days and hours of this adoration will be determined by the people involved.

If you would like to be part of this group please call - 056 7721253 or email adoration@ossory.ie to leave your name and contact details. In a few weeks time we will hold a meeting of all involved in the hopes of establishing this gathering of prayer. With thanks. Fr Dermot.

SAFEGUARDING IN OUR PARISH

Contact the Diocesan Designated Liaison Person, Ms. Kathleen Sherry, 085 802 1633 - dlp@ossory.ie

NATIONAL NOVENA AT KNOCK SHRINE

14-22 August

The National Novena to Our Lady of Knock offers you the opportunity to step away from everyday life and immerse yourself in prayer in the beautiful, peaceful grounds of Knock Shrine.

Over the course of the nine-day Novena, we will hear from guest Homilists and Speakers during daily ceremonies at 3pm and 8pm at Knock Basilica. Our theme for this year is 'Caring for Creation'.

Family Day will take place on Sunday 20th August from 11am-3pm and all are welcome. Many from the Diocese of Ossory are planning to travel.

Find out more and view the full programme at www.knockshrine.ie

MARY'S MEALS - THANK YOU SO MUCH!

Huge Thanks to everyone who supported the Step by Step Walk to Feed the Next Child last weekend in Kilkenny.

Thanks also to all those volunteers who helped out. Remember just 11c will feed a child for a day, €22 for a whole school year.

90 children will now be fed for a full school year from the generosity of the people of Kilkenny.

God Bless you all, and thank you for your ongoing support to feed the next child at school.

GETTING MARRIED IN ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL

We have a number of enquiries about weddings for 2024 and 2025 from visitors who want to avail of the Cathedral for their wedding ceremony. As a working policy it is preferable that there is only one wedding per day in the Cathedral. Further information from the Parish Website and/or the Parish Office.

SPIRIT ALIVE RADIO PROGRAMME

'Join Fr. Willie Purcell on Spirit Alive a faith based religious programme on Community Radio Kilkenny City 88.7fm on Saturday morning August 19th from 10 am to 11am. Inspirational interviews, stories, reflections and music to inspire and encourage our faith lives. Programme podcast available on crkc.ie'

IRISH PATCHWORK SOCIETY

Exhibition of Patchwork Quilts in the Chapter Room of St. Mary's Cathedral from Wednesday 16th to Sunday 20th August from 10.00am to 5.00pm Free Admission – Donations if desired to St. Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

It's not too late to visit Lourdes this summer. The last few places on a number of group Pilgrimages in August are still available for you to join. Choose from 4, 5 and 7 night options all staying in 4* hotels with flights, transfers, guide & Spiritual Directors throughout. Contact Marian Pilgrimages – 01 878 8149

BAPTISMS IN ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL

Baptisms are celebrated in the Cathedral on the last Sunday of the month after the 11am Mass. Further information is available on the Parish Website www.stmaryscathedral.com and the Parish Office

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 minister your preference

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.

Invite your family members to support the Cathedral

FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL

Become a friend at

www.stmaryscathedral.ie/friends