



## ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL

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### A thought

Someone said to me during the week that it is a pity the "younger people" are not coming to Mass. It occurs to me that we all move in different circles - last week students from the four city Catholic secondary schools came to the Cathedral for Mass on Friday morning to pray for the students who died in the tragedy in Clonmel. This week we welcomed the Loreto students for their opening of the school year Mass and we already have both the CBS and St Kieran's College Masses booked in - I know the Presentation are also busy planning their Mass. That's not even to begin to speak of the three primary schools in our parish who are full of faith. Young people are praying - thankfully.

It was great to meet with the Parish Council this week; thanks to them for their commitment to the parish and ideas for the weeks ahead. It was wonderful to welcome the Leipzig University Choir to the Cathedral this past week - the music and song was stunning.

On another note... history reminds us from where we have come and to where we should be going; invite people to engage with the interactive tour that is now available here in the Cathedral - thanks to all who helped to make this happen.

St John Chrysostom whose feast is this coming Wednesday was known for his ability to speak so very clearly - if that gift is going, may we get it too.

*Fr Dermot*

### Please remember the following in your prayers

#### RECENT DEATHS

Sr Mona Saunders, Convent of Mercy, Callan.

#### ANNIVERSARIES

11am Jackie O'Brien, Fr. Albert Place, Billy & Bridie Gannon, James's Green, Molly & Jimmy Denieffe, Fatima Place

5.30 **Months Mind** – Ena Duffy, Fr. Delahunty Terrace  
Patrick Shasby, Rioch Street - Anniversary

Margaret Jones, Lucy McKee, Eileen McKee Butler, Anthony Murphy, Alexander Neill, Cassin Family.

#### WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Envelope Collection: €410; Baskets €1267.95 Your support of the parish is greatly appreciated.

Invite your family members to support the Cathedral **FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL** at [www.stmaryscathedral.ie/friends](http://www.stmaryscathedral.ie/friends)

### SAMARITANS

Samaritans of Kilkenny and Carlow are holding an information evening on Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 7.00pm in our branch on Waterford Road, Kilkenny (beside CircleK petrol station). If you have ever thought of volunteering with us, now is your chance to find out all you need to know.

### Blessed Sacrament Chapel

The Blessed Sacrament chapel is now reopened. This wonderful space is accessible from Blackmill street as a location for private prayer and reflection. It will be opened and closed on the same schedule as the Cathedral. Drop in as you are passing. We intend that the Adoration will take place here once it is up and running.

### PRAYER AT THE HEART OF OUR CITY

We will hold a meeting of who have volunteered to be involved in the Adoration Group at St Mary's Cathedral on Wednesday 13th September, in the Chapter House at 8.00pm. I look forward to meeting you then.

### St Mary's Cathedral Tour

This weekend sees the launch of an interactive tour of St Mary's Cathedral. By means of QR codes visitors can interact with and learn about the fascinating history of this wonderful building. Built by the people of Kilkenny in the 1840s it has a rich legacy of sacred art, design and prayer. The tour will be available year-round for a daily pass at a cost of €5. The tour, however, will be free of charge this Sunday 10th and the following Sunday 17th for the people of the city and beyond. A second phase of the tour will also launch in the weeks ahead.

### Synod Gathering

In advance of the first assembly of the Universal Synod, which begins on 4th October 2023, an ecumenical prayer vigil is taking place in Rome to unite us all in praise and worship. In extending this invitation to "TOGETHER-GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD" Pope Francis reminded us that 'the path to Christian unity and the path of synodal conversion of the Church are linked'. In a special way, young people from across the world, are asked to take part. In our Diocese on **Friday September 22nd** we will join with Pope Francis and the young people invited to Rome by holding an ecumenical **Taizé prayer** in The Blessed Sacrament Chapel in St Mary's Cathedral at **7pm** with a special invitation to all the young people of the Diocese. Then on **Sunday 24th September** will gather as the People of God in Ossory at the **5.30pm Mass** united with the People of God across the world to pray for the Universal Synod. People from all across the diocese are invited to attend.

### TOTUS TUUS

The Totus Tuus for Men for Christ conference 2023 – a Catholic Conference for Men live on Radio Maria Ireland Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September from 2pm. Speakers: Fr. Billy Swan, Fr. Chris Hayden, Anthony Crossey, Fr. John Harris OP

### OUR PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE:

**Sr Betty Cagney**

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