



ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL

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17th September 2023 Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Thought...

This past week during a lecture in Carlow College I asked students to imagine a blank canvas in designing the church community as if they were present when Jesus gave the instruction to the disciples "God therefore and make disciples of all the nations..." (Matthew 28:19). We had an interesting discussion and one student wondered did it all have to be so much about one person - Jesus, would it not be better if it was about us all... I smiled thinking "It *is* all about Jesus but actually in reality that *is* all about us" - maybe our Church is doing ok...

Certainly if you saw the over 40 people signed up over these past weeks to give time in adoration praying for us all each week - we are doing ok. Thank you to all of you in the parish who on a daily or weekly basis take time - at home or here - to pray for us all.

Fr Dermot

Please remember the following in your prayers

Mary Gittens, Shellumsrath, Imelda McPhilomy, Kells Road, John Mulhern, Bishop Birch Place.

ANNIVERSARIES

11am Kevin Prendergast, Rushbrook, Eamon Conway, Rothe Tce., Nora Connick, Fatima Place.

5.30 Sr. Regina Malone, London, Thomas & Bridget Delaney, Fr. Murphy Sq., Sean Hanaphy.

Bridget Cahill, Josephine Neary, Ger Kavanagh, Syd and Elizabeth Bluett, Birthday Remembrance: Alice Shasby, Rioch Street.

PARISH OFFICE

The parish office is moved to the Cathedral Bookshop and is now accessible five days of the week. To have items included in the Parish Newsletter please leave them to the office no later than Thursday 11am.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Envelope Collection: €355; Baskets €1054.75. Your support of the parish is greatly appreciated.

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.

St. Vincent de Paul

Collection after all Masses today. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Poor Clares' Monastery Carlow

Poor Clares in Carlow invite women from age 22 to 40 years for a cuppa and a chat to find out more about our way of life. If interested please contact us before the event poorclaresvoc@gmail.com on Saturday, 30th September from 2.30 to 4.30pm

Loreto Secondary School Kilkenny 1st Year Enrolment Autumn 2024

Closing date for a First Year place is 23rd October, 2023. Applications can be made via the school website www.loretokk.ie

Open Day for 6th Class Girls

An Open Day will take place on Thursday, 28th September, 2023. Further information will be on our website soon.

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.

OUR PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE:

Sr Betty Cagney

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