



ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL

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24th September 2023 Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Thought...

On Friday night we had a gathering of many from the city secondary schools to pray in advance of the Synod in Rome. It was a truly wonderful occasion in a packed Blessed Sacrament Chapel – thanks to Gemma Mulligan the Coordinator of our Pastoral Plan for bringing this together. Pope Francis requested that young people throughout the world would do this before the Synod gathers in early October. This Synod, the next step on the pathway to which we are called as Church, is to ensure that the voice of all is heard in our Church. In so doing, we are hoping that the promptings of the Holy Spirit for our Church at this time will be heard. Imagine if we listened to the voice of all... and if we followed bravely to where the Spirit is calling us!

Fr Dermot

Please remember the following in your prayers

May O'Donnell, Larchfield and Kilmanagh.

ANNIVERSARIES

11am Larry, Molly and Michael Phelan, Emmet Street.
Peggy Walsh. Elizabeth Connick, Seamus Connick

City Parishes

This past week the city parishes met together to explore ways we can collaborate and support each other. There are many ideas: joint baptismal welcoming teams; one single Advent penitential service; the sharing of masses; the return of the Irish Mass in the Friary and much more. We look forward to working together and in so doing helping to bring the Gospel to life.

Weekly Collections

Envelope Collection: €460; Baskets €1177.23. Your ongoing 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.

Diocesan Draw

The first draw for 2023/2024 will take place next Wednesday at 8pm in the Chapter Room. Your support is very much appreciated and a sincere thanks to all those who promote the draw so much has been achieved here over the years thanks to this draw.

Society of St Vincent de Paul

Grants available for third level students. For all enquiries please email stthomaskilkenny@svp.ie

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 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.loreto.kk.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 a special way, young people from across the world, are asked to take part. In our Diocese on Friday September 22nd we joined 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, it was a wonderful gathering in a packed Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Then, today, on Sunday 24th September 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.

Medjugorje Pilgrimage

ex Cork May 29th -June 5th 2024. Spiritual Director Fr Ted Sheehan. €879.00 pps. €100 discount if fully paid before November 17th. €50 discount if deposit paid before January 15th Contact Sean O'Shaughnessy 086 2959380. Joe Walsh Tours.

OUR PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE:

Sr Betty Cagney

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