



ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL

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A Thought...

This coming week we will meet with all the parents of the children who are about to start preparing in the year ahead to celebrate the Sacraments of First Confession, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. These are exciting weeks and months for the children and their families. Hopefully we will see them coming to pray at Mass with their workbooks each week as this year we will be using a new programme of preparation called the MyFaith programme. MyFaith is an online and in person programme some of which that the children can do at home with their parents. There are workbooks to accompany them and each Sunday they are asked question about the Mass of that weekend. So they will be paying attention! (The Second Vatican Council called this attention – full, active and conscious participation in the Mass (*Sacrosanctum Concilium* 14) and we all do it...) Fr Dermot

Please remember the following in your prayers

Mary Ryan (nee Hanton), Kells Road, Arthur Somers, Loughboy.

ANNIVERSARIES

11am Magg Mullally, Blackmill Street.

John McKee, Richard (Dick) Brett, Mary Neill, Billy and Patty Reinhardt, Mary Hennessy, Julie and Patrick Burke, Patrick Traynor, Billy Maher.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Envelope Collection: €151; Baskets €1,340.29. Your support of the parish is greatly appreciated.

New Candle Shrines

We have decided to try the Saint Killian's Candle Burning System here in the Cathedral. This gives parishioners, and all who visit the Cathedral, the opportunity to use safer, cleaner and a more environmentally friendly candles. Along with being tidier, the benefits of these new shrines are: no more smoke; no more plastic candle holder to be sent to recycling; no more wax spillage; and a more environmentally friendly wax.

Chapter House Bookshop

The Bookshop welcomes you to visit the shop now 5 days a week – Monday 9:30am till 1.00pm; Tuesday – Friday 9:30am till 5:00pm.

Synod Update

As the Synod in Rome continues in these weeks the nearly 400 members are gathering in the Paul VI hall at the rear of St Peter's Basilica. The format of this Synod is noticeably different from the many that have gone before. All gathered are seated at round tables and all, irrespective of "role", are given the same time to speak. Pope Francis has worked to ensure that all can speak freely but also that they truly make listening a priority. He has noted that at this gathering the Holy Spirit is not merely present but should be seen as the "protagonist" guiding the discussions. To create this atmosphere, Pope Francis has requested confidentiality on the part of Synod members, and in this sense a "fasting from public speech". It is working - we had intended to write to inform you what was happening each week but, thankfully, we do not know.. or at least we do not know the detail of what is being said - Synod members are respecting this freedom to talk and listen without fear of being quoted. Maybe the Spirit is truly the protagonist...

Adoration

It was wonderful to see a packed Blessed Sacrament Chapel this past week as those who are volunteering to be part of our Adoration group came together. We are beginning this week - for the start we are having Adoration on Tuesday and Wednesday, Why not drop in to the Blessed Sacrament Chapel if you are passing.

Sacramental Preparation

All parents of those children who this year are preparing to celebrate the sacraments of First Confession, First Holy Communion and Confirmation are invited to an information evening on this coming Tuesday 17th October at 7.30pm. At this short meeting we will outline the ways we in the parish will help the children and their families prepare.

Society of St Vincent de Paul

Grants available for third level students.

For all enquiries please email stthomaskilkenny@svp.ie

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.

Limit to 50 places. Travelling with Joe Walsh Tours.

OUR PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE:

Sr Betty Cagney

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