



ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL

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A Thought...

It is good to be comfortable at prayer.. I have mentioned that we are looking at the sound in the Cathedral. The system in place was, it seems, a temporary measure and so we are working to have that upgraded to be suitable for the space that is the Cathedral. That work will be undertaken next week. We are also exploring the heating in the Cathedral. As you can imagine this is a larger project but one that we are going to undertake. We need to be comfortable when we come before the Lord... and now I am not talking about heat or sound - we just need to be at our ease before God. He knows us completely and he still loves us! So when you come before him be thankful and be at your ease in his presence. Be honest with him that is a prerequisite of prayer...

Fr Dermot

Please remember the following in your prayers

Jimmy Walsh, Margaretsfield.

Anniversaries

11am Joan Fitzgerald, Ardnore, Seamus Dunlop.

5.30pm Tommy Brennan, Blackmill Street.

Bernie Little, John and Mary Fitzgerald, John and Julia Lennon.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Envelope Collection: €293; Baskets €1,276.07. Your support of the parish is greatly appreciated.

October Offering

The October Envelopes are available for distribution at this time. Thanks to all who distribute them throughout the parish and to all who contribute so generously.

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.

Synod Update

This past week, as the current phase of the Synod comes to a close, delegates approved a two-page letter "to the people of God" by applauding. Synod members had voted last week overwhelmingly (355-11) in favour of publishing a letter to tell us, the rest of the Church not in attendance, what they have been discussing in these past four weeks. It is good that they are keeping us informed - synod by its very nature is about communication - listening and responding. In reading this letter we will listen and then we will get to respond. Bishop Niall will lead us in our discussions of this document in Ossory. In advance of reading it, it is good to remember that this phase of the Synod is about deliberations; that is to say, decisions won't be made but certainly issues will be moved along and that is most welcome... after all we are, in this Synod, merely listening to the promptings of the Holy Spirit.

Stories of Kilkenny's Christian heritage

Did you know that some of the treasured stories of Kilkenny's Christian heritage are now being told on YouTube? The Irish Dominicans, as part of the *Treasure Ireland Series* on their YouTube channel (youtube.com/irishdominicans), have visited ten sites in Co. Kilkenny, and are currently posting the videos they recorded. In this series you'll find videos about St Kenny's Well and the controversial statues of Jerpoint Abbey, the Black Abbey and Cantwell Fada, the huge defences of Kells Priory and the Franciscan Friar who reported on the Black Death in Kilkenny before succumbing to the disease.

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.

Dates for the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated here in the Cathedral Parish on Friday 22nd March at 11am. The celebrations of the Sacrament of First Holy Communion will take place here in the Cathedral Parish on Saturday 18th May. As the children start to prepare we look forward to helping them and their families. Please remember to keep them in your prayers in the months ahead.

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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