



ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL

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A Thought...

This past week we had the feast day of All Saints. It is a wonderful feast to remind us of the limitless potential of our humanity to reach its perfection. Pope Francis once reminded us that these Saints are not "supermen" who are "born perfect," but rather are that they are ordinary people who followed God "with all their heart". He tells us that Saints are not made in factories or some special place but rather that they are made in homes, in workplaces, and often in difficulties. We have all, no doubt, spoken of someone as being a Saint and not really meant it, or more accurately not really thought about the import of what we are saying. But maybe, then, they were Saints... maybe they are... those mothers and fathers we loved... the grandparents who did extraordinary things - maybe they were actually Saints in our homes! Pray to them that we may be called that one day too...

Fr Dermot

Please remember the following in your prayers

Kathleen Walsh, Bishop's Hill, Anne Knox, Beech Park, Brigid (Bridie) Maher, Larchfield, Michael Devane, Dean Cavanagh Place.

Months Mind

11am Margaret (Madge) Comerford, Stephen Street.

Anniversaries

Greg Moynihan, Alan Mooney, Michael and Mary Lawler, Tom Kenny, Edward (Ned) Delaney, James Delaney, Joe Thornton, Peggy McAndrew, Jim McAndrew, Paddy Delaney, Margaret Thornton, Andy O'Brien, Mary and James Mulrooney.

Weekly Collections

Envelope Collection: €350; Baskets €932.72. Your support of the parish is greatly appreciated.

November Offering

The November Envelopes are now ready for collection from the Parish Office. Please include the names of your deceased and we will include them in the prayers during November.

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.

List of the dead

Each November we traditionally remember those who have died. We pray entrusting them into the care of God our Father. We invite you to make a list of those you would like to remember and place them in the basket at the front of the Cathedral. We will remember them all in a Mass later in the month. May they rest in peace

Synod Update

As the recent phase of the Synod drew to a close in Rome this past weekend much focus was on the synthesis document that emerged from the sessions. Many focused on what was in it; others on what was not. Some lamented that the Synod document did not reference many Dogma teachings, and others that it did not address the role of women in our Church and other issues as clearly as it might. Some have commented, rightly, that the actual experience of synod was more important than the document that emerged. Because that experience cannot be "unhad", the Church can never go backwards. Questions are on the table... they have been asked... we now have to continue to journey with them. It was heartening to read that those in attendance could not imagine a future Synod without the involvement of all - that this had to be said is shocking; but that this was said is shockingly wonderful. These conversations will now continue in our local churches and parishes. The report from this phase can be found at <https://www.synod.va/en.html> and it is on the Ossory website.

Annual Gathering to remember Jo Jo Dollard

Jo Jo Dullard disappeared 28 years ago at the age of 21. The annual gathering to remember Jo Jo will take place on Saturday, November 11th, beginning at 12 noon at Kilkenny Castle, gathering in the courtyard of the castle and walking to the Missing Persons Monument. All Welcome.

OUR PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE:

Sr Betty Cagney

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