



ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL

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12th November 2023 Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Thought...

You would have to wonder how it is that violence and injustice still exist in a world in which God has walked. Would not his presence have transformed where he stood. Should it not be impossible for a world that knew him to be completely transformed. You would like to think so - but then God respects us so much that he never did, nor will, take our freedom. We must freely choose God continually and the reality is the cost of free will, which we all enjoy, is the troubles that we see. Humanity, individually and collectively can choose God, or right and wrong. It pains us to see such violence and injustice in our world but, if this is the cost of freedom, we must do all we can to help it stop. For now we plead with politicians and diplomats to make the correct soundings and choices... for our part we give aid and shelter to those in need and we pray earnestly to God, asking for his help knowing that he has not left us...

Fr Dermot

Please remember the following in your prayers

Kitty Norton, Granges Road

Breda Murphy, Wolfe Tone Street

Peggy Purcell (nee Marley) St. Francis Terrace and USA

Anniversaries

11am Paddy Phelan, Stephen Street

5.30pm Sean Heffernan, Drakelands, Christy and Joan Bollard, Kieran Street.

Peter Blanchfield, Mary Maher, Kathleen Lanigan, Michael Kelly, Therese O'Donoghue, Aileen Hehir.

Weekly Collections

Envelope Collection: €1,010; Baskets €1,001.89. Your support of the parish is greatly appreciated.

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.

Conferences on the key roles of Catechists and Educational Leaders

This November St Kieran's College is welcoming people who will attend two exciting conferences. The two conferences – one on International Perspectives on Forming Catechists and the second on International Perspectives in Catholic Educational Leadership, are timely and certainly draw together an impressive group of speakers on these topics. These conferences are a collaboration between St Kieran's College and the University of Notre Dame Australia.

The Catholic Church in Ireland is planning, and indeed the process is already up and running in some Dioceses, to recruit and train Catechists to provide a greater pastoral and catechetical outreach in our faith communities. This new role sees lay people commissioned as leaders of faith-based education programmes in parishes, pastoral areas and dioceses.

Catechists will play a key role in our Church in the years to come. Aware of both the importance of this ministry in the life of the Church internationally and of Catholic educational leadership in general everywhere, the Diocese of Ossory will host these Conferences from 28th November-2nd December 2023, in St Kieran's College, Kilkenny. We look forward to welcoming people to Ossory and to St Kieran's College and to what promises to be two interesting gatherings. Entry by booking only.

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.

TOTUS TUUS Scripture Conference 2023

Live on Radio Maria Ireland on Saturday 18th November from 2pm

Speakers include Fr. John Ryan (Cloyne Diocese), Fr. Luke Demasi (Home of the Mother), Fr. John McEaney (Waterford & Lismore Diocese), Frances Hogan (Scripture Scholar). Radio Maria Ireland can be listened to by downloading the Radio Maria Ireland APP, Saorview Channel 210 or listen live at (01)4373277

Catholics in the South East of Ireland Meetup Group

You are invited to join our reading club on Saturday, 25th November, 2023 at 4pm.

Book: Theology for Beginners. Contact Gissell at 087 7617792

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Sr Betty Cagney

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