



ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL

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19th November 2023 Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Thought...

In these past weeks we have been putting together the Boards of Management of the Primary Schools in our Cathedral Parish. Each of the Catholic primary schools in our parish - the Mother of Fair Love; the Presentation Primary and the CBS Primary school needs their own Board of Management to help run the school for the next four years. These Boards each have two nominations of the Patron (Bishop Niall), two Community nominations; two Parents nominations and a teacher nomination along with the school principal. That is a group of 8 people who completely, in a voluntary capacity, help manage our Catholic schools. These generous people share their time and many gifts to help make our schools special - and they are! So this weekend we thank all who have said yes to helping out in this capacity - our schools and the children they care for are better thanks to your generosity.

Fr Dermot

Please remember the following in your prayers

Elizabeth Murray, Assumption Place, Josephine O'Driscoll, Maudlin Street.

Anniversaries

11am Michael Neary, Kickham Street, John & Mary Tuohy, Drakelands
5.30pm Tony Murphy, Poulgour, Sean Lennon, Dean Cavanagh Place,
John & Mary Tuohy, Drakelands.

And for those anniversaries occur about this time:

Ivor McGoff, Sarah (Ciss) Walsh, Edward Walsh, Nora Doran, Jack McDonald.

Weekly Collections

Envelope Collection: €375; Baskets €775.81

Your support of the parish is greatly appreciated.

Remembering those who have died

We are inviting people to add names to the basket at the front of the church of family and friends who have died. We will celebrate a Mass here in the Cathedral on Thursday 30th November at 7pm. For this Mass we invite the families of all those who have died in this past year in our parish. We will light candles to remember each person that was buried from the Cathedral and pray for them and their families.

We will remember too all our deceased loved one - please come along to pray for those that you loved, knew or worked with who have gone before us - may they all rest in the peace of Christ.

Adoration

This past week Pope Francis reminded us of the importance of Adoration. He notes we should not leave the Lord abandoned in the Tabernacle and that we can achieve nothing with our hands if we have not prayed on our knees. Don't forget that you are free to join the Adoration prayer in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel every Tuesday and Wednesday and Sunday afternoons. A sincere thanks to all those who are making this possible.

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 2024 at 11am. The celebrations of the Sacrament of First Holy Communion will take place here in the Cathedral Parish on Saturday 18th May 2024. 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.

Do You Have Difficulty with Reading or Writing?

Do you know in Ireland that almost 1 in 5 adults have difficulty with reading and writing? One in four have difficulty with maths. One in two have difficulty with digital devices. If you or a family member would like support or up-skilling, please contact KCETB (Kilkenny Carlow Education and Training Board) for a free and confidential service for all adults. Contact details: Kilkenny Adult Learning Service 056 776 3149. Carlow Adult Learning Service: 059 913 5544. "Let us empower everyone in Ireland to be their best possible selves". Simon Harris TD Minister for Further and Higher Education.

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.

Johnswell Organ Restoration Fundraiser

Johnswell Community is hosting a fundraising benefit concert on Saturday, 2nd December in Johnswell Church at 7.30pm sharp to aid in the restoration of its organ. Acts on the night include Castlecomer Male Voice Choir, Billy Carrigan and Friends, Tony Coy, Ger Cody and more. A great night of entertainment is promised. Admission is €20. Donations welcome. Fabulous door prizes and raffle on the night full of goodies. For tickets, contact Seán 086 600 5511 or James 087 296 2039 or any member of Johnswell Community

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

OUR PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE:

Sr Betty Cagney

Counselling Services - Towards Healing Confidential Helpline 1800 313 316 – www.towardshealing.ie Please consult the Diocesan website (www.ossory.ie) for all relevant documents and diocesan policies.

Invite your family members to support the Cathedral **FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL** at www.stmaryscathedral.ie/friends