



## ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL

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### A Thought...

As I write this (Thursday) it has been announced that the intended ceasefire and exchange of hostages for prisoners will be delayed by a day. It occurs to me that this simple news headline means that for both hostages and prisoners that means another day in captivity, for those in the areas of conflict it means another day of war and terror. What power people have over the lives of others... the Gospel reading at Mass this morning (Thursday) had the line "As Jesus drew near Jerusalem and came in sight of the city he shed tears over it and said, 'If you in your turn had only understood on this day the message of peace! But, alas, it is hidden from your eyes!'. We continue to pray for peace in our world today – it is a peace that is badly needed

*Fr Dermot*

### Please remember the following in your prayers

Bridget (Bridie) Sunderland, Circular Road.

### Anniversaries

11am Michael Cuddihy, Blackmill Street, Rita O'Brien, Dean Cavanagh Place,  
Willie Meighan, Rioch Terrace, Pauline Hackett, Drakelands.  
5.30pm Josephine Culleton, Fr Murphy Square.

And for those anniversaries occur about this time:  
Paddy Delaney, Sean Walsh, Patrick J. Crotty.

### Weekly Collections

Envelope Collection: €225; Baskets €904.37. 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.

### Diocesan Draw

The November Draw to support the Cathedral Parish will take place next Wednesday 29th at 8pm. Thanks to all who support the draw.

### 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

### Rosary at St James's Green

A Rosary for the protection of life will be recited at St James Green on Thursday the 30th of November at 6.30pm.

### Totus Tuus

Totus Tuus Magazine is a Catholic magazine, full of articles from Irish priests and laity, which aims to highlight the beauty and joy of our faith. It is going into its 7th year and is run by donations. If you haven't come across Totus Tuus Magazine and would like a free copy please contact Fiona Kiely on 086 8760058.

### Christmas Carols

The young people of Nepsis Ireland want to share the joy of Christmas with you through the wonderful tradition of carolling, as in other years we will start carolling in the parishes of Ireland, trying to get as close as possible to your homes and souls. We invite you to participate in the concert held in St Mary's Cathedral on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 1pm. Free admission. Remember also our own annual Christmas carols here in the Cathedral which will take on place on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm.

### OUR PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE:

**Sr Betty Cagney**

**Counselling Services - Towards Healing** Confidential Helpline 1800 313 316 – [www.towardshealing.ie](http://www.towardshealing.ie) Please consult the Diocesan website ([www.ossory.ie](http://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](http://www.stmaryscathedral.ie/friends)