



ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL

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3rd December 2023 – First Sunday of Advent

A Thought...

This past week in St Kieran's College we hosted two Conferences – one on International Perspectives on Forming Catechists – a new ministry in the Church for the people of God to be able to help each other deepen and live their faith; and the second International Perspectives on Catholic Educational Leadership. For both of these we had academics from Notre Dame Australia who flew over and many from Ireland come together explore these two topics. It was wonderful to see so many committed people think deeply about how better we can be Church.. One thing is certain many people are passionate about us trying to do what we do but simply in a better way – that must give us great hope.

Please remember the following in your prayers

Sr Sheila Sheehy, Presentation Convent, Marie Phelan, Loughboy and Fr Murphy Sq., Gretta Quigley, Thomas Square, Kathleen Wall, DeLoughry Place.

Anniversaries

11am Mick, Larry & Julia Hoyne, Wellington Square, Jim Byrne, Teresa Ryan, Blackmill Street, Kitty & Christy Galvin, Dean Cavanagh Place.

5.30pm **Months Mind** Michael Devane, Dean Cavanagh Place, Anniversary Jack Egan, Rothe Terrace.

And for those anniversaries occur about this time:

Sergeant Michael Walsh, Centenary of his death. Mary O'Shea, Margaret Doran, Patrick Doran, Catherine Delaney, Michael Delaney, James and Annie Donnelly, James Donnelly Jnr and Sean Donnelly, Joe Murphy.

Weekly Collections

Envelope Collection: €435; Baskets €1,037.81. Your support of the parish is greatly appreciated.

The Kilkenny Choir

An uplifting evening of specially selected Christmas music, which includes a mix of traditional and contemporary carols for all the family to enjoy, on **Sunday, December 10th 2023** at 4.30pm in St. Canice's Catholic Church. The choir will be accompanied by the wonderful soprano Claudia Boyle. Tickets €20 on Eventbrite or at the door, U18s free.

Our Journey Through Advent 2023

During Advent the Diocesan Adult Faith Development Group have arranged a number of talks on topical items of our faith. Why not make this part of your journey towards Christmas – it will help us keep the season of Advent together.

"From Peace on Earth to Peace with Earth: Theology and Ecology". Professor Tobias Winright, Professor of Moral Theology, St Patrick's College Maynooth on Monday 11th Dec., St Kieran's College at 7.30pm. Entry Free

"The Parish of Tomorrow will be Vastly Different to Today" Fr Albert McDonnell, Chancellor of the Diocese of Killaloe, will lead us in reflecting on this on Tuesday 12th Dec., St Kieran's College, 7.30pm

"Inside the Synod – the experience of being part of the synodal journey in Rome" Rev professor Eamonn Conway, Professor of Integral Human Development, University of Notre Dame, Australia, on Monday 18th Dec., St Kieran's College, 7.30pm

Catholics in the South East of Ireland Facebook Group invites you to join our next Book Club Meetup on Saturday 16th December, 2023, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m., Club House Hotel, Kilkenny R95 DX76. Book: Theology for Beginners by Frank Sheed. Contact Gissell at 087-761-7792.

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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 10th December at 1pm. Free admission. Remember also our own annual Christmas carols here in the Cathedral which will take on place on Sunday 17th December at 7.30pm.

Candle Light Procession

The Annual Candlelight Procession, organised by the Fatima Apostolate, will take place on Friday, 8th December 2023, leaving The Parade, Kilkenny, at 8.00 p.m. All welcome.

Advent Retreat

Jesus in the Footsteps of St Francis as a Lay Person, will take place in the Capuchin Friary, Kilkenny, on Sunday, 3rd December 2023, from 3.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m. All welcome to come along.

OUR PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE:

Sr Betty Cagney

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