



## ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL

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14th January 2024 – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

### A Thought...

As you know the priests of the Diocese were away on retreat last week, an opportunity for them to focus on the Lord, to reflect and to pray. It occurs to me that even now, many months after I started here in the Cathedral I have never been in this wonderful building alone during the day - there is a constant flow of people lighting candles and praying. It is great to know that we still trust in the Lord and turn to him at key moments of our lives. What is it we say - yes the traditional prayers that we learned as children but it is important to also just speak to the Lord. To share with him your hopes, fears, the asks for things you need - that is prayer too. A conversation with a God who listens.. Imagine God - this divine being who created everything, who sustains it all, he wants to hear from me and you. He is interested - we would be mad not to avail of this opportunity - often...

### Please remember the following in your prayers

#### Recently Deceased

Phyllis Lawler, New Road; Michael Deegan, late of Newpark and Johnswell Road; Mary Dowling, Greenshill.

#### Anniversaries

11am **Months Mind** Mary O'Hanrahan, Dukes Meadows.  
Annivs. James (Mo) Quigley, Rioch St., Conor and Liam Delahunty, Castleinch,  
Sean and Sheila Hyland, Castleinch.

5.30pm **Months Mind** - Robert Murphy (passed away in Sydney)

And for those whose anniversaries occur about this time

Essie Delaney, Cathy Leahy, Judy Carpenter, Paddy Morris, Jack, Peg and Aaron Molloy,  
Jimmy Cashin.

#### Weekly Collections

Envelope Collection: €535.00; Baskets €1121.23. Your support of the parish is greatly appreciated.

#### Weekly Envelopes

Envelopes are now ready for distribution and can be collected at parish office. Thank you to all who distribute our envelopes. It is much appreciated.

#### Pope Francis' Monthly Prayer Intention for January 2024

For the gift of diversity in the Church: We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognise the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

### Adoration in the Blessed Sacrament

We continue our Adoration in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel three days a week. It is beautiful to see this prayer taking place in the heart of the Diocese. It is simply people sitting in the presence of the Lord. If you would like to be part of this and add your name to those who do this please contact the Parish Office. A sincere thanks to all who are already taking part and who by their presence and commitment are making this possible.

### Ossory Pilgrimage to Lourdes

The annual Ossory Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2024 is now available to book! The departure will take place on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2024 from Cork flying direct to Lourdes with accommodation available in the hotels La Solitude, Padoue or Agena.

With capacity limited this year, it is strongly advised that pilgrims wishing to travel to Lourdes book as soon as possible. Should you require any additional information on the Pilgrimage, please do not hesitate to contact us: [info@joewalshstours.ie](mailto:info@joewalshstours.ie) or 01 241 0800. Assisted pilgrims should contact Fr Anthony O'Connor on 087 251 7766 or by email on [maoc50@me.com](mailto:maoc50@me.com).

### Volunteering for Ministry

We are still taking names for those who would like to assist as Ministers of the Word (readers) and Eucharistic Ministers, so please give your name if you are interested. We will also shortly be starting with our Altar Servers, so if you know a young person interested, please share their name with us. Please contact the parish office. Sincere thank you to all who have volunteered so far.

### St Ignatian Spiritual Exercises for Men

Led by Fr Stephen Kennedy, IVE, Fri Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> to Mon Feb 5<sup>th</sup> (bank holiday) in De La Salle Retreat Centre, Castletown, Laois R32N6D8. Cost €200 – includes all meals and en-suite single rooms. Call Sr. Constance 089-2152307 or [c.puertadelaauroral@gmail.com](mailto:c.puertadelaauroral@gmail.com)

**Medjugorje** May 29th (7 nights) from Cork airport. €879.00 pps.

€50 discount if deposit paid by 15th Jan. Contact Sean O'Shaughnessy 0862959380

### Medjugorje - Evening of Prayer

Rosary, Mass, Adoration, Prayer for Healing will take place in St Fiacre's Church, Loughboy on Monday, 8th January at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

### OUR PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE:

Sr Betty Cagney

**Counselling Services - Towards Healing** Confidential Helpline 1800 313 316 – [www.towardshealing.ie](http://www.towardshealing.ie)

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