



ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL

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17th March 2024 – St Patrick's Day

A Thought...

This coming week Bishop Niall will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with the boys and girls of the three schools in our parish – Mother of Fair Love, Presentation Primary and CBS Primary. These wonderful schools, and their teachers, have done so much to prepare the young students to now take responsibility for their own faith. At the Ceremony of Light last Wednesday it was fitting that the teachers passed on the symbolic light of faith to their students – thanks to them, and to the families and, obviously, the students themselves who have committed to the preparation in such an impressive manner. May the Holy Spirit continue to guide them and us all...

Fr Dermot

Please remember the following in your prayers

Anniversaries

11am James Brennan, Drakelands.

And for those whose anniversaries occur about this time: John Patrick Hennessy, Jack Fitzpatrick, Mae Davitt, Con Donoghue, Mary (Mir) Brett, Eamonn Hennessy, Dixie Comerford, Frank Donovan.

Weekly Collections

Envelope Collection: €465.00; Baskets €1163.93. Your support of the parish is greatly appreciated.

City Retreat

You will see a poster at the back of the church for a City Retreat. We are asking the four City parishes to come together for four nights of this coming week – Monday to Thursday – for a few simple nights of prayer. The first three nights will be led by Fr Billy Swan of Wexford on the topics Faith, Hope and Love and then Bishop Niall will lead us all in a Lenten Penitential Service on the last night. Try to make this week part of your Lenten journey.

Synodal Conversations

Pope Francis is encouraging the Church throughout the world to continue with the synodal conversations - ensuring the voice of all in our Church is heard. Bishop Niall has asked that we continue that here in Ossory and therefore on Friday next, 22nd March at 7pm, in St Kieran's College, we are asking people to join with us for a conversation on how can we enhance the role of all the people of God in the mission of the Church. We look forward to welcoming you for this conversation.

Cathedral Heating

We have undertaken some work, small items, on improving the Cathedral heating - and hopefully they are making a difference. The next item that we are about to undertake is the insulation of the Cathedral roof. Look up and imagine, if you will, that there is not one bit of insulation in those wooden ceilings! Is it any wonder that we feel cold on occasion. Starting immediately after Easter we are going to install insulation in every part of the roof of the Cathedral. Hopefully this will make a massive difference when we return to winter next year. Hopefully, for now, we can borrow the motto of St Kieran's College - *Hiems Transiit*.

Ministers of the Word

Sincere thanks to all who minister as readers here in the Cathedral Parish. On Wednesday next, 20th March at 8pm in St Kieran's College, Fr Chris Hayden will again lead a short evening of reflection for new and existing Ministers of the Word - we thank all who attended last week and encourage you to go along, as he reflects on the role of Ministers of the Word in the context of the Liturgy.

Annual Eucharistic Adoration Pilgrimage to Knock

Takes place on Sunday 14th April 2024. Bus leaves from Woodies Carpark at 6.45am sharp. Cost €35. For more details please contact 086 1666547

Polish Mass

Drodzy rodacy, dołączcie do nas w cotygodniowym celebrowaniu mszy Świętej w języku Polskim, w Katedrze Najświętszej Marii Panny w Kilkenny przy ulicy James's Street, w Kaplicy Najświętszego Sakramentu, przy Katedrze. W trakcie Wielkiego tygodnia, Poswiecenie Pokarmów o godzinie 13.00 w głównej Katedrze, Msza Święta w Niedziele Wielkanocna O godzinie 9:00 rano. Więcej informacji na Facebooku: Wspólnota Katolicka Kilkenny.

Diocesan Draw

March draw will take place on Wednesday, 27th March at 2pm in the Chapter Room. All Welcome. Please note change of time.

The Annual Daffodil Day Cancer Service will take place this year in St Fiacre's Church Loughboy on Wednesday March 20th at 7.30pm. The service will be led by the Kilkenny Gospel Choir and the relic of St Peregrine, patron saint of those whose lives have been touched by cancer, will be available for blessing.

OUR PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE: Sr Betty Cagney

If you, or anyone you know, has a Safeguarding concern please contact:

Diocesan Director of Safeguarding and Designated Liaison Person, DLP, Ailish Higgins at 087 8021633

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An Garda Síochána: 1800 555 222 or your local Garda Station

Towards Healing Helpline: 1800 313416 www.towardshealing.ie

Towards Peace Helpline: 01 5053028 www.towardspeace.ie

Please consult the Diocesan website (www.ossory.ie) for all relevant documents and diocesan policies.

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