



ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL

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31st March 2024 – Easter Sunday

A Thought... It is easy to say yes... but often after the yes the work begins. This year the celebration of the Passion of the Lord on Good Friday and the celebration of the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night were both televised on RTE from St Mary's Cathedral. It was after the initial yes to say that we were willing to make them welcome that the work in earnest started. Sean O'Neill and Joy Bibby began immediately with the Cathedral Choir and a few male voices that were added to their ranks to choose music for the two celebrations. Choosing the music was only the beginning - from then countless hours of practice were needed to ensure the choir were, as they always are, in such fine voice adding wonderfully to this celebration as they do to all celebrations in St Mary's. Each piece of music had then to be timed so as to ensure that a detailed running order for each celebration could be planned.

The liturgies themselves had then to be scripted. Each word that was to be spoken had to be written and, like the music, timed. All those who would fulfil the various ministries at these celebrations had to be chosen and undertake practices, and then there was visits from various technicians and the crews who would be filming it, a day of pre-recorded shots and audio for the opening credits, and all of this in the midst of the normal Lenten activities that are part of the life of the Cathedral and Diocese.

All of this was enjoyable, and worthwhile - after all we are getting a chance to invite people from all around Ireland into our beautiful Cathedral Parish for two most holy and sacred celebrations. It was a chance to bring Christ to those who will follow on TV or Radio in those days. We are called to proclaim Christ so why would we say anything but yes to this opportunity and this great experience. A sincere thank you to all who made this happen.

Fr Dermot

Please remember the following in your prayers

Those whose anniversaries occur about this time,
Lil Morris, Annie Burke, Dick Burke, Elizabeth Kavanagh.

Weekly Collections

Envelope Collection: €360.00; Baskets €1313.89. Your support of the parish is greatly appreciated.

Cathedral Heating

Next week we will commence work on the insulation of the Cathedral roof. The plan is 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 – or even in these days as winter refuses to leave us.

Ossory Times

The latest edition of the Ossory Times is available at all Masses this weekend. This publication is a diocesan magazine to help highlight some of many activities and faith events that take place in our parishes and Diocese. There are also, as always, short articles on different aspects of our faith helping us deepen our knowledge of what we believe and different aspects of the life of the Church.

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, dolaczcie do nas w cotygodniowym celebrowaniu mszy Swietej w jezyku Polskim, w Katedrze Najwietszej Marii Panny w Kilkenny przy ulicy James's Street, w Kaplicy Najswietszego Sakramentu, przy Katedrze. W trakcie Wielkiego tygodnia, Poswiecenie Pokarmow o godzinie 13.00 w glownej Katedrze, Msza Swieta w Niedziele Wielkanocna O godzinie 9:00 rano. Wiecej informacji na Facebooku: Wspolnota Katolicka Kilkenny.

Conversations with Women in the Bible

Conference will be on 11th May 2024 in The Pembroke Hotel, Patrick Street, Kilkenny from 10.00am – 4.30pm. Speaker **Thérèse Fitzgerald**

Cost: €20 (includes tea/coffee) pay on the door

Booking essential: Contact Sara or Catherina @ 056 7722870 9.00–5.00 pm Monday to Friday or e-mail regionaloffice@ssjg.ie before May 7th.

American Concert Recital

A Concert recital by two USA Choirs from Hartford High School and North Country Union High School will take place at St Mary's Cathedral on Monday 8th April at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

Diocesan Draw

The March draw took place on Wednesday, 27th March at 2pm in the Chapter Room. Congratulations to all the winners and to those promoters who had winners.

Your continued support for the draw is truly very much appreciated and enables us to continue to care for this wonderful Cathedral.

OUR PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE: Sr Betty Cagney

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