



ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL

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A Thought...

During the week we held a get together of all those involved in the Easter ceremonies last weekend. It was lovely to come together in the Chapter House for a chance to say an in-person thank you. All the messages that we have received during the week reflected just how taken people were by the beauty of our Cathedral, the simplicity and prayerfulness of the liturgies and the wonderful talent on display by all who took part. Someone once told me that the most important thing we do in parishes is to say thank you as most everyone you work with is a volunteer. So a very sincere thank you...

Fr Dermot

Please remember the following in your prayers

For those whose anniversaries occur about this time

Paddy Cahill, Sheila Delaney, Edward (Ned) Delaney, Michael McGrath.

Weekly Collections

Envelope Collection: €700.00; Baskets €1225.24. Your support of the parish is greatly appreciated.

Trócaire

The Trócaire box is part of our Lenten tradition since the 1970s. It is the single largest annual fundraiser on the island of Ireland each year and I think we give generously to it as we know the money gets to those who need it most. I know many people have taken Trócaire boxes and we are inviting you to please return them in the weeks ahead so that we can then share that money directly to Trócaire who, as you know, are using it to help in Malawi this year. Thank you for your support of this most important work.

Cathedral Heating

We are about to start the installation of insulation in every part of the roof of the Cathedral. Hopefully this will make a massive difference when we return to winter next year; a winter that has yet to leave us this year.

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

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.

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.

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.

All Ireland Rosary Rally - Knock - June 1st

The All Ireland Rosary Rally is back this year on Saturday, June 1st in Knock. The day begins with a Marian Conference at 9.30am in St John's Centre. Speakers include: Fr Michael Donnelly, Sr Ana Margarita Lanzas SCTJM, and Fr Joseph Maria Deane CFR. Then there will be an opportunity to meet over 20 apostolates from around Ireland from 1130 am in St John's Centre. A well-renowned speaker from Miami called Mother Adela Galindo will deliver the keynote Rosary talk at 1 pm in the Basilica. Then there will be the Stations of the Cross outside at 2 pm, followed by the Rosary Procession. Bishop Phonsie Cullinan will be the Main Celebrant of the 3pm Concelebrated Mass which will include Anointing of the Sick. Confessions are available throughout the day, and there will be rosary and scapular-making workshops in the marquee. For more information and to see a list of buses going from around Ireland please visit www.AllIrelandRosaryRally.com

OUR PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE: Sr Betty Cagney

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

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

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