



## ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL

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### A Thought...

This past week we celebrated the First Confession of the boys and girls from the CBS Primary and Presentation Primary schools. It was a wonderful occasion for them and their families. We congratulate them on this next step of entry into the community of faith that is our parish. It occurs to me that in confessing the children all said, and we say ourselves when we go to Confession, "I did not show love when..." Isn't it a nice thought that not showing love in any situation is a sin... After all the greatest commandment given us by the Lord is to love. Let us all try to love more this week - ourselves and others.

*Fr Dermot*

### Please remember the following in your prayers

Martin Doheny, Fatima Place and Bid Dullard, Loreto Avenue.

### Recently Deceased Anniversaries

11am Cantwell Family, Tom Dunne, St. Francis Tce.

5.30pm Jordan McHugh, Fatima Place.

### For those whose anniversaries occur about this time

James O'Leary, Johnny Cullen, Bridget Kenny, Arthur Connick.

### Weekly Collections

Envelope Collection: €495.00; Baskets €764.45. Your support of the parish is, as always, greatly appreciated.

### Conversations with Women in the Bible

Conference will be on 11<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:regionaloffice@ssjg.ie) before May 7<sup>th</sup>.

### National Pilgrimage for Life

The first *National Pilgrimage for Life*, organised by the Council for Life of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference, will be celebrated on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May in Knock Shrine. The pilgrimage begins with Anointing of the Sick in the Basilica at 2.30pm, followed by Mass at 3pm and Rosary Procession after Mass, weather permitting. We invite you to join us in Knock to celebrate the gift of life and to pray for the protection of all human life.

### Ossory Times

The new edition of the *Ossory Times* is still available at all Masses this weekend. This diocesan magazine helps highlight some of many activities and faith events that take place in our parishes. Please take a copy for yourself or friends and neighbours – they are free.

### Trócaire

We are inviting people to please return the Trócaire box in these weeks so that we can return 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.

### Fundraiser for the Irish Pilgrimage Trust – I.P.T.

I.P.T. Local Group 174 Trip to Lourdes - bringing young people with additional needs to Lourdes. To help raise funds an 80's/90's Disco will take place on Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> April 2024 from 9pm in Langton's Kilkenny – fancy dress optional. Tickets available in St John's and St Patrick's Parish Offices. Your support is very much appreciated.

### Cathedral Heating

Work started on the insulation of the Cathedral. Hopefully this will make a massive difference when we return to winter next year. Also a significant, and hidden, leak in the heating system has been found and we are working to have that fixed – for now the leak is stopped.

### Maurice Duruflé's Requiem

The Kilkenny Choir presents **Maurice Duruflé's Requiem**, accompanied by professional musicians and soloists, in the beautiful surroundings of St Canice's Cathedral, Kilkenny on April 27<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Tickets €20 available on Eventbrite or at the door.

### All Ireland Rosary Rally - Knock - June 1<sup>st</sup>

The All Ireland Rosary Rally is back this year on Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> in Knock. The day begins with a Marian Conference at 9.30am in St John's Centre. Then there will be an opportunity to meet over 20 apostolates from around Ireland from 11.30am in St John's Centre. A well-renowned speaker from Miami called Mother Adela Galindo will deliver the keynote Rosary talk at 1pm in the Basilica. Then there will be the Stations of the Cross outside at 2pm, followed by the Rosary Procession. Bishop Phonsie Cullinan will be the Main Celebrant of the 3pm 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](http://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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