



ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL

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A Thought...

The Society of St Vincent de Paul is Ireland's largest voluntary charitable organisation. It was founded in Ireland in 1844 and therefore, if you think about it, during its history, it would have had people who were in need through Famine, the Civil War, the War of Independence, two World Wars, the more recent pandemic and several economic recessions. One of the wonderful aspects of the SVP is that it works locally. Money we collect here in the Cathedral is given to those in our parish who need it. It is not just this, it is the time of the volunteers and a caring ear and a friendly face. We are grateful to all who volunteer to keep this going in the Cathedral Parish - they are looking for volunteers. Might you consider volunteering?

Fr Dermot

Please remember the following in your prayers

Recently Deceased

Edmond (Basil) Brennan, Dean Cavanagh Place.

Anniversaries

11am Joseph Barry, Dean Cavanagh Place, Mary O'Neill, Fr. Albert Place.

For those whose anniversaries occur about this time

Mary Muldowney, Joe Sinnott, Mary Crotty, Kitty and John Cleere, Paddy, Billy and Ger Cleere, Michael O'Brien, May O'Brien, Mary Hogan.

Weekly Collections

Envelope Collection: 390.00; Baskets €1587.84. Your support of the parish is greatly appreciated.

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.

Vocations to the Priesthood

A Holy Hour will be held in St Fiacre's Church Loughboy, Tuesday 23rd April 2024, beginning at 7.30pm. Why not join for this opportunity to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life here in our Diocese. If you, or someone you know is considering a vocation to the priesthood please contact Fr Mark Condon who is the Diocesan Vocations Director at vocations@ossory.ie

Vincent de Paul Collection

Please note that there will be a collection outside Mass as you leave the Cathedral this weekend. Monies collected will go to local families that need support. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

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 4th May in Knock Shrine with Mass at 3.00pm in the Basilica. Main celebrant and homilist will be Archbishop Francis Duffy. Join us in Knock to celebrate the gift of life and to pray for the protection of all human life.

Holy Hour of Adoration this Sunday

Every Cathedral in Ireland will hold a Holy Hour of Adoration this Sunday to mark the conclusion of the Year of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood. Today from 3pm to 5pm we will have Adoration in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

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 regionalloffice@ssjg.ie **before May 7th.**

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 27th at 7pm. Tickets €20 available on Eventbrite or at the door.

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. Then there will be an opportunity to meet over 20 apostolates from around Ireland from 11.30am in St John's Centre. 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

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

TUSLA: Kilkenny 052 6177302; Laois/Offaly 044 9353997; Waterford 053 9198201

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.

Invite your family members to support the Cathedral **FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL** at www.stmaryscathedral.ie/friends