



ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL

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28th April 2024 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

A Thought...

Last Saturday I was in Knock to speak at a conference on Synodality. Cardinal Grech who heads up the office on Synodality in the Vatican was in attendance as were many others who are exploring synod. We keep using this word "synod" in the church – but what does it mean? Traditionally, to explore different topics, the bishops come together in a synod (gathering) in Rome. This time Pope Francis has asked that all the members of the Church be part of it. It is literally, then, a synod about synodality – i.e. a gathering/conversation about how we should gather in the Church to better hear the opinions and voices of all. For the first time ever at a synod there are lay people, other religions and women in attendance. It is good that we renew and refresh. We don't have all the answers but together we can certainly be better.

Fr Dermot

Please remember the following in your prayers

Recently Deceased

Margaret (Peggy) Kerwick, Fr Albert Place.

Anniversaries

11am Bridget and Richard Kenny, Stephen St., Liz, Justin and Kevin Ruth, Kickham Street.

Weekly Collections

Envelope Collection €225.00; Baskets €1229.68. 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.

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.

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.

Twilight Community Group Seniors Social Club

Meet every Monday at 11.00am in 15A Hebron House, Hebron Business Park (beside Flowers by Lucy) 056 7813105. Chair based exercises, IT Classes, Library, Coffee Dock, Afternoon Tea and Dance, Trips and lots more. All Welcome.

Vocations to the Priesthood

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

St Vincent de Paul Volunteers Needed

The local St Vincent de Paul group are in need of new volunteers. There are fortnightly meetings, every second Monday evening and then to help distribute money or vouchers to those who request help. If you have time to give to others why not consider helping in this area. It is such important work. If you are interested in finding out more please let us know.

Choirs for Peace

Calling all choirs and soloists to participate in the 'Choirs For Peace' concert on May 19th in St John's Church Kilkenny at 3 pm. The Ukrainian choir will join the event in raising our voices for Peace in our World. Further information from: kilkennygospelchoir@gmail.com

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

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