



## ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL

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19<sup>th</sup> May 2024 – Pentecost Sunday

### A Thought...

This weekend we celebrated the First Holy Communion for the boys and girls of the Presentation Primary School and the CBS Primary School. It was but another step on their journey of faith - a significant step as they came to the table of the Lord. When Jesus walked among us he asked us to love one another and also to break bread in his memory. The Mass that we pray today is largely unchanged since the 2nd Century. Documents from around the year 150AD outline the Mass structure and it is much the very same as we do today - it was then, as it is now, a prayer of thanksgiving to God - and we have much to be thankful for. What a gift parents have given their children by supporting them to that celebration day. Faith is something that sustains us in the good days and the difficult days of the full of our life's journey - they have given them something that they will always have. Well done to all who helped prepare the children - First Communion is special, but so is our 101st!

*Fr Dermot*

### Please remember the following in your prayers

#### Recently Deceased

Una Hughes, Parliament Street.

#### Anniversaries

11am Kathleen King, James' Green, Elaine Phelan, James Phelan, Dean Cavanagh Place.

5.30pm Alice Shasby, Rioch Street.

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Richard Trehy, Bill Bergin, Bill Delaney, Paddy Howard, Paddy Sharkey.

#### Weekly Collections

Envelope Collection €270.00; Baskets €1335.50. Your support of the parish is greatly appreciated.

#### Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

The Ossory Pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place from May 22nd-27th. While on Pilgrimage the intentions of the people of the Diocese and the needs of our Diocese will be remembered during all liturgies. The Pilgrimage will include 23 assisted pilgrims and 40 young people from secondary schools in the Diocese. Our sincere thanks to all who assisted funding the Pilgrimage costs in anyway, especially those who contributed to the church collections for this purpose. Bishop Niall Coll will be chief celebrant at the Grotto Mass on May 23 at 9am Irish time and it can be viewed live by logging into [www.lourdes-france.org](http://www.lourdes-france.org)

#### Corpus Christi

On the weekend of the 2nd June we will celebrate the feast of Corpus Christi - the Body and Blood of Jesus. This year we are going to move the celebration of the 5.30pm Mass from the Cathedral to the grounds of St Kieran's College. Hopefully the weather will oblige and the Mass will be on the front lawn with a Corpus Christi procession afterwards in the grounds of the College. Our celebration will be led by Bishop Niall. This is reminiscent of the days when the people of Kilkenny would go to the College on that June weekend for the first blessings of the newly ordained priests. Why not make that your Sunday Mass on that weekend.

#### CHOIRS FOR PEACE

Today Sunday, May 19th at 3 pm in St. John's Catholic Church Kilkenny, choirs from Kilkenny City and County will join the Kilkenny Ukrainian Choir and the Kilkenny Gospel Choir for a free concert of Peace Songs. All are welcome to come and sing for peace.

#### Rosary at the Grotto

Rosary will be recited each Sunday during May at the Grotto, Callan Road at 3.00pm.

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

Join thousands of people from around Ireland and beyond for the All Ireland Rosary Rally on June 1st. The day begins at 9.30am with a Conference in St. John's Centre. Speakers include Fr Brendan Kilcoyne, Fr Joseph Mary Deane CFR, and Sr Ana Margarita Lanzas SCTJM. Then there is a chance to meet over 20 apostolates from around Ireland in St John Centre from 1130am. The keynote speaker, Mother Adela Galindo, is coming from Miami, Florida, and she will speak in the Basilica at 1pm. The Stations of the Cross will be outside from 2pm, followed by the Rosary procession. Mass will commence at 3pm in the Basilica and will include the anointing of the sick. Bishop Phonsie Cullinan will be the Main Celebrant. Dana will join the choir to sing. There will also be rosary and scapular making workshops in the marquee. Over 50 buses are going from around Ireland. See [www.allirelandrosaryrally.com](http://www.allirelandrosaryrally.com) for more details.

**Plant Sale & Coffee Morning** in aid of 'As I Am' (the charity for autistic adults and children) also Kilkenny Flower Club. Saturday 25th May, 10am to 12pm in Dunmore Parish Hall. R95NX08. Adm: €5 includes tea/coffee/cakes.

#### OUR PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES:

**Sr Betty Cagney and Martina Lawlor**

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**Towards Healing Helpline:** 1800 313416 [www.towardshealing.ie](http://www.towardshealing.ie)

**Towards Peace Helpline:** 01 5053028 [www.towardspeace.ie](http://www.towardspeace.ie)

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