



ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL

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2nd June 2024 – Corpus Christi

A Thought...

The Feast of Corpus Christi (Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ), is a solemnity celebrating the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist. The feast is observed by the Catholic Church, but also by the Western Orthodox, Lutheran, and Anglican Churches. It comes just two months after the Mass of the Last Supper on Holy Thursday during Easter Week. The feast of Corpus Christi was proposed by St Thomas Aquinas to Pope Urban IV in 1264, in order to create a feast focused solely on the Holy Eucharist, emphasising the gift the Lord has given us in the Eucharist being the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. This year we will celebrate it in the grounds of St Kieran's College with a Mass and a procession - why not join us. *Fr Dermot*

Please remember the following in your prayers

Recently Deceased

Liam O'Hanrahan, Dean Cavanagh Place.

Anniversaries

11 - Alice McCarthy, Rushbrook

Anniversaries

Kitty Mulcahy, Toddy and Irene Quinn.

Weekly Collections

Envelope Collection €465.00; Baskets €1138.88 . Your support of the parish is greatly appreciated.

Rosary at the Grotto

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

Corpus Christi Procession 2024

On this weekend 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 5.30 p.m. Mass from St Mary's 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 Fr Dan Carroll VG. This gathering in faith will help us recall the days when many of the people of Kilkenny used go to the College on that June weekend for the first blessings of the newly ordained priests.

Rosary James's Green

Rosary at the statue of Our Lady, James's Green on Thursday, 30th May at 6.30pm

Pope's Prayer Intention for this Month

May we pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelisation each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

Blessed Carlo Acutis to be a New Saint

Last week, Pope Francis decreed that a second miracle has been attributed to Carlo Acutis, an Italian teenager who was born in London in 1991, before moving to Milan with his Italian parents. He died aged 15 in 2006. This second miracle, through his intercession, approved by Pope Francis qualify the teenager for canonisation. Carl had a great devotion to the Eucharist and used computers to encourage others to grow in their relationship with Christ. He also cared for the poor and those in need. He will be a saint for today's world – hopefully one that we all can relate with. For more information on the life of Carlo you can visit his website <https://www.carloacutis.com/>

Prayer for Exam Students

O God help all students doing exams this year. Help them to remember well, to think clearly and not to be excited. Calm minds and hands - help them to try their hardest and to do their best, Amen.

Society of St Vincent De Paul: 'Thank You'

Members of the local conference say a sincere thank you for all your generous support at last weekend's collection. Remember the local conference can be contacted in writing through the Parish Office. Please remember they are looking for volunteers - might you have time to give to this very worthy activity.

St Patrick's Pontifical University, Maynooth

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