

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL



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22nd September 2024 – Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Thought...The relics of St Bernadette arrived early on Friday afternoon to the Cathedral. What a welcome and unexpected surprise. It allowed many from the parish to visit the relics in a much quieter atmosphere to sit in stillness and prayer. So many people got an opportunity to do that in these past days. The church, is always a place of stillness in the midst of our busy world. I am still amazed that I am never alone in it - so many come quietly before the Lord here each day. I pray that their prayers are answered and that they know the presence of the Lord.
Fr Dermot

Please remember the following in your prayers

Anniversaries

11.00am – Kevin Prendergast, Rushbrook, Eileen Conroy, Rothe Terrace.

5.30pm – Tommy and Billy Lawlor, High Street and for those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Peggy Walsh and Ger Kavanagh.

Weekly Collections

Envelope Collection €550.00; Baskets €1,625.58. Your support of the parish is greatly appreciated.

Faith Seeking Understanding

We were first brought to our faith, probably as infants, by our parents or guardians. On that day, they professed faith on our behalf. Throughout our lifetime many of us live that faith in varying ways and often the only education we received was that which we got in school. This course aims, in a gentle fashion, to allow people the opportunity to learn in, an adult way, what it is that we believe. Why not consider this course for the winter months – 2 hours per week to allow your faith seek understanding. More information in the display boards. Late applications still welcome.

Diocesan Draw

The first draw for 2024/2025 will take place on 25th September at 8pm in Chapter House. All welcome.

Pilgrimage to Knock – Legion of Mary Sunday

Bus to Knock on Sunday, 29th September leaving the Parade at 7.30am Booking in St. Mary's Parish office or phone Kay at 087 9428305. Cost €25 and can be paid when booking. All are welcome.

Rosary will be recited at St. James Green on Thursday, 26th September at 6.30pm All welcome

Cathedral Doors

You might not notice as you came in but if you look carefully the glass doors of the Cathedral have all being sealed in this past week. Hopefully that will make a significant difference to the drafts at the back of the church as we move towards the colder days of winter to come.

Mayfair Library

Free 1-1 support with using computers and other devices is available on Thursdays from 10am-12pm; courtesy of Transition Year students from St. Kieran's College. Just drop in.

Itinerary for the visit of the Relics of Saint Bernadette to St Mary's Cathedral Sunday 22 September

11.00 Sunday Mass (beginning with sprinkling the congregation with the water of Lourdes).

Celebrant: Very Rev. Dermot Ryan Adm

15.00: Rosary. Leader: Breda Campion Ossory Lourdes Pilgrimage Group

17.30: Sunday Mass (beginning with sprinkling the congregation with the Water of Lourdes).

Celebrant: Very Rev. Anthony O'Connor Director of the Ossory Lourdes Pilgrimage.

19.30: Bishop Coll leads a farewell ceremony involving a reading from the account given by Saint Bernadette of the apparitions followed by a ceremony of light.

CELTIC BROTHERS IN CONCERT

Come along and enjoy an evening of great music with the Celtic Brothers starring The Willoughbys in the Cathedral of the Assumption, Thurles, Friday, September 27th. All proceeds to Cathedral Reroofing Project. Tickets now on sale in Thurles Parish Centre (0504 22229), Bookworm (0504 22257) and Holycross Abbey Shop (0504 43124). Book early to avoid disappointment.

Loreto Secondary School Kilkenny

1st Year Enrolment Autumn 2025 – The closing date for applications for a First Year place is **22nd October 2024**. Applications can be made via the school website www.loretokk.ie **Open Night for 6th Class Girls** – An Open Night will take place on **Thursday 26th September 2024**. Further information on the website www.loretokk.ie

St Mary's Cathedral, Chapter House Bookshop

welcomes you to visit the shop which is now open 5 days a week.
Monday 9.30am till 1.00pm and Tuesday - Friday 9.30am till 5.00pm.

Readers Next Weekend 11am G. Cody, 5.30pm K. Meighan.

Eucharistic Ministers 11.00 K. Moran, M. Walsh, N. Molloy; 5.30pm T. Lawlor, B. Cagney.

YOUR PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES: Sr Betty Cagney and Martina Lawlor

Contact: safeguardingstmarys@ossory.ie

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

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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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