

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL



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27th October 2024 – Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Thought...

This past week we met with the families of those children who are preparing for the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation - it was wonderful, on what was a miserable evening of weather, to see so many families come out to begin this journey for them and their children. The teachers and schools always do so much to help prepare the children and this year we are delighted that in the parish we will be offering meetings for the children every few weeks to help encourage them as they prepare. Might we all keep them and their families in our prayers - their journey towards celebrating the Sacraments is bringing the next generation into our midst - and that is good for us all. *Fr Dermot*

Please remember the following in your prayers

Anniversaries

11.00am Joan Fitzgerald, Ardmore, Paddy Kenna Kickham Street and Joe Dunne.
And those whose anniversaries occur at about this time: Josie Walsh, Tom Kenny, Edward (Ned) Delaney, Paddy Delaney, Joe Thoraton, Nora Doran, James Delaney, John and Mary Fitzgerald.

Weekly Collections

Envelope Collection €180.00; Baskets €1,198.00. Your support of the parish is greatly appreciated.

October and November Offerings

Envelopes are ready for distribution and can be collected at Parish Office. Thank you to all who give of their time to distribute envelopes.

Mayfair Library

Tá Ciorcal Comhrá Gaeilge ag tosú De Luain 4ú Samhain 11.00-12.00, agus leanfaidh sé go seachtainiúil. An Irish Conversation Group commences on Monday Nov 4th 11.00-12.00, and continues weekly All levels of fluency are welcome. Contact Mayfair Library to register your interest

Heating

In a most practical sense we have worked to make the Cathedral more comfortable for our moments of prayer - you will "miss" the whistle of air though the doors as they have now been sealed; the boilers are serviced and up and running at full capacity and we have insulated the roofs for the first time - I hope all this will make the Cathedral a warmer and more welcoming space as we enter into the winter months.

Remembrance Mass

During November you are invited to place the names of deceased family members or friends in the basket which will be left at the front of the altar. We will hold these people in our prayers throughout the month and we will offer a special Mass at 7pm on Wednesday 27th November for these people and for all who were buried from the parish during this past year.

Mass for deceased nurses and midwives

Mass for deceased nurses and midwives will take place on Wednesday 20th November at 10.30am in St Fiacre's Church, Loughboy, Kilkenny. A tea/coffee morning will be held in the adjoining parish centre after Mass. Collection in aid of the Carlow/Kilkenny Home Care Team.

Sunday Rosary

Each Sunday during the Month of October the Rosary will be recited in the Grotto on the Callan Road at 3pm. All are most welcome. There will also be a Rosary on Thursday 31st in James' Green at 6.30pm, a time of Prayer for Life.

SVP Big Furniture Clearance Sale

Friday 22nd November 2024 for one day only. Saint Vincent de Paul Shop St Canice's Parish and Community Hall, 11am to 4pm.

Ossory Pilgrimage to Lourdes

This year from 19th May, Bishop Niall will lead the annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, over 5 nights. Direct flights from Cork to Lourdes, airport transfers, accommodation and full board €949pp. For more information and bookings contact: Joe Walsh Tours 01 2410800 or info@joewalshstours.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 K. Meehan; 5.30pm Sr. Nuala

Eucharistic Ministers 11.00am F. Culleton, B. Dunphy, J. Campion; 5.30pm T. Lawlor, K. Lawlor

YOUR PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES: Sr Betty Cagney and Martina Lawlor
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