

## ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL



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5<sup>th</sup> January 2025 – Second Sunday of Christmas

**A Thought...** On Wednesday last, New Year's day, we celebrated the World Day of Prayer for Peace. We do this each year and this year Pope Francis declared its theme to be "Forgive us our trespasses: grant us your peace". Writing to the faithful around the world he noted "At the dawn of this New Year given to us by our heavenly Father, a year of Jubilee in the spirit of hope, I offer heartfelt good wishes of peace to every man and woman. I think especially of those who feel downtrodden, burdened by their past mistakes, oppressed by the judgment of others and incapable of perceiving even a glimmer of hope for their own lives. Upon everyone I invoke hope and peace, for this is a Year of Grace born of the Heart of the Redeemer!" - It is an interesting thought as we begin this Jubilee Year of Hope - having the courage to forgive ourselves... What a liberation that might be for many...

*Fr Dermot*

### Please remember the following in your prayers

#### Anniversaries

11.00am – Seamus and Margaret Dunlop, Rothe Terrace, Sean Hayes, Dean Cavanagh Place, Mary Doheny, Rioch Street  
5.30pm – Johnny Walsh, Rioch Court and those whose anniversaries occur about this time Joe Ryan, Bernie Kelly, Paddy Morris.

#### Weekly Collections

Envelope Collection €430.00; Baskets €1,980.79. Christmas Eve and Christmas Day €3,513.90. Your support of the parish is greatly appreciated.

#### Ossory Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 19<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> May 2025

The Ossory Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from 19<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> May 2025. Bus transport from Loughboy Shopping Centre and Castlecomer GAA pitch to Cork Airport. Full religious programme. Choice of 3\* and 4\* hotels €949 and €995 respectively. Bookings JWT 01-2410800 or [info@joewalshtours.ie](mailto:info@joewalshtours.ie). Assisted pilgrims contact Fr Anthony O'Connor 087-2517766.

#### Calendar

The city parishes have produced a calendar which will be distributed this weekend after all Masses. By doing this together as a pastoral area we hope that people will have easy access to the Mass times in the other churches or other information that might be of use.

**Medjugorje Pilgrimage** May 28th 2025. Last chance to avail of €100 discount if fully paid by 20th December. Cost €849 pps with discount (€949 thereafter). All who travel with this group entered in to draw for this group only, to win base cost of pilgrimage. Group Leader Sean O'Shaughnessy 0862959390. Still a few seats available. Tour Operator Joe Walsh Tours

#### Weekly Envelopes

Envelopes are now ready for distribution and can be collected at parish office. Thank you to all who distribute our envelopes. It is much appreciated.

#### St. Mary's Parish, Irishtown, Clonmel, Co Tipperary

Eircode E91 FD28  
Retreat & Ministry Of Healing Saturday 11th January 10:00a.m -1 p.m afternoon 3:00p.m - 5.30p.m. - Sunday 12th January 3:00p.m -7:p.m. All are welcome.

#### Jubilee of Hope 2025

In conjunction with the Jubilee Year 2025, themed Pilgrims of Hope, which officially opened on Christmas Eve with the opening of the Holy Door at Saint Peter's Basilica in Rome, the Catholic Bishops of Ireland have launched an official Jubilee page on [catholicbishops.ie](http://catholicbishops.ie). This dedicated page will serve as a central hub for all Jubilee-related updates, ensuring we remain informed about events and activities taking place both in Ireland and around the world. The site offers a comprehensive hub for all things Jubilee - providing downloadable resources, an event calendar for the year to promote and feature activities across Ireland and Rome, as well as hosting inspiring videos highlighting people and events from across the island. Please check the website and visit it often to be updated about the Jubilee Year.

#### 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 M. Whelan, 5.30pm K. Meighan  
**Eucharistic Ministers** 11.00am N., Molloy, R. Heffernan, K. Lawlor, 5.30pm T. Lawlor, B. Cagney.

**YOUR PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES:** Sr Betty Cagney and Martina Lawlor  
**Contact:** [safeguardingstmarys@ossory.ie](mailto: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

**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](http://www.towardshealing.ie)

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

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