

## ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL



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26<sup>th</sup> January 2025 – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2024, Theme: "Do you believe this?" (John 11:26).** At least once a year, Christians come together to pray for their unity. During Christian Unity Week we are reminded of Jesus' prayer for his disciples that "they may be one so that the world may believe" (John 17.21). Congregations and parishes all over the world exchange preachers or arrange special ecumenical celebrations and prayer services. Dr Niall Coll, Bishop of Ossory, was delighted to be the preacher at the Eucharist in St Canice's Church of Ireland Cathedral in Kilkenny, on Sunday last as part of the special week of observance of our ecumenical bonds. The material for the 2025 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity was prepared by the community of Bose, an ecumenical monastery of brothers and sisters in northern Italy. The theme chosen is the Nicene Creed, celebrating its 1,700 anniversary. The prayers and reflections, prepared by the Bose community, will be part of an Ecumenical Service to be held in Lacca Church, Camross, Co Laois R32VW57 on Sunday, 2nd February at 3pm. We hope to have representatives from different Christian denominations in attendance. All are welcome as we gather to pray and reflect with our Christian brothers and sisters. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

### Please remember the following in your prayers

Thomas (Tom) Brennan, Parliament Street.

### Anniversaries

11.00am – Arthur Connick, Fatima Place, Sean and Sheila Hyland, Clonmorran, Tom Cantwell, St. Francis Terrace and those whose anniversaries occur about this time Margaret Murray, Mary Broderick, Mary O'Hara and William Burke.

### Weekly Collections

Envelopes €610.00; Baskets €1,344.67. Your support of the parish is greatly appreciated.

### Day for Consecrated Life 2025

Bishop Niall will celebrate the Eucharist with religious, people and priests, on Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> January 2025, in St Fiacre's Church, Loughboy, Kilkenny, at 1.00pm, as the Diocese gathers to celebrate the *World Day for Consecrated Life 2025* incorporating the *Jubilee Year of Hope*. Our gathering will provide an opportunity for bishop, priests and people, to express our appreciation for the wonderful contribution Religious women and men have made, continue to make, and indeed, will make in our Diocese in the years ahead. All are welcome to come and join in our appreciation.

### Eucharistic Procession Derry

A bus is running to the Eucharistic Procession in Derry on Saturday 1st February. Mass on route and visiting Sr Clare Crockett's grave. Leaving Askea Church carpark, Carlow at 7.20am. For more details & bookings, phone Helena on 087 2981506.

### 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.

### First class relic of St Brigid for St Brigid's Day Service.

A first-class relic of St Brigid will be available for this year's feast of St Brigid. The annual St Brigid's Day service will take place on Friday January 31st in St Fiacre's Church Loughboy at 7.30 pm. Water from the well of St Brigid in Kildare and blessed red flannel will be available on the night. Led by Fr Willie Purcell and the Kilkenny Gospel Choir. All welcome.

### Weekly Envelopes

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

### 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.

### Listening to the Voices of Women in the Bible

This Conference will be on 15th February 2025. Venue: The Pembroke Hotel, Patrick Street, Kilkenny. The speaker: Dr Gráinne Doherty. Times: 10.00 am-4.30pm. Cost: €20 (includes tea/coffee) pay on the door. Booking essential: Contact Sara or Catherina @ 056 7722870 Monday to Friday or e-mail [regionalloffice@ssj.ie](mailto:regionalloffice@ssj.ie) before 11 February 2025.

### 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.

<b>Readers Next Weekend</b> 11am G. Cody, 5.30pm M. Ryan
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b> 11.00am Frank Culleton, E. Tallent, M. Tallent. 5.30pm K. Lawlor, T. Lawlor

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