

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL



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16th February 2025 – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Thought... This week sees the mid-term for the schools in our parish. A chance, as the name suggests, for all in the school community to take a break in the middle of the term. It is not a bad practise to step back from what you are doing, to slow down, or to allow yourself to re-charge. In life, however, the reality is that we don't often get to step back or slow down - yes we might have holidays but that is hardly enough to sustain us throughout the whole year. We have family, friends and enjoyable moments in life and these sustain us - or give us the energy to continue - but we also have faith and prayer. Having these means that we can always, and in every situation, 'step back' if not literally at least at the core of our being.. We could use prayer more as a means to give us life. *Fr Dermot*

Please remember the following in your prayers **Anniversaries**

Those whose anniversaries occur about this time Phil Breen, Jim Cody and Maura Tyrrell.

Weekly Collections

Envelopes €985.00; Baskets €1,144.61. Your support of the parish is greatly appreciated.

Ossory Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 19th-25th May 2025

The Ossory Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from 19th-25th 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@joewalshstours.ie. Assisted pilgrims contact Fr Anthony O'Connor 087-2517766.

Medjugorje International Youth Festival 2nd to 9th August 2025. Spiritual Director Rev. David Lane. €799.00 half board including flights from Cork. €50 discount if deposit paid by 15th January. Travel with Joe Walsh Tours. Group Leader Anna O'Shaughnessy 089 4038650 /0862959380. Only 25 places available for this group.

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. 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.

Medjugorje Pilgrimage

May 28th 2025. Cost €849 pps with discount (€949 thereafter). All who travel with this group entered into 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.

Radio Maria

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Ceardlann na hArdteiste 2025/Leaving Cert Irish Oral Exam Workshop 2025

A three part Leaving Cert Irish Oral Workshop which will cover all elements of the Leaving Cert Irish Oral exam will take place Johnswell Community Hall on the following date: 8th, 15th and 22nd of March. These workshops will provide an opportunity for students to learn, prepare and practice for their upcoming Leaving Cert Irish Oral Exam. To book or for further information please contact tobarnagaeilge@yahoo.com or 0876673302 (Maria Ní Thuama).

Mayfair Library-is hosting a Board Games afternoon on Monday 17th Feb; 2.30-4.30pm. For ages 7 years + . Booking is advised 056 7794174.

St Mary's Cathedral Cafe

Opening hours Saturday 10.00am-4.00pm, Sunday 10.00am-1.00pm

St Mary's Cathedral, Chapter House Bookshop

Monday 9.30am till 1.00pm and Tuesday - Friday 9.30am till 5.00pm.

Readers Next Weekend 11am D. Butler, 5.30pm R. Heffernan.

Eucharistic Ministers 11.00am K. Moran, M. Walsh, N. Molloy. 5.30pm B. Quinn, D. Quinn.

YOUR PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES: Sr Betty Cagney and Martina Lawlor
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An Garda Síochána: 1800 555 222 or your local Garda Station

Towards Healing Helpline: 1800 313416 www.towardshealing.ie

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