

## ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL



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23rd February 2025 – Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

**A Thought...** In these past months, in preparation for the Jubilee Year of Hope, the chair of St Peter was taken down from where it sits in St Peter's Basilica to have restoration work carried out on it. Before it was returned to its magnificent casing it was left for pilgrims to see - a simple wooden chair the symbol of the authority of Peter. On Saturday we celebrated the Feast of the Chair of St Peter - it seems strange to have a feast day for a chair! One of the main reasons for celebrating the Feast of the Chair of St Peter is to celebrate the unity of the Christian Church. Another important reason is that the Chair symbolises the authority of Saint Peter and his dedication towards building a strong foundation for the Church. Therefore we are not celebrating a chair, we are recalling all that it reminds us - we are united as one people of faith under the leadership of the first apostles.

*Fr Dermot*

### Please remember the following in your prayers

#### Anniversaries

11.00am - Stella Doheny, High St, Richard & Kathleen Whyte, College Rd, Edel & Thomas Burke, Dean Cavanagh Place, Rita, John & Pat Hillman, Dean Cavanagh Place, Michelle Delaney, Michael O'Hanrahan, Duke's Meadows.

5.30pm - Mary O'Shea, Martin O'Shea Jnr., Fr Murphy Square and those whose anniversaries occur about this time Sean Jones, Maura Delaney, Martin Dermody.

#### Weekly Collections

Envelopes €420.00; Baskets €1,296.14. Your support of the parish is greatly appreciated.

#### Lent and Easter 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.

#### 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\* & 4\* hotels €949 and €995 respectively. Bookings JWT 01-2410800 or [info@joewalshstours.ie](mailto: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 /086 2959380. Only 25 places available for this group.

#### National Pilgrimage to Knock

The Apostolate of Eucharistic Adoration National Pilgrimage to Knock will take place on Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> April 2025. Bus will leave from Woodies Car Park in Kilkenny at 7.30 am. will collections in Ballyragget, Durrow and Abbeyleix. Please contact 086 1666547 to book.

#### Palestinian Food and Music

You are invited to an evening of Palestinian Food and Music in St Canice's Hall, Butts Green, Kilkenny, on Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025. Doors open at 7.00pm. Donations welcome to support humanitarian projects in Gaza.

#### Diocesan Draw

The February Draw will take place next Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> February at 8.00pm in Chapter House. All welcome.

#### St Mary's Cathedral Cafe

**Our Volunteers:** Everyone who greets you in St. Mary's Cathedral café are volunteers giving their time freely. They believe in making our café a space where people of the community can connect & know they are not alone. **Why Support us:** Teac Tom provides affordable and immediate services to help those struggling with their mental health or who have been bereaved by suicide. All profits from St Mary's Cathedral Café go directly to supporting mental health services & suicide intervention provided by Teac Tom. Please call in to your community cafe for a cuppa. We're open at the moment **Saturday 10am-4pm and Sunday 10am-1pm**

#### Concert in St. Mary's Cathedral

Concert by Lamoille High School Choir from Vermont U.S.A. next Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm. Also featuring Megan Dermody, (Violin), Patrick Dermody (Guitar) and Sospiro Male Voice Choir. Admission €10.00. Children Free.

#### Poor Clare Monastery Carlow

"Did it ever cross your mind that God might be calling you to the Poor Clare way of life. If so, you are welcome to our Monastic Experience on March 1st from 2p.m. to 4p.m. If interested, please contact us before the day at [poorclaresvoc@gmail.com](mailto:poorclaresvoc@gmail.com) -Poor Clare Monastery Carlow.

#### Mayfair Library

Seachtain na Gaeilge: Conversation Café: Tues March 11<sup>th</sup> 6pm. All are welcome to join the resident Irish Group for some music, conversation and craic. Booking essential 7794174

#### 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 C. Kabuika, 5.30pm M. Finnegan.

**Eucharistic Ministers** 11.00am M. Tallent, E. Tallent, J. Campion.  
5.30pm K. Meighan, B. Cagney.

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**Towards Healing Helpline:** 1800 313416 [www.towardshealing.ie](http://www.towardshealing.ie)

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