

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL



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9th March 2025 – First Sunday of Lent

A Thought... This coming week, on Thursday night, we will celebrate the Sacrament of First Confession with the children from Presentation and CBS Primary schools in our parish. It is another milestone on their journey of preparation towards the celebration of their First Holy Communion. What a wonderful message they are hearing in preparation for this coming week - that God forgives everything always - and that all we have to do is ask. We too were told that message when we prepared but maybe the world, or a lifetime of seeing people being judged has dimmed our belief in that truth - that God actually does forgive everything. Maybe its timely to remind ourselves of this fact on this Lenten journey - and maybe we need to remind ourselves that we need to forgive others - and sometimes even ourselves. *Fr Dermot*

Please remember the following in your prayers

Anniversaries

11.00am – Joe Butler, St Teresa's Tce, Michael Cahill, Esther & Larry McDonald and those whose anniversaries occur about this time Emily Dunne, Francie Donnelly.

Weekly Collections

Envelopes €335.00; Baskets €1,743.38. 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* & 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 /086 2959380. Only 25 places available for this group.

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**

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.

Kilkenny Medjugorje Pilgrimage

Direct Flight to Mostar Medjugorje 4th-11th June 2025. (Month of the Sacred Heart and includes Pentecost Sunday). Hotel near the church cost €875 accompanied by Spiritual Director. For bookings contact Ann on 086 1991620 or 086 8825622

National Pilgrimage to Knock

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

Trócaire

As Lent begins this week with Ash Wednesday you will see at the back of the church the Trócaire boxes. We invite you to take one home and to make this a part of your journey through Lent. Anything raised helps transform the lives of those who need it most. Thank you.

Reflections For Lent

The Seven Last Words of Christ every Wednesday of Lent 11.00-11.45am starting Ash Wednesday in the Black Abbey led by Fr. Joe Kavanagh OP.

An tOllsheisiún- The Super Session

Bréag Scrúduithe don bhéaltrial/Irish Oral Exam Practice. Deis do scoláirí bréag scrúduithe a chleachtadh díreach roimh na scrúduithe béil. Fantastic opportunity for Leaving Cert students to practise for their upcoming Irish Oral Exam with experienced múinteoirí. Students will receive 3 Irish Oral Exams with comprehensive feedback from experienced múinteoirí. Sessions one hour. More info contact: tobarnagaeilge@yahoo.com or 0876673302 (Maria)

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).

St Mary's Cathedral, Chapter House Bookshop

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

Readers Next Weekend 11 am K. Meighan, 5.30pm T. Lawlor.

Eucharistic Ministers 11.00 R. Heffernan, F. Culleton, R. Neary.

5.30 K. Moran, M. Walsh.

YOUR PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES: Sr Betty Cagney and Martina Lawlor

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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

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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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