

## ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL



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30th March 2025 – Fourth Sunday of Lent

**A Thought....** This past week the Diocesan Faith Development Group invited Caoimhe De Barra, Trócaire CEO, to the Diocese to reflect on the work Trócaire undertake with people who need it most throughout our world. Listening to her was a most hopeful encounter. Even though many of the situations she and her colleagues work in are the darkest possible in our world - her hope, enthusiasm and her unshaken belief that this work makes a real difference was palpable. She spoke of our controlling that which we can control and influencing that which we can influence and the difference such small things can make to ourselves and the world around us. Pope Francis has asked us to reflect on hope for this Jubilee year - become part of that hope for others this Lent. Take a Trócaire box home and use it. Thanks.

*Fr Dermot*

### Please remember the following in your prayers

Teresa Dwyer (Nee O'Neill), Paulstown and St Francis Tce; Marie Coyne, Freshford Road.

### Anniversaries

11.00am - Ann O'Brien, Fr Murphy Sq.

5.30pm - Joe Brannigan, Drakelands, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time

Brendan Reidy, Lil Morris, Sheila Delaney, Edward (Ned) Delaney, Jack Fitzpatrick.

### Weekly Collections

Envelopes €320.00; Baskets €1,556.83. 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\* & 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.

### Kilkenny Medjugorje Pilgrimage

Direct Flight to Mostar Medjugorje 4<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> 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, 6<sup>th</sup> 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

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.

**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.

### Family Carers Ireland

Are you caring for a loved one at home with additional needs? A spouse, partner, child, close relative or neighbour? Then you are a family carer! Become a member of Family Carers Ireland, the national charity supporting Ireland's 500,000+ family carers nationwide. Contact 057 93 70221 and hear how we can support you or for more info visit [www.familycarers.ie](http://www.familycarers.ie).

### Walk in Jenkinstown Wood

A guided walk in Jenkinstown Wood for John Paul II Award participants, but also for all young people. Led by Fr Eamonn O'Gorman, with Gemma Mulligan. Come along on the morning - all welcome. Jenkinstown Wood, Saturday, 5th April 2025 at 11.00am.

### 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**

### St Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund

Concert in St Mary's Cathedral on Friday, 11th April at 7.30pm featuring the following- Montgomery High School USA; Unity Singers; Liam Carrigan, Uileann Pipes; Roberto Hiero Violin. Adm €10.00. Children Free.

### St Ignatian Spiritual Exercises for Men

Fri May 2nd to Mon May 5th (bank holiday) in An Tobar Retreat Centre, Ardbraccan Navan, C15 T884. Cost €190 - includes all meals and en-suite single rooms. Call 087 - 348 2148 or [iveireland@ive.org](mailto:iveireland@ive.org)

### St Mary's Cathedral, Chapter House Bookshop

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

**Readers Next Weekend** 11.00am D. Butler, 5.30pm M. Dowling.  
**Eucharistic Ministers** 11.00 R. Heffernan, F. Culleton, J. Campion; 5.30 T. Lawlor, B. Cagney.

**YOUR PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES:** Sr Betty Cagney and Martina Lawlor  
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