

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL



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6th April 2025 – Fifth Sunday of Lent

A Thought...

Myanmar a country with many difficulties already was hit this past week with an earthquake bringing further destruction to a people already suffering greatly. It is hard to imagine the devastation that they are enduring. Thankfully immediately people started to work to find those caught in the earthquake and to help those who survived. It was only two weeks ago that Caoimhe deBarra of Trócaire was telling those from the Diocese who attended of the work they already undertake in that part of our world. We are fortunate in so many ways merely by chance of birth – let's not take it for granted nor be deaf to the cries of others. *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 -

5.30pm - and those whose anniversaries occur about this time Barbara Kenna, Bridget Kenny, Paddy Cahill, Paddy Blanchfield.

Weekly Collections

Envelopes €470.00; Baskets €1,509.82. 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@joewalstours.ie. Assisted pilgrims contact Fr Anthony O'Connor 087-2517766.

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

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.

Kilkenny Bereavement Support Service provides free one to one support to people who are bereaved and can be contacted on 086 0670566 to arrange an appointment or make an enquiry.

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.

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 - 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 Hirko Violin. Adm €10.00. Children Free.

Mother of Fair Love School is looking for a Bus Escort and to form a panel for Bus Escort positions that may arise over the coming months. Please apply with CV to principal@motheroffairlove.ie or by post to The Principal, Mother of Fair Love School, James's Street, Kilkenny or call the office at 056-7721352 for more information.

Volunteers Needed

Can you spare approx. 1 hour per week? The "Meals on Wheels" service need new volunteers to deliver meals around Kilkenny city. Must be a car driver. If you would like to join our team please ring the Kilkenny Social Services at this number: 056 7721685

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

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 J. Meredith, 5.30pm T. Lawlor.

Eucharistic Ministers 11.00 M. Tallent, E. Tallent, N. Molloy.

YOUR PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES: Sr Betty Cagney and Martina Lawlor

Contact: safeguardingstmarys@ossory.ie

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

TUSLA: Kilkenny 052 6177302; Laois/Offaly 044 9353997; Waterford 053 9198201

An Garda Síochána: 1800 555 222 or your local Garda Station

Towards Healing Helpline: 1800 313416 www.towardshealing.ie

Towards Peace Helpline: 01 5053028 www.towardspeace.ie

Please consult the Diocesan website (www.ossory.ie) for all relevant documents and policies.

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CATHEDRAL at www.stmaryscathedral.ie/friends