

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL



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20thth April 2025 – Easter Sunday

A Thought...

Easter joy is at the heart of our faith... A belief in the resurrection and the resulting hope that this offers us brings so much to us in life. It often occurs to me that the hope that Easter brings is a real hope. It is not the hope of dreams, poetry, prose – it is not the lofty hope of a film or song. It is a hope that is rooted in the cross of Christ. This is a hard won hope. It is therefore real. Let us celebrate the hope that it bring us, this Easter. Let us acknowledge the many other reasons for hope and joy in our lives.

Fr Dermot

Please remember the following in your prayers

Anniversaries

11.00am – **Months Mind:** Dill Young, Rioch Street and those whose anniversaries occur about this time John & Kitty Cleere, Paddy, Billy & Ger Cleere, James O'Leary, Mary Hogan, Joseph Barry, Jim Langton, Mary Crotty, Michael O'Brien, May O'Brien.

Weekly Collections

Envelopes €260.00; Baskets €1,460.80. 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.

Lent, Easter and Trocaire Envelopes

A gentle reminder to return your envelopes. Thank you to those who have already done so. Your support is appreciated.

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.

To mark Poetry Day Kilkenny Writers Anonymous will host a public reading of their original work in The Mayfair Library from 6.00-7.00pm Thursday 1st May on the theme 'May Day' No booking is required. All are 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**

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 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 R. Heffernan, 5.30pm M. Finnegan.
Eucharistic Ministers 11.00 B. Quinn, D. Quinn, B. Dunphy, 5.30pm B. Cagney, F. Culleton

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.

Invite your family members to support the Cathedral **FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S**
CATHEDRAL at www.stmaryscathedral.ie/friends