

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL



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27th April 2025 – 2nd Sunday of Easter

A Thought...

This past week we saw the death of Pope Francis. He had been terribly ill for this past while and yet he stayed working – even from his hospital bedroom. It was wonderful to see him come out to greet people on Easter Sunday – a chance to celebrate the resurrection he/we believe in. Since he first emerged on the loggia of St Peter's and uttered those informal words of "bunoe sera" – good evening, the world has been captivated by his humility and simplicity. Not bad characteristics for an apostle and a shepherd of the church. He served so faithfully throughout his life as we gather this weekend we pray that the Lord now calls him home – a good and faithful servant. *Fr Dermot*

Please remember the following in your prayers

Eugene Woods, Emmet Street.

Anniversaries

11.00am – **Months Mind**-Dill Young, Rioch Street, Justin, Liz and Kevin Ruth, Kickham St., Mairead & Seamus Dowling, Fr. Murphy Sq 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 €385.00; Baskets €1,913.08. 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.

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!

The Kilkenny Choir is looking forward to holding their annual spring concert on Saturday, May 3rd at 7pm in St. Canice's Cathedral, Dean Street, Kilkenny. The choir is conducted by Patrick Rafter and this year's musical selection includes excerpts from some of the finest choral repertoire, including works from Mozart, Brahms, Barber, Orff, Vivaldi and Jenkins. The concert will feature renowned Irish mezzo-soprano, Sharon Carty who is currently an artistic partner with Irish National Opera. As always, the choir will be accompanied by a professional orchestra comprising some of Ireland's leading instrumentalists from the National Symphony Orchestra and the National Concert Orchestra."

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 - G.Cody, 5.30pm M. Ryan.
Eucharistic Ministers 11.00am – M. Tallent, E. Tallent, J. Campion.
5.30pm - T. Lawlor, K. Lawlor

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