

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL



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4thth May 2025 – 3rd Sunday of Easter

A Thought...

Now that the funeral of Pope Francis is celebrated the focus in Rome, and throughout the Church, has shifted to the upcoming conclave. That gathering of Cardinals will select the next successor to lead the Catholic Church. You may have seen the recent film about this process or simply know about it as a legendary process. It is a gathering of prayer and discussion as the Cardinals try to discern the will of the Holy Spirit for the Church at this time. Pope Benedict once commented on the process that, "I would say that the Spirit does not exactly take control of the affair, but rather like a good educator, as it were, leaves us much space, much freedom, without entirely abandoning us. Thus the Spirit's role should be understood in a much more elastic sense, not that he dictates the candidate for whom one must vote" – so let us all pray for the work they undertake – may they choose a successor able for the task.

Fr Dermot

Please remember the following in your prayers

Anniversaries

11.00am – Birdie and Ralph Kavanagh, St Francis Tce. and Frank Scott whose anniversary occurs at this time.

Weekly Collections

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.

Jubilee Year of Hope – Pilgrimage for Mass to Blessed Edmund Ignatius Centre

Bishop Niall invites you in this *Jubilee Year of Hope* to join with him and the Community for the celebration of Mass in Blessed Edmund Rice Chapel, Callan, Co. Kilkenny, on Tuesday, 6th May 2025 at 7.30 p.m. Theme: *Edmund Rice, a man of Hope*.

Information Evening on Pilgrimage to Lough Derg

On Friday, 9th May 2025, St Patrick's Pastoral Centre, Loughboy, Bishop Niall invites you to come along to learn more about our *Jubilee Year of Hope* Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lough Derg, which will take place from 30th May – 1st June 2025. All welcome.

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.

March for Life

Please join the March for Life, Dublin, May Bank Holiday Monday, 2.00pm, from University Church St Stephen's Green to Molesworth Street. Mass in University Church at 12.30pm.

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.

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