

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL



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11th May 2025 – 4th Sunday of Easter

A Thought... All the world is smart phones, smart TVs, tech, instant IT and yet we all watched this past week for a smoke signal. The whole world it seemed, or at least a very large part of it, was watching the mystery and intrigue that is the conclave unfold. The was much speculation in the days in advance of it and only a few certainties - one of which was the old maxim that it couldn't be an American. Welcome Pope Leo XIV... His opening words on the loggia of St Peter's seem to emerge from a humble and capable man - he is the successor to St Peter - the figure of unity in our Church - he is the Holy Father. We pray for him that the Lord who called him will now help him in his task.

Fr Dermot

Please remember the following in your prayers

Anniversaries

11.00am –Liam Meighan, Rioch Terrace.

5.30pm – Margaret (Rita) Trehy, Emmet St, B.B. Leahy, Donal Leahy, Tom Byrne, Dean Cavanagh Place and those whose anniversaries occur about this time Paddy Cummins, Jim Kelly, Aoife Corr, Bridget Lawlor.

Weekly Collections

Envelopes: €680.00. Baskets €1,462.04. 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@joewalshtours.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.

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, Sr. Nuala
Eucharistic Ministers 11.00am R. Neary, K. Moran, M. Walsh.
5.30pm – T. Lawlor, B. Cagney.

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