

## ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL



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**18<sup>th</sup> May 2025 – 5th Sunday of Easter**

**A Thought....** I, like everyone else, have watched closely the first days of the ministry of Pope Leo to see what will be the tone of this papacy. Why did he say this and not that? What did that interaction mean - we have people commenting on his shoes, the choice of vestments he wore, the watch on his wrist. It seems as if every minutia of his days are open to examination and then speculation. I pray that the world will allow him space to find his feet in this new ministry and that we can simply support him with our prayers..

*Fr Dermot*

**Please remember the following in your prayers**

### **Anniversaries**

11.00am – Kathleen King, James's Green; Elaine Phelan, James Phelan, Joe Walton, Dean Cavanagh Place; Alice Shasby, Rioch Street; and those whose anniversaries occur about this time Richard Trehy.

### **Weekly Collections**

Envelopes: €500.00. Baskets €1,306.60. Your support of the parish is greatly appreciated.

### **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.

**All Ireland Rosary Rally I Knock I Saturday, 7th June** Over 10,000 pilgrims are expected at the 40th All-Ireland Rosary Rally on Saturday, June 7th at Knock Shrine. Events begin at 9:30am with a Marian Conference and conclude with a Pentecost Vigil and Healing Service from 8–10pm. Highlights include a Rosary making workshop, a 250-person Rosary formation for filming. Keynote at 1pm by Msgr Steve Rossetti, USA, Rosary Procession led by children follows the Stations of the Cross at 2:30pm, with Holy Mass at 3pm celebrated by Bishop Donal McKeown. Music by Dana. A youth conference runs 6-7:30pm. Rosary Rally ends with a Croagh Patrick climb and Mass on Sunday at noon. Full schedule and bus info: [www.allirelandrosaryrally.com](http://www.allirelandrosaryrally.com).

### **Lourdes Grotto Mass**

On Wednesday, May 21, at 9am, Mass live from the Lourdes Grotto, involving the three Dioceses of Ossory, Ferns and Raphoe, may be viewed by logging onto the WebCam at [www.directfromlourdes.com](http://www.directfromlourdes.com)

### **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](mailto: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 – J. Meredith, 5.30pm - M. Dowling

**Eucharistic Ministers** 11.00am B.Dunphy, N. Molloy, F. Culleton.

5.30pm – R. Neary, B. Cagney.

**YOUR PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES:** Sr Betty Cagney and Martina Lawlor  
**Contact:** [safeguardingstmarys@ossory.ie](mailto: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](http://www.towardshealing.ie)

**Towards Peace Helpline:** 01 5053028 [www.towardspeace.ie](http://www.towardspeace.ie)

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