

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL



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25th May 2025 – 6th Sunday of Easter

A Thought.... In these days the Leaving Certificate students of all our school have ended the formal school days. A change of pace in advance of their formal exams. It is always a lovely time for them and their families as they say goodbye, literally and figuratively, to their teachers and school communities. The teachers and schools remain accessible to them as they undertake final preparations for the exams. We also hold them in our prayers in the parish in these days too - may they know that they are far more than that which any exam result can ever tell them.

Fr Dermot

Please remember the following in your prayers

Anniversaries

Those whose anniversaries occur about this time Colette O'Hare, Steve Moynihan, Agnes Dermody, Danny & Kitty Mulcahy.

Weekly Collections

Envelopes: €390.00. Baskets €1,193.72. Your support of the parish is greatly 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 | Knock | 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.

Diocesan Draw

The May draw will take place next Wednesday, 28th May at 8.00pm in the Chapter Room. All Welcome.

Jubilee Year of Hope – Young Adults - Dare to Hope – Conference for Young Adult from the age of 18-35 yrs.

Knock Shrine – Saturday 14th June 2025 – 9.30 a.m. – 5.30 p.m. This event is for all Young Adults but there will be a special welcome for those who are travelling to Rome for the Jubilee of Youth and will be part of their preparation; however please know that it is open to all Young Adults. Cost: €20 Register via Eventbrite.

Rosary will be recited in St. James's Green on Thursday 29th of May at 6-30PM. It is for the Pro-Life cause. 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 – D. Butler, 5.30pm – R. Heffernan.
Eucharistic Ministers 11.00am 5.30pm

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

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