

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL



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1st June 2025 – The Ascension of the Lord

Planning for greater lay involvement in the life of the Church

The revised Constitution for the Ossory Diocesan Forum was published recently. The greater involvement of laity in the life of the Church in Ossory at parish, pastoral area and diocesan level is the main theme of the new Constitution. The Forum consists of Parish Pastoral Councils, thirteen Pastoral Area Councils, an Ossory Diocesan Pastoral Council and a Plenary Body consisting of all members of these three groups. The Parish Pastoral Council is a consultative leadership group through which priests and lay people work together as co-responsible partners in furthering the mission of Christ in their own parish. As a group, they think, discern and plan for the parish on an ongoing basis to identify and respond to present and future pastoral needs. The Pastoral Area Councils will enable member parishes to both discern and work collaboratively and form a basis for the co-responsibility of priests, religious and lay people for the faith life of the pastoral area. The revised Constitution has been approved by Council of Priests and The Ossory Diocesan Pastoral Council (ODPC). The ODPC is the Executive Body of the Diocesan Forum, which works in liaison with the Parish Pastoral and Pastoral Area Councils. It is a consultative group with whom the Bishop can promote, support and coordinate the work of these Councils. This is achieved through modelling synodality, collaboration and co-responsibility for the life of the diocese / Bishop, priests and laity working together. Through its monthly meetings, the ODPC considers issues from various areas of life in which the diocese is engaged. Currently its focus is on the establishment of the Pastoral Area Councils. Membership of the ODPC: Bishop Niall Coll, President, Ms Sarah Rice, Chairperson, Mr John Shortall, Secretary, Mgr Dan Carroll, Vicar General, Fr. Martin Delaney, Fr. Dan Bollard, Sr. Helen Maher, Forum Coordinator, Ms Gemma Mulligan, Pastoral Coordinator, Ms Ann Daly, Ms Bríd Duffy, Mr Diarmuid Healy.

Please remember the following in your prayers

Dave Drennan, Westfield; Dolores O'Shaughnessy, Gaol Street,

Anniversaries

11.00-Kathleen and Richard Kenny, Drakelands

5.30-Liam O'Hanrahan, Dean Cavanagh Place and those whose anniversaries occur about this time Joe and Mollie Bergin, Paddy Howard, Paddy Sharkey, Catherine Delaney, Michael Delaney, Mary Delaney.

Weekly Collections

Envelopes: €400.00. Baskets €1,333.93. Your support of the parish is greatly appreciated.

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.

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

Padre Pio

Padre Pio's Glove will be in Fitzpatrick's House, Kilberry, Athy, Co. Kildare on Saturday 14th June from 11.00am-5.00pm. More information call Ann 085 1696189

The Spiritans

Fr. Pat Palmer wishes to thank most sincerely the parishioners of St. Mary's Cathedral who contributed so generously to their recent collection towards their Missionary work. The collection amounted to €1,496.50.

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 – M. Whelan, 5.30pm – T. Lawlor.

Eucharistic Ministers 11.00am-M. Tallent, E. Tallent, R. Heffernan, 5.30pm-K. Lawlor, M. Meighan

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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