

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL



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A thought... Today is the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul. If it were not for these men and many other from that time - and since - we would not know about the person of Jesus and the love of God for all. I am sure at the time they were simply doing what they felt was the right thing to do. Little did they think that throughout the world some 2000 years later people would not only remember the man they spoke of but also these men themselves. As we honour their memory may we do it with more than mere nostalgia - may we too ensure that the next generations of people, those in our families and those we know, are brought to the faith too. It is as much our responsibility today as it was of the first disciples then.

Fr Dermot

Please remember the following in your prayers

Sami Corcoran, Robertshill.

Anniversaries

11.00am – Susan Phelan, St. Francis Terrace and those whose anniversaries occur about this time Renee Murphy, Matthew Thornton.

Weekly Collections

Envelopes: €625.00. Baskets €1,349.00. Your support of the parish is greatly appreciated.

Notice of Kilkenny Older Peoples Council - Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The AGM of Kilkenny Older Peoples Council will be held in the Rivercourt Hotel, John Street, Kilkenny on Tuesday 1st July 2025, commencing with registration at 10.30am. The election of the new Executive Committee will also be held at this AGM. Older People from Kilkenny City and County are welcome to attend. RSVP to agefriendlykilkenny@kilkennycoco.ie or 056-7794289.

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

Saint Peter's Pence collection: a gesture of support to Pope Leo in His mission

On 29 June, which this year falls this Sunday, the Church around the world celebrates the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul and, in previous years, this day will also see the traditional Peter's Pence collection take place at Mass. As with every year, every offering – large or small – will support the Holy Father Pope Leo XIV in his ministry and in his charitable activities in response to emergencies and needs around the world. For every member of the Catholic Church, contributing to the Peter's Pence collection is a gesture of communion and participation in the Pope's mission to proclaim the Gospel, promote peace, and spread Christian charity.

Workshop on Synodality

A special weekend workshop on Synodality, will take place on this weekend at the Focolare Centre in Prosperous, Co. Kildare. This event is inspired by the international formation programme coordinated by the Evangelii Gaudium Centre at Sophia University Institute (Italy), in collaboration with the General Secretariat of the Synod in Rome and will offer both theological depth and practical tools for fostering a synodal Church at local level. The workshop is open to all: clergy, religious, lay leaders, pastoral council members and parishioners. Some have travelled there from our Diocese and we keep them, and all in attendance, in our prayers.

Cathedral Bookshop

Extensive range of religious items for every occasion. Why not come and browse - you might be surprised!

St Mary's Cathedral, Chapter House Bookshop

Monday & Tuesday 9.30am - 1.00pm and Wednesday - Friday 9.30am - 5.00pm.

Readers Next Weekend 11.00am – C. Kabuika, 5.30pm – T. Lawlor.

Eucharistic Ministers 11.00am – B. Quinn, D. Quinn, R. Heffernan.

5.30pm – F. Culleton, K. Moran.

YOUR PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES: Sr Betty Cagney, Martina Lawlor

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