**ST MARY’S CATHEDRAL**

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**6th July 2025 – 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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**A thought…**Many won't read this thought this week as like me they will be gone to the match.. We are really fortunate to have teams as competitive as we do here in Kilkenny. We have had some run of it over the years and we continue to be involved and competitive year on year.  Yes it is tradition but it is also the commitment of generations of people to ensure that our love for the game is passed on to the next generations. Think of all the literally countless people in the clubs in our county that freely give of their time with young players to teach the basic skills to player who one day may marvel us on the biggest of stages.  Say thanks to them in your own club - let us never take volunteers for granted.. they teach music, sport, love of art and so much more to each new generation.. May God reward them (and fingers crossed for the match today).    *Fr Dermot*

**Please remember the following in your prayers**

**Anniversaries**

11.00am –**Month’s Mind** Harry Meighan, Donabate formerly Rioch St and those whose anniversaries occur at this time Kit & Gerry Delaney, Emmet St, Teresa & Paddy Allwright, Michael Quinlan, Jnr, Dominic St, Danny Phelan, Stephen St. and Tom and Pauline Knox.

**Weekly Collections**

Envelopes: €355.00. Baskets €1,143.90. Your support of the parish is greatly appreciated.

**Cemetery Mass**

The annual Foulkstown Cemetery Mass will take place on Thursday, 31st July at 7.30pm

**Samaritans Shop**

Samaritans shop in St. Kieran’s street would welcome volunteers to help in the shop.
If you have three hours a week to spare and would enjoy working in a shop environment please contact Ann on 086 6038985

**Cathedral Bookshop**

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

**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

**Vocations to the Diocesan Priesthood**

The annual ‘Come and See’ inquiry-day for men discerning a vocation to the diocesan priesthood will take place on Sunday, 13th July, at the Knock House Hotel, Co Mayo. Bishop Phonsie Cullinan of Waterford and Lismore, who also serves as chair of the Council for Vocations of the Irish Catholic Bishops’ Conference, said, “There is something happening in the Irish Church. An increasing number of young Irish people are seeing that what the world alone has to offer is insufficient. There is a spiritual hunger. Only something authentic will do. As Pope Leo has repeated a number of times quoting from Saint Augustine: ‘Our hearts are restless until they rest in You Lord.’” Ossory priest, Father Willie Purcell, who is Ireland’s National Vocations Coordinator, said, “Whether you are at the very beginning of your discernment or seeking clarity after some time of reflection, the ‘Come and See’ day will serve as a valuable stepping stone to see where God is calling you at this time.” The 'Come and See' day begins with tea, coffee and welcome at 11.00am, followed by a range of reflective and engaging conversations. Father Michael McCullagh will be the main guest speaker on the day, guiding participants through key aspects of discernment and vocation. The day includes personal testimonies, spiritual input, open discussions, and time for prayer and reflection, and so offers participants meaningful insights into the life and ministry of a diocesan priest. Details of the programme are below:

11.00am, tea/coffee, meet and greet

11.30am, a vocation story

12.00pm, praying the Angelus

12.01pm, session on discernment

1.00pm, lunch

2.00pm, visit to Knock Shrine with the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation

3.00pm, questions and answers

4.00pm, celebration of Mass in Knock Parish Church

If you feel you have a calling to the priesthood, irrespective of where you are on your discernment journey, you are invited to contact the National Vocations Office on visit [www.vocations.ie](http://www.vocations.ie) or carol.king@vocations.ie

**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 – G. Cody, 5.30pm – M. Dowling.

**Eucharistic Ministers** 11.00am – K. Moran, M. Walsh, R. Neary.

5.30pm – T. Lawlor, K. Lawlor.

**YOUR PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES:** Sr Betty Cagney, 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](http://www.towardshealing.ie)

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

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