

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL



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20th July 2025 – 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A thought... In the 17th century St Margaret Mary Alacoque had a vision of Jesus who, when he stood before her, he revealed his heart to her, saying it was "filled with an immense love for humanity". In that began the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. How many of our homes, or the homes of our grandparents, has the picture of the Sacred Heart and the red flickering light beside it. In it we were/are called to reflect on the love that Christ has for us.. A wonderfully reassuring thought that he carries each of us with love in his heart. On the 8th January Pope Francis blessed a statue of the Sacred Heart that, now, in this Jubilee Year travels around Ireland to the churches that are dedicated to the Sacred Heart. For this coming week it is with us as the Cathedral Parish - why not stop by to spend some quiet time to reflect what it means to be so loved by God.

Fr Dermot

Please remember the following in your prayers

Anniversaries

11.00am – Billy & Bridie Brennan, Fatima Place and those whose anniversaries occur about this time Christy Bollard, Mary & Thomas Fry, Sean Neary.

Weekly Collections

Envelopes: €630.00. Baskets €1,214.17. 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!

Bishop Coll welcomes Blessed Statue of the Sacred Heart to Ossory Diocese

In this *Jubilee Year of Hope 2025*, the Pilgrim Statue of the Sacred Heart, blessed by Pope Francis on 8th January 2025, as it continues its pilgrimage throughout Ireland, will visit the Diocese of Ossory in July and August. Bishop Coll extends an invitation to all to join with him in the celebration of a Mass of Welcome, on Sunday, 20th July 2025 at 5.30 p.m. in St Mary's Cathedral.

Sunday, 20th July 2025: Bishop Niall will celebrate a Mass of Welcome at 5.30 p.m. in St Mary's Cathedral, Kilkenny, where the Statue will remain until Sunday, 27th July 2025.

Monday, 28th July – 3rd August 2025: Church of the Sacred Heart, Ferrybank, Waterford.

Monday, 4th - 16th August 2025: Church of the Sacred Heart, Moneenroe, Co. Kilkenny.

Saturday, 16th August 2025: Bishop Niall will celebrate Mass at 6.00 p.m. in the Church of the Sacred Heart, Moneenroe, Clogh, Co. Kilkenny, after which the Statue will leave the Diocese of Ossory.

Kilkenny Pilgrimage to Medjugorje

Pilgrimage 17th September to 24th September. Accommodation near Church. Weather will be warm but not hot. Bookings Ann 0861991620 or 086 8825622

Kilkenny Stroke Support Group

Kilkenny Stroke survivors and carers are invited to join us for coffee, chat and information at The Clubhouse Hotel, Kilkenny, Wednesday July 23rd, 2.30-4pm. text/call Lynda 087-7814697.

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 – D. Butler, 5.30pm – Sr. Nuala

Eucharistic Ministers 11.00am-M. Tallent, E. Tallent, N. Molloy.

5.30pm – T. Lawlor, K. Meighan.

YOUR PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPS: 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

Towards Peace Helpline: 01 5053028 www.towardspeace.ie

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