ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL



Parish Office: St Mary's Cathedral, James's Street, Kilkenny Tel: (056) 772 1253 Email: stmaryscathedral@ossory.ie Rev Dermot Ryan, Adm. Email: dermotryan@ossory.ie 27th July 2025 – 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A thought...

This Sunday afternoon the statue of the Sacred Heart, blessed by Pope Francis, that has been with us for the past week, will travel to the Church of the Sacred Heart in Ferrybank and then, in time, from there to the Church of the Sacred Heart, Moneenroe. It reminds us that our parishes are all connected. If we need a further reminder of this fact - simply look at the banners on the walls of the Cathedral carrying the names of each of our parishes. We are 42 parishes in Ossory - united as a local church. Much work is being undertaken to see how we can collaborate together in pastoral areas to allow that unity to bring greater care of people. At the heart of our Christianity is community.

Please remember the following in your prayers

Michael Egan, Walkin Street, David (Doc) Byrne, St Francis Terrace.

Anniversaries

11.00am – **Months Mind** Breda Conway, Dominic Street, Billy Conway, Dominic Street and Billy Young, Rioch Street and those whose anniversaries occur about this time Doreen Tallent, Joe Cody, Pat Cody, Kathleen Doran, Margaret Doran, Davy, Jim and Peggy Gaffney, Tommy Ruth.

Weekly Collections

Envelopes: €320.00. Baskets €1,364.18. 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.

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.

Rosary James's Green

Rosary will be recited on Thursday 31st July at 6.30pm

Concert in St. Canice's Cathedral-August 5th, 7.00-9.00pm

Airneán, led by Kilkenny native Joe Leydon will host US choir Encore for an evening of song on August 5th. Encore is the USA's largest choral organization for adults 55 and over, and a leading organisation in creative aging. Tickets on Eventbrite.

Stand for Peace - March for Palestine - Saturday August 2nd

We are heartbroken and outraged by the suffering in Gaza and Palestine. But this is one action we can take, to come together in peaceful solidarity with the people of Palestine. Please join the Kilkenny Community Palestine Solidarity Group for a 'March for Palestine' on Saturday, August 2nd at 1pm, beginning at the Kilkenny Castle Main Gates. In the words of Pope Leo XIV - "From the Gaza Strip, we hear rising ever more insistently to the heavens, the cries of mothers and fathers who clutch the lifeless bodies of their children..."

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-M. Tallent, E. Tallent, N. Molloy. 5.30pm – T. Lawlor, K. Meighan.

YOUR PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPS: Sr Betty Cagney, Martina Lawlor Contact: safequardingstmarys@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

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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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