

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL



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17th August 2025 – 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A thought... This Sunday the choir are singing a "special Mass" to coincide with the Arts Festival that is taking place here in Kilkenny. We are blessed to have such a choir here in the Cathedral and many come to the celebration of Mass as a result of the wonderful music that we have each weekend. Music adds so much to our liturgy making our time of prayer even more special. Sacred music sets the context that what we are doing when we come to pray is something different and unique. I said "special Mass" as in my opinion each Mass they accompany is, thanks to their participation, special. A sincere thanks to them from all of us who benefit from their talents and their generosity.

Fr Dermot

Please remember the following in your prayer

Anniversaries

11.00am – **Months Mind** Mick Egan, Walkin St. Anniversaries Billy and Mary Coyne, Old Callan Road and those whose anniversaries occur about this time Moyra, Alice and Florence McCarthy, Christy Carpenter, Jerry Davis, Richard (Dick) Walsh.

Weekly Collections

Envelopes: €370.00 Baskets €1,268.76. Your support of the parish is greatly appreciated.

Cathedral Bookshop

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

Lake Productions will present 'The man born to be King' on 9th, 10th and 11th September 2025, in The Black Abbey, Kilkenny. The religious play will be presented in conjunction with the Black Abbey in celebrating their 800th anniversary.

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, 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.

Arts' Week Exhibition of Patchwork Quilts in Chapter Room, St. Mary's Cathedral from 8th-17th August. Admission Free. Donations if desired to St. Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund.

Men's Jubilee Camino

Men's Hike - Sat Sept 13th 20kms, on greenway, from Dominican abbey (ruin) in Carlingford to Newry (St Catherine's) via Newry Cathedral (Jubilee Indulgence). Mass, Adoration, Rosary, Confessions & Fraternity. Registration & details on www.dominicans.ie/events/ €70 (Lunch, dinner & bus), over 18s male event. Enquiries to op.evangelisation@gmail.com.

St. John's Parish Pilgrimage to Knock Annual parish pilgrimage to Knock on Thursday, 21st August—the anniversary of the Knock Apparition. Pilgrims will stop for an optional breakfast in Athlone and for optional dinner in Moate on the return journey. Some tickets are still available at the Parish Office. Tickets cost €25 each (food not included).

Novena to Our Lady of Knock

The National Novena takes place from August 13th to 21st with daily ceremonies at 3pm and 8pm in Knock Basilica. Daily workshops at 12.45pm and guided prayer sessions in Knock Prayer Centre.

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

ACN Pilgrimage to Knock Papal charity Aid to the Church in Need Ireland invites people to join their national pilgrimage to Knock Shrine on Saturday August 30 to highlight the plight of Christians who suffer persecution for their faith in many parts of the world. Mass is in the basilica at 3pm – all welcome.

Kilkenny Adult Learning Service

Open days Thursday 14th August and Thursday 21st August from 12.00pm-3.00pm Unlock your potential with our ESOL, Literacy, Numeracy and Digital Literacy courses designed to provide you with valuable skills and knowledge. 43 Upper Patrick Street, Kilkenny R95 PXN2

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 – R. Heffernan, 5.30pm – T. Lawlor

Eucharistic Ministers 11.00am - B. Quinn, D. Quinn, J. Campion
5.30pm – R. Neary, B. Cagney.

YOUR PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPS: Sr Betty Cagney, Martina Lawlor

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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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