

## ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL



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24th August 2025 – 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

**A thought...** These days we see the return to school of the younger members of the parish. It is wonderful to see the schools reopen but there is also a sadness too as it marks the end of the summer in so many ways. But to focus on the positives - our schools are places of learning and great fun. They are, in many respects, the social world for that generation. It is there they meet, and make, friends. It is there they grow up. Schools then carry a big responsibility - they are caring for, and preparing, the next generations. May our Catholic schools, then, live up to all that is demanded by their Catholic nature.

*Fr Dermot*

### Please remember the following in your prayers

Emma Cody, William St.

### Anniversaries

11.00am – John Bolger, Blackmill St - Anniv

5.30pm – **Months Mind** David Byrne, St. Francis Tce and those whose anniversaries occur about this time Mary and Patrick Blanchfield, Josephine Thomas, Mary (Mai) Bateman, Nance O'Neill, Teresa Gowen, Dixie Leahy.

### Weekly Collections

Envelopes: €320.00 Baskets €1,686.51. Your support of the parish is greatly appreciated.

### Diocesan Draw

The August draw will take place on Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> August at 8pm in the Chapter Room. All welcome.

### 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 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> September 2025, in The Black Abbey, Kilkenny. The religious play will be presented in conjunction with the Black Abbey in celebrating their 800th anniversary.

### Men's Jubilee Camino

Men's Hike - Sat Sept 13<sup>th</sup> 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/](http://www.dominicans.ie/events/) €70 (Lunch, dinner & bus), over 18s male event. Enquiries to [op.evangelisation@gmail.com](mailto:op.evangelisation@gmail.com).

### 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

**Rosary** will be recited in St. James's Green on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> August at 6.30pm

### St Patrick's Pontifical University, Maynooth

Applications are still open at St Patrick's Pontifical University, Maynooth for programmes in Theology and Pastoral Liturgy (Higher Diploma/Diploma options). Visit their website for more details at [www.sppu.ie/courses](http://www.sppu.ie/courses).

**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.

### 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 – M. Finnegan, 5.30pm – M. Ryan

**Eucharistic Ministers** 11.00am – M. Tallent, E. Tallent, J. Campion

5.30pm – T. Lawlor, K. Lawlor.

**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](http://www.towardshealing.ie)

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

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