

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL



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7th September 2025 – 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

A thought... This past week we had the First Years from St Kieran's College join us for Mass to start a day celebrating friendship as they settle into a new school community. It is not by chance that we do this at the start of the year - if the students make friends and are happy in their environment then the learning comes easily. It occurs to me that friends are one of the best 'learnings' of our schools days. Some of our best friends are those we made in school. But friendship takes work - you have to invest in your friends, time, energy, and so much more. It is a good investment and one that is no less important as life goes on and we get older. *Fr Dermot*

Please remember the following in your prayers

Anniversaries

11.00am – Jackie O'Brien, Fr. Albert Place, Patrick Shasby, Rioch St., Maureen Brannigan, Drakelands, Imelda McPhilomy, Josephine & Richard O'Connell, Margaret & Kathy Kelly.

5.30pm – Joan Browne, Fr. Murphy Sq and those whose anniversaries occur about this time Patrick Murray, Molly Browne, Tony Walsh, Eileen Butler (nee McKee), Lucy McKee.

Weekly Collections

Envelopes: €285.00 Baskets €1,206.28 Your support of the parish is greatly appreciated.

Kneelers

In the coming weeks we will replace the kneelers at one side of the Cathedral. These are badly in need of repair and replacement on both sides of the church. We have decided to do one side at a time so as to space the costs over a number of months. I am not sure what side they will do first as we left that off to them but if your side is lucky great if not be patient with us we will come back to do the second side shortly.

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.

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.

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

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

Freshford Bridge Notice

Freshford Bridge Club is resuming from Monday the 15th September at Tulla Hall, Threecastles at 7.30pm. New Members are welcome. Bridge Classes will commence in mid October if there is enough interest. Please contact Anne Maria 087 2271136 if interested.

Concert Thurles Cathedral

MICHAEL ENGLISH & HIS BAND: "Faith, Hope & Inspiration Concert" in Thurles Cathedral on **Friday, September 26th, 2025**, in aid of the Cathedral Reroofing Project. **Ticket Donation: €30 - now on sale** in Parish Office, Cathedral Street (0504 22229), Bookworm, Liberty Square (0504 22257) & Holycross Abbey Shop (0504 43124).

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 – J. Meredith, 5.30pm – R. Heffernan
Eucharistic Ministers 11.00am – R. Neary, K. Moran, M. Walsh.
5.30pm – T. Lawlor, K. Lawlor.

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

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Towards Healing Helpline: 1800 313416 www.towardshealing.ie

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