

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL



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14th September 2025 – 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A thought... Last weekend we saw the Canonisation of two young people, Pier Giorgio Frassati and Carlos Acutis - 24 and 15 years of age respectively. Isn't it wonderful to see the saintly lives of these young people being recognised. Part of my work is in St Kieran's College and there we have over 800 students - here in the parish for the past year or more we have had a youth group gathering for Taize prayer - I am lucky to be involved in a number of primary schools too. I am continually impressed by the young people I meet - they have energy, commitment to social issues, and, if prompted, a great sense of faith. Mól an óige agus tiocfaidh siad *Fr Dermot*

Please remember the following in your prayers

Anniversaries

11.00am – Eamonn Conway, Rothe Tce, Jimmy & Molly Denieffe, Fatima Place, Mary Gittens, Shellumsrath, Pierce Keoghan, Drakelands

5.30pm – Tommy, Billy and Brendan Lawlor, High Street and those whose anniversaries occur about this time Irma Cody, Bridget Cahill, Ger Kavanagh.

Weekly Collections

Envelopes: €595.00, Baskets €1,373.58. 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.

Art and Architecture - A pilgrimage exploring God's Gifts

Next year the Adult Faith Development Group are holding a pilgrimage to Northern Italy (Padua, Venice & Bologna) March (20th-26th). This pilgrimage will explore faith by means of reflecting upon some of the many wonderful pieces of art scattered throughout these cities. Italy is blessed with a remarkable array of religious art - frescos, paintings, sculptures, mosaics and stuccos. This pilgrimage will explore the religious and catechetical meaning of some of these masterpieces. Further details in parishes on posters or by email afd@ossory.ie or call 057 93 55050.

Kilkenny Stroke Support Group resume group meetings September 26th, social and informative. For further information text/ phone 087-7814697".

Notice concerning Foulkstown Cemetery.

As you may be aware Foulkstown Cemetery owned and administered by St Patrick's Parish is almost at full capacity. Due to the limited amount of space remaining the future of the Cemetery is being considered and from 1st October 2025 requests to purchase a right of burial will be accepted only from the following categories:(1)Parishioners of St Patrick's Parish (2)Those who have pre purchased rights of burial in the Cemetery. Families with existing graves are encouraged to use these graves for future burials if capacity allows. It is also possible for current owners of a right of burial to transfer ownership of the right associated with particular graves so that the next generation might have access to them. Any enquiries regarding Foulkstown Cemetery should be directed in writing to Fr Kieran O' Shea, St Patrick's Pastoral Centre, Loughboy, Kilkenny or by email to kieranoshea@ossory.ie

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.

Kilkenny Bereavement Support are hosting a public talk on Living well with Loss on Thursday 25th September, 7.30pm, Newpark Hotel, €10 admission. Speakers Christy Kenneally, Novelist, broadcaster, poet and author of 'Life after Loss' and Dr. Linda Finnegan clinical psychologist and psychotherapist. Further details or to seek bereavement support please contact 086-0670566.

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).

Loreto Secondary School Kilkenny 1st Year Enrolment Autumn 2026.

The closing date for applications for a First Year place is 21st of October 2025. Applications can be made via the school website www.loretokk.ie. An Open Night for 6th Class girls will take place on Thursday, 25th September 2025. Further information www.loretokk.ie

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

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

Please consult the Diocesan website (www.ossory.ie) for all relevant documents and policies.

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www.stmaryscathedral.ie/friends