

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL



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28th September 2025 – 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A thought... In a few week's time the next phase of the synodal journey for the Irish Church will take place here in Kilkenny. People from all around Ireland will come together to reflect on the issues/questions/ideas that have been gathered from all the conversations that have been taking place. The idea is that this day will help bring to the fore those issues that need the most attention and then, once that is done, those topics will be sent to Rome to be part of the international conversation. Pope Francis started this process and Pope Leo is keen that it continue. The idea behind it is simple and yet very important - that the voice of all is important in the church. As we prepare to host this in Kilkenny we pray for its continued success.

Fr Dermot

Please remember the following in your prayers

Recently deceased

Richard (Dick) Nagle, College Court.

Anniversaries

11.00am – Larry, Molly and Michael Phelan, Emmet St

5.30pm – Billy & Bridie Gannon, Deceased Members of the Theatre; and those whose anniversaries occur about this time Peggy Walsh, Elizabeth Connick, Seamus Connick, Michael Delaney, Kathleen Doran, Michael (Mick) Crotty.

Weekly Collections

Envelopes: €525.00, Baskets €1,284.66. Your support of the parish is greatly appreciated.

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.

October Offering

Envelopes are ready for distribution and can be collected at Parish Office. Thank you to all who give of their time to distribute envelopes.

Taizé Youth Programme 2026

A youth trip to Taizé in France organised by Ossory Youth will take place from Sunday 28th June to Sunday 5th July 2026. A week in the Taizé Community is an opportunity for reflection and contemplation and a little step back from daily life. But bringing people together is also the essence of Taizé and it is a week of meeting young people from different countries and cultures where new friendships are made. Tens of thousands of young people from around the world, including 25 from Kilkenny, will make the trip to Taizé next year. The programme, which runs from November 2025 to July 2026 is open to Transition year and 5th year students. Closing date for applications is Friday 24th Oct. For additional information, including cost and application forms, contact Patrick Bookle, Ossory Youth at (056) 7761200, (087) 2129006 or pbookle@ossoryyouth.com

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

Teac Tom

Teac Tom, in partnership with the South East Regional Drug & Alcohol Task Force and the DRIVE initiative, is hosting a FREE community event on Drug Intimidation, Violence & Suicide Prevention on Thursday, 2nd October at 5.30pm in The Set, Langtons, Kilkenny. This important evening will provide information on the supports available to families and communities affected by drug intimidation, where to turn for confidential advice and how local services can help protect loved ones. All are welcome. To confirm attendance, please email events.teactom@gmail.com

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. Ryan

Eucharistic Ministers 11.00am – J. Campion, F. Culleton, N. Molloy; 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.

Invite your family members to support the Cathedral **FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL** at www.stmaryscathedral.ie/friends