

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL



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5th October 2025 – 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A thought... This past week we celebrated the Feast of St Francis of Assisi - a man who brought great reform to the church. It took him a while to be recognised by the church - St Bonaventure, recalls how it was that Pope Innocent III's vision of the Lateran Basilica in Rome collapsing, only to be supported by a small, humble man, whom the Pope recognised as Francis, lead to his approval of the Franciscan order. Francis was radical he is famous for his love of animals, nature and the poor. We are blessed to have the Friary in our parish - they are present in the city since 1643. What a blessing it is on our city and Diocese - we hold his successors in our prayers.

Fr Dermot

Please remember the following in your prayers

Recently deceased

Rose Rowe (nee Coyne) Fr. Albert Square, Dave Kenny, St. Francis Tce.

Anniversaries

11.00am – Beth Thomas, Dean Cavanagh Place and those whose anniversaries occur about this time Sr. Celine Jones, Br. Anthony Jones.

Weekly Collections

Envelopes: €475.00, Baskets €1,327.14. 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.

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

Prayers for the Pre-Synodal Assembly of the Catholic Church in Ireland All Catholics are invited to pray for a special gathering that will take place in Kilkenny on 18 October, called a Pre-Synodal Assembly of the Catholic Church in Ireland. This assembly is an important juncture on the journey towards a National Synodal Assembly to be held in 2026. Around 240 people will be in attendance and these are drawn from each diocese on the island, Religious Congregations and Church movements. A preparatory document, entitled *Baptised and Sent* - the fruits of listening sessions across Ireland last spring - will be the basis for discussion at this gathering, and for the next stage of the journey of renewal. Central to the document is a renewed focus on baptism as the foundation of our Christian dignity, unity, and mission and how baptism infuses the life and mission of the Church in Ireland today and into the future. You are invited to read this document by visiting www.synod.ie/baptised-and-sent-preparatory-document-available-now/ Please pray that the Holy Spirit will guide the conversations at Kilkenny, and those flowing from it, as we walk together as sisters and brothers of Christ, united by our baptism and filled with hope.

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.

St. Luke's General Hospital Annual Remembrance Mass

Mass will take place on Tuesday, 21st October at 7.30pm in St. Canice's Church, Kilkenny R95 V440. This is an opportunity for families and loved ones of patients who have died in the hospital to come together for prayer and remembrance. All welcome.

Kilkenny Speakers Toastmasters

Our next twice monthly club meetings are at 8pm on the 7th and 21st October at the Club House Hotel, Patrick Street. Develop your public speaking, presentation and leadership skills in a safe, supportive place. First three meetings free. No obligation. All welcome.

Freshford Bridge Club

Classes starting on Monday 13th October at 7.30pm in Threecastles Hall for 8 weeks. If you are interested in learning how to play bridge you are very welcome to attend. Contact Anne Maria 087 2271136

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 – D. Butler, 5.30pm – M. Dowling

Eucharistic Ministers 11.00am-M. Tallent, E. Tallent, N. Molloy

5.30pm-K. Lawlor, K. Moran.

YOUR PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPS: Sr Betty Cagney, Martina Lawlor

Contact: safeguardingstmarys@ossory.ie

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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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