

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL



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26th October 2025 – 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A thought... This past Wednesday we celebrated the Feast of Pope Saint John Paul II. His was the third longest pontificate in the history of the Church. he was Pope from October 1978 until his death in April 2005. In many ways it was an iconic papacy, he improved relations with other faiths, struggled against communism, but one of the most striking aspects of his pontificate for me is that he beatified 1,344 people and canonised 483. He believed that we are all called to holiness and that many achieve it in their life. Pope Francis even went further recognising the saints next door - those who live among us whom we know. Do you know some of these people...
Fr Dermot

Please remember the following in your prayers

Brid Quigley, Dean Cavanagh Place.

11.00am – **Month's Mind:** Richard Nagle, College, Court. **Anniversary:** Jack Shortall, Fr. Delahunty Tce. and those whose anniversaries occur about this time John McKee, Richard (Dick) Brett, Paddy Carpenter, Joe Thornton, Tom Kenny, Edward (Ned) Delaney, Sarah (Ciss) Walsh, Edward Walsh.

Weekly Collections

Envelopes: €490.00, Baskets €1,323.42. Your support of the parish is greatly appreciated.

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. 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

Medjugorje pilgrimage May 27th 2026, 7 nights, €949 pps (€849 if paid in full by Nov 3rd). Staying in Hotel Leone (half board). Spiritual Director Fr. Ted Sheehan. Group Leader Sean O'Shaughnessy 0862959380 / medjugorjecork@icloud.com. Or contact JWT on 01 2410800. Places Limited. Early booking advisable.

October Offering

A gentle reminder to return your October Offering. A sincere thank you to those who have already done so.

Jubilee Year of Hope in a Missionary and Multicultural Church "Go out to the whole world" (Matthew 281-20)

The next celebration which will take place this Saturday, 25th October 2025, in St Patrick's Pastoral Centre, Loughboy, Kilkenny. The day will begin at 10am and will conclude with concelebrated Mass at 11.45 a.m. in St Fiacre's Church, Loughboy. Bishop Coll will concelebrate Mass to give thanks to God for all who have made their home in our parishes and in our diocese. Father Pat O' Sullivan, SPS., will be our guest speaker on the day, bringing a wealth of missionary experience from his ministry as a missionary priest for many decades. All welcome to attend.

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 afdf@ossory.ie or call 057 93 55050.

November Offering

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

Diocesan Draw

The October draw will take place next Wednesday, 29th October at 8.00pm in Chapter Room. All welcome to attend.

Rosary will be recited each Sunday during October at the Grotto on Callan Road at 3pm. All are welcome.

The Kilkenny Stroke Support Group meet next Friday October 31st, 2.15-4pm, at The Tuiscant day services meeting rooms at St Canices Hospital Complex off J6. The stroke group is social & informative, helping alleviate depression, isolation & loneliness. Further information text/phone 087-7814697.

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 – R. Heffernan, 5.30pm – G. Cody
Eucharistic Ministers 11.00am – B. Quinn, D. Quinn, 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

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