

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL



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2nd November 2025 – All Saints

A thought... Last weekend I was delighted to attend meetings of the international synod in Rome with others from the Diocese. While there we met with people working on the synod throughout the world. They were really positive days and it was most interesting to hear from people experiencing the same joys and difficulties in other parts of the world. One person in my group was from South Sudan. They are trying to get the voice of all in their Church heard too - but they are doing it in the middle of a civil war. We are fortunate when we keep our struggles in perspective.

Fr Dermot

Please remember the following in your prayers

11.00am – Alan Mooney, Dean Cavanagh Place; Paddy Mahony, Fr Murphy Sq.; Jim, Aileen, Bridie and Jerry Coffey.

5.30pm- **Months Mind:** Dave Kenny, St Francis Tce.; Anniversary Michael Devane, Dean Cavanagh Place and those whose anniversaries occur about this time John and Mary Fitzgerald, Sheila Butler.

Weekly Collections

Envelopes: €410.00, Baskets €1,195.77. Your support of the parish is greatly appreciated.

Remembrance Mass for Deceased

During November you are invited to place the names of deceased family members or friends in the basket which will be left at the front of the altar. We will hold these people in our prayers throughout the month and we will offer a special Mass at 7pm on Tuesday 18h November for these people and for all who were buried from the parish during this past year.

Jubilee Year of Hope 2025: Remembrance Mass for deceased Bishops, Priests and Religious of the Diocese of Ossory

Bishop Coll will celebrate a Mass of Remembrance for deceased Bishops, Priests and Religious of the Diocese of Ossory, on Thursday, 6th November 2025, in St Mary's Cathedral, 7.30pm. This is an opportunity for us to gather in prayer as a Diocesan family remembering with gratitude all who have gone to their eternal reward having dedicated their lives in the service of God and His people in Ossory and beyond. May their souls rest in peace with the Lord. There will be an opportunity for some conversation and light refreshments afterwards in the Chapter Room. All are welcome.

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.

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.

Day at *Integritas*, a domestic centre of Christian faith, Ennisnag, Stoneyford, Co. Kilkenny, R95 CR7W with Rev. Prof. Eamonn Conway, on the subject of 'Integral Human Development – a real basis for one's relationship with the universal Church, humanity and creation', on Saturday, the 8th of November 2025, commencing at 10.00 a.m. The day will focus upon the relationship each of us have with the universal Church, humanity and creation as part of an ongoing course exploring the different dimensions of what Pope Francis termed '*missionary discipleship*', which itself means "*to bear witness to what has been contemplated, to the encounter one has had with the God of life.*" (Pope Leo XIV, 29 August 2025).

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 exploring 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. Details in parishes on posters or by email afd@ossory.ie or call 057 93 55050.

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

Walk and Prayer Service Jo Jo Dullard is missing 30 years this November. Jo Jo was 21 years of age at the time of her disappearance. At the time that she disappeared she was making her way from Dublin back home to Callan in Co Kilkenny. To mark the anniversary a walk and prayer service to remember Jo Jo will take place on Sunday November 9th at the courtyard of Kilkenny Castle at 2pm walking to the missing persons monument. This is an opportunity for all of us to gather 30 years on to ensure that Jo Jo is not forgotten and the search for her will continue.

St Mary's Cathedral, Chapter House Bookshop

Monday & Tuesday 9.30am - 1.00pm and Wednesday - Friday 9.30am - 5.00pm.

<p>Readers Next Weekend 11.00am – J. Meredith, 5.30pm – M. Dowling Eucharistic Ministers 11.00am – K. Moran, M. Walsh, J. Campion: 5.30pm - F. Culleton, R. Heffernan</p>
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YOUR PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPS: Sr Betty Cagney, Martina Lawlor

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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.

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