

## ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL



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### 9th November 2025 – Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

**A thought...** This past year we celebrated the funeral Mass for 31 people here in the Cathedral Parish. That is 31 families that journeyed with the pain of loss. For some it was sudden and unexpected for others the end of a long journey with illness - for all it was a moment to stand before the Lord asking for his mercy, his welcome and for us who remain his comfort and consolation. I am conscious also of the many other funerals that impacted people here - the burial of sons, daughters, siblings, parents, grandparents in other parishes. In November we remember our dead - I invite you to place the names of those you want to remember in the basket in front of the Altar and please join us on Tuesday 18th at 7pm when we will offer a Mass for all those who have gone before us. May they rest in peace.

*Fr Dermot*

#### **Please remember the following in your prayers**

11.00am – Sr Betty O'Shea, Presentation Convent; Seamus Dunlop, Walkin Street; Paddy Phelan, Stephen Street; Joan Warren.

5.30pm- **Months Mind:** Liam Murphy, Stephen St and Callan; Anniversaries Sean Heffernan, Christy and Joan Bollard, Kieran Street and those whose anniversaries occur about this time Greg Moynihan, Peter Blanchfield, Eddie Nolan, Peig McAndrew, Jim McAndrew, Sean Barry, James Delaney, Nora Doran, Paddy Delaney, Jack McDonald, Mary Saunders, Andy O'Brien.

#### **Weekly Collections**

Envelopes: €680.00, Baskets €1,339.49. 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 18th November for these people and for all who were buried from the parish during this past year.

#### **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](mailto:medjugorjecork@icloud.com) or contact JWT on 01 2410800. Places Limited. Early booking advisable.

#### **Tirlan/Glanbia Annual Mass of Remembrance**

St Canice's Church Kilkenny, Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November at 7.15pm.

#### **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](mailto: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.

#### **Patronage of Primary Schools**

The current Department of Education survey on the future of patronage in the primary sector is important in that it will shape the discussion on primary school divesting for the years to come throughout the Republic of Ireland. It is important that those who wish for a change in patronage would have their voice heard. It is equally important that those who wish for a Catholic Education for their children and for those who would wish for sacramental preparation within school would have their voice heard also.

For those reasons and to ensure that an accurate picture emerges, please participate in this survey if you are a parent or a prospective parent of a Primary school student. The survey can be accessed at [www.gov.ie/primaryschool](http://www.gov.ie/primaryschool) survey.

**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 today 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**

Beautiful range of Christmas Mass Bouquets, Christmas Cards, Cribbs, Christmas Gifts now available. Open - Monday & Tuesday 9.30am - 1.00pm and Wednesday - Friday 9.30am - 5.00pm.

**Readers Next Weekend** 11.00am – C. Kabuika, 5.30pm – M. Ryan

Eucharistic Ministers 11.00am – B. Dunphy, N. Molloy, F. Culleton: 5.30pm – R. Neary, B. Cagney.

**YOUR PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPS:** Sr Betty Cagney, Martina Lawlor

**Contact:** [safeguardingstmarys@ossory.ie](mailto: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](http://www.towardshealing.ie)

**Towards Peace Helpline:** 01 5053028 [www.towardspeace.ie](http://www.towardspeace.ie)

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