

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL



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16th November 2025 – 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

A thought... We congratulate Bishop Niall who this past week was appointed as Bishop of Raphoe, that is to say his home diocese of Donegal. Bishop Niall has spent the last three years here in Ossory as our Bishop and we hope that his memories of this Diocese, the people he met and the time with us a community of faith, will stand him well as he returns home to take up this new appointment. His mother and family, who were regular visitors to our Cathedral Parish will, no doubt, be delighted to welcome him home. We thank him for all he did here in Ossory and pray that the Lord who called him will continue to sustain him in his ministry.

Fr Dermot

Please remember the following in your prayers

Recently deceased: Karen Young O'Mahoney, Friarsbridge.

11.00am - Michael Neary, Kickham St, Sean Lennon, Dean Cavanagh Place and those whose anniversaries occur about this time Seamie Loughman, Aileen Hehir, Therese O'Donoghue.

Weekly Collections

Envelopes: €395.00, Baskets €2,150.95. 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 or contact JWT on 01 2410800. Places Limited. Early booking advisable.

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.

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 survey.

Mass will be offered for Deceased Nurses

Mass will be offered for Deceased Nurses in St. Fiace's Church, Loughboy on Wednesday 19th November at 10.30am. A coffee/ tea morning will take place in St. Patrick's Parish Centre directly afterwards with proceeds going to the Carlow Kilkenny Homecare Team.

All are welcome.

Kilkenny Speakers Toastmasters

Our next twice monthly club meetings are at 8pm Tuesday 14th November and 2nd December at the Club House Hotel, Patrick Street. Develop your public speaking, presentation and leadership skills in a safe, supportive place. First meetings free. No obligation. All welcome. See us on Facebook. For further information see our website Kilkennyspeakers.toastmastersclubs.org or email kilkennyspeakers@gmail.com or ring Mark 087 8569740

Society of St Vincent de Paul Auction

with Gerge Candler on November 22nd at 7.00pm at St. Fiace's Church (St. Patrick's Parish Centre, Kilkenny R95 RF97). 150 lots including... Vintage furniture, books, clothes, jewellery and other sought after items. Raffle on the night!

St Mary's Cathedral, Chapter House Bookshop

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

Readers Next Weekend 11.00am – M. Whelan, 5.30pm – Sr. Nuala

Eucharistic Ministers 11.00am – M. Tallent, E. Tallent, J. Campion: 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.

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