

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL



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30th November 2025 – First Sunday of Advent

A thought... This past week, at the end of a lecture in Sacramental Theology, a student approached me to say that he was part of the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation) in another Diocese as he was preparing for baptism. He has been a student of mine all year in a theology lecture and I didn't know that he was finding his way to the faith. Last Sunday, after Mass here in the Cathedral, a young person (30's) asked if I would help them prepare to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation and later in the same day a group of 5 young people asked me if they could volunteer in the parish. We never know where people are at on their faith journey - and we would be foolish to even think to presume. The person sitting beside you might well be a saint.
Fr Dermot

Please remember the following in your prayers

Recently deceased: Brendan O'Brien, Fr. Murphy Square.

11.00am – Willie Meighan, Rioch Tce. Michael Cuddihy, Blackmill St. Pauline Hackett, Drakelands

5.30pm-Josephine Pigott, Bill Hanaphy and those whose anniversaries occur about this time
Maureen Nolan, Rita O'Brien, Mary O'Shea, William and Ellen Bergin, Joan Warren.

Weekly Collections

Envelopes: €315.00, Baskets €1,526.13 Your support of the parish is greatly appreciated.

November Offering

A gentle reminder to return you November offerings.

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.

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.

Discerning a Vocation to Religious/Consecrated Life

For Young Women (18-40yrs) who are discerning a Vocation to Religious/Consecrated Life, monthly meetings are held in Charleville Retreat Centre, Cork. The day includes prayer, talks, Holy Mass, Adoration and a chance to meet and chat with religious sisters of different communities. If interested in attending email womendiscern@corkandross.org

GALA CONCERT - Cathedral Choir accompanied by the Clonmel Concert Band and Special Guests will take place in the Cathedral of the Assumption, Thurles this Sunday November 30th, 7.30 p.m. Donations on the night will go towards the Cathedral Reroofing Project. *Thank you most sincerely for your continued support.*

The Kilkenny Choir presents *A Choral Christmas* on Sunday 14th December at 4.30pm in St. John's Church. Conductor Patrick Rafter. Tickets €20 on eventbrite or www.thekilkennychoir.com

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. It can be accessed at www.gov.ie/primaryschool survey.

First Saturday Conference in Knock

To mark the 100th anniversary of the First Saturday Apparition in Pontevedra, Spain, there will be a special conference in Knock on the first Saturday in December - December 6th. The day begins with adoration and confessions at 10am in the Reconciliation Chapel. There will be three talks from Bishop John Keenan, Antonia Moffat, and Fr Philip Kemmy. At Fatima, Our Lady promised that there would be peace in the world and that many souls would be saved through this devotion. Bus from Butts Green 7:00am, with pick-up at Ballyragget, Durrow, Abbeyleix. Please contact 086-8469011 to book. For more info firstsaturdays.ie

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. Further info see our website kilkennyspeakers.toastmastersclubs.org or email kilkennyspeakers@gmail.com or ring Mark 087 8569740

St Mary's Cathedral, Chapter House Bookshop

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 – G. Cody, 5.30pm – M. Ryan

Eucharistic Ministers 11.00am-J. Campion, N. Molloy, F. Culleton – 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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