

## ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL



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28th December 2025 – The Holy Family

### A thought....

What trust God had to come to the world in the form of an infant. As we stand before the crib let us marvel at the belief God has in us – he allowed two normal people, Mary and Joseph, to care for, to raise, to educate and to guide his son in our world. I think of all those hidden years when Jesus was living in the midst of his friends and family. I think of all those he interacted with, all those who shaped him. Our influence on others should never be underestimated – walk gently with those you encounter in life – we don't know where they have come from and we certainly don't know where they are going. *Fr Dermot*

### Anniversaries

11.00-John Walsh, Rioch Court, Aaron Molloy, Mary Malone, Peg Molloy, Breda Molloy and those whose anniversaries occur about this time Kevin Brennan, Denis Maher, Ann Murray, Alice & Patrick Shasby, Jack & Peg Molloy, Mick & Mary Malone, Breda Molloy, Aaron Molloy, Peter Molloy, John Malone, Joe Malone, Statia Butler.

### Weekly Collections

Envelopes: €765.00, Baskets €1,507.89. Your support of the parish is greatly appreciated.

**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.

### Cathedral Cafe

Have you been to the Cafe that is re-opened here at the Cathedral. They are open each Saturday and Sunday and they are being well supported - why not stop down after Mass or the next weekend when you are in town. Profits there support the work of Teac Tom and those working there always have a smile and a warm welcome for visitors.

### St Mary's Cathedral, Chapter House Bookshop

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.

### Closing Mass for the Jubilee Year of Hope 2025 in the Diocese of Ossory – Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Theme: *Anchored in Hope. "Hope in the Lord"* (Psalm 27:14)

As agreed at the Irish Episcopal Conference, the closing celebration of the *Jubilee Year of Hope 2025* will take place in each Diocese on Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> January 2026. Bishop Niall will celebrate the closing Mass in Ossory on Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> January 2026 in St Mary's Cathedral at 5.30 p.m. There will be an opportunity to share in some conversation and light refreshments afterwards in the Chapter House. All are welcome.

Please know that the Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV will celebrate the Closing Mass for the Jubilee Year in St Peter's Square on Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026, The Feast of the Epiphany. Wishing you all a blessed and Holy Christmas.

### 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.

**Retreat and Ministry of Healing** St. Mary's Parish Church, Irishtown, Clonmel, Co.Tipperary Eircode E91FD28, Saturday January 10th morning 10.00a.m-1.00p.m and afternoon 3.00p.m -5.30p.m & Sunday 11th at 3.00p.m - 7.30p.m, 2026. Led by international Healing Priest Fr. Rozo Palić, also beautiful International Music worship team. Bring the sick, family, and friends. All are welcome. For further details contact: Patricia 089 9466193 or Imelda 089 9558283.

<b>Readers Next Weekend</b> 11.00am – D. Butler, 5.30pm – M. Finnegan
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b> 11.00am – B. Quinn, D. Quinn, N. Molloy: 5.30pm - T. Lawlor, B. Cagney.

**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](http://www.towardshealing.ie)

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

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