

## ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL



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**11<sup>th</sup> January 2026 – Baptism of the Lord**

**A thought...** Today is the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. In many respects this was the start of his public ministry - the Spirit of God descended on him and the voice calls out from heaven "This is my Son, the beloved in whom my favour rests on him". There was no turning back from that... Our own Baptism is also to mark a beginning - the beginning of our entry into the Church but also the beginning of our lives of proclaiming Christ to others. At our Baptism we each received a short blessing called the Ephphatha with the word - May he soon touch your ears to receive the word and your mouth to proclaim the faith" - Baptism calls us to start...

*Fr Dermot*

**Recently Deceased:** Nuala Earle, Old Callan Road, Michael Dooley Jnr. Old Callan Road.

### Anniversaries

11.00am - Sean Hayes, Dean Cavanagh Place; Mo Quigley, Mark Quigley, Rioch St; Jimmy Culleton, Old Callan Road; Tanya Shanahan.

5.30pm- **Months Mind** - Mary Reynolds, St. Francis Tce, Ann Carey, Loughboy, Anniv. Breege and Danny Nolan, Dominic St and those whose anniversaries occur about this time Sean O'Dwyer, Lorenzo Mahony, Joe Slattery, Margaret Doran, Patrick Doran, Catherine Delaney, Michael Delaney.

### Weekly Collections

Envelopes: €365.00, Baskets €1,796.17. Your support of the parish is greatly appreciated.

**Kilkenny Medjugorje Group Pilgrimage** Kilkenny Medjugorje Group Pilgrimage takes place from the 23<sup>rd</sup> to the 30<sup>th</sup> September. Price €895 + Insurance. There is a €50 discount for those who pay the deposit of €200 before the 31<sup>st</sup> January. For further information or to make a reservation please contact Ann on (086) 199 1620.

**Medjugorje Evening of Prayer** The monthly Medjugorje Mass, with Rosary, Adoration and prayer for healing, will take place next Monday the 12<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm in the Oratory of St. Patrick's Parish Centre. All are welcome.

### Christmas Offering

A gentle reminder to return your Christmas Offering. A sincere thank you to those who have already done so.

### 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.

### Weekly Envelopes

Envelopes are now ready for distribution and can be collected at parish office. Thank you to all who distribute our envelopes. It is much appreciated.

### 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 20<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> 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 057 93 55050.

### Kilkenny Active Retirement Group

Meeting Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January is cancelled. The next meeting will take place Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> February in Club House Hotel at 2.30pm. Please tell a friend.

### Mayfair Library

Meet the Authors - Thursday January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6pm. Join us for a special evening with local authors Niamh Mulvey, Orla Mackey and Brendan Casey for a panel discussion chaired by Rebecca Reynolds.

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

Open Monday-Friday 9.30am-5.00pm. Beautiful selection of First Communion, Confirmation, Wedding, Baptism gifts. Cards for all occasions.

**Readers Next Weekend** 11.00am – C. Kabuika, 5.30pm – T. Lawlor

**Eucharistic Ministers** 11.00am – M. Tallent, E. Tallent, R. Heffernan: 5.30pm – R. Neary, B. Cagney.

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

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**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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