

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL



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18th January 2026 – 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

A thought... This past week we celebrated the Feast day of St Ita who was known as the Brigid of Munster. She was a Saint in Waterford and earned herself the reputation of the Foster Mother of all the Saints of Ireland. She was baptised as Deidre but became known as Ita as a result of her "thirst for holiness". That search for holiness took her to Killeedy, where it seems a chieftain offered her a large grant of land to support her convent. But Ita only accepted four acres, which she cultivated instantly - and there founded a school which had among its students a young St Brendan the Navigator. We have a rich tradition of Saints in Ireland - does it continue?

Fr Dermot

Recently Deceased:

Jack Magner, Dukes Meadows, William (Bill) Young, Drakelands.

Anniversaries

11.00am – Tadgh Fitzgerald, Rioch Tce, Peggy Moore, Kickham St, Gretta Dalton, St. Teresa's Tce, Christy Mahony, Fr. Murphy Sq, Maureen Hegarty, James's Park and those whose anniversaries occur about this time Ellen Carpenter, Judy Carpenter, Carmel Maher, John Brennan, Denis Guilfoyle, Seamus Browne, Martin Browne, William and Catherine Maher, Paddy Lacey, Michael and Alice Breen, Bernard Kelly, John O'Shea, Jim Cashin.

Weekly Collections

Envelopes: €1,215.00, Baskets €2,366.39. Your support of the parish is greatly appreciated.

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

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 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 057 93 55050.

The Ossory pilgrimage to Lourdes

will take place from May 25 to May 30, 2026. All bookings should be made through Joe Walsh Tours by telephone 01-2410800, or online www.joewalshtrips.ie/pilgrimages/group-diocesan-pilgrimages/ or by post to JWT 89 Harcourt Street, Dublin 2, D02WY88. SPECIAL ASSISTED/SICK SECTION Pilgrims who would like to travel with the Special Assisted Section should apply to Anna Colleton at a.colleton@cbskilkenney.ie. This special section is accommodated at the Accueil. Acceptance for travel with the special section for the sick is subject to the approval of the Pilgrimage Medical Board. Early booking is advisable as space is limited to one plane load.

Radio Maria

– Here's how you can listen:
1. Via Digital TV - Saorview Channel 210. 2. Download our FREE App "RADIO MARIA IRELAND". 3. Streaming on our WEBSITE - www.radiomaria.ie. 4. Via our 'Listen Live Radio' link on our Facebook Page. 5. Via PHONE – get live radio feed by calling +353 (0) 1 437 3277 (no extra charges apply). 6. Via DAB Radio in Leinster area.

Mayfair Library

Meet the Authors - Thursday January 22nd 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.

Church Gate Collection

Kilkenny Sub Aqua Club search and recovery will hold their annual church collection next Sunday 25th January.

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 – M. Ryan, 5.30pm - R. Heffernan.

Eucharistic Ministers 11.00am – F. Culleton, B. Dunphy, J. Campion: 5.30pm – T. Lawlor, K. Lawlor.

YOUR PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPS:

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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

Towards Peace Helpline: 01 5053028 www.towardspeace.ie

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