

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL



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25th January 2026 – 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

A thought...On Thursday evening we had the latest of our Confirmation preparation gatherings with the children in the Chapter House. At this meeting some of the parents sat with the children and chatted to them about all that they are learning through the MyFaith programme which the parish has given to them. This programme invites the children, and parents, to watch interactive lessons before then playing games to reinforce that content. It was wonderful to see the interactions, the laughter and the learning. We are blessed to have parents who are willing to help the children prepare - the children and blessed too! A sincere thank you to all involved. I look forward to the next gathering. *Fr Dermot*

Recently Deceased:

William (Bill) Young, Drakelands.

Anniversaries

11.00am –Arthur Connick, Fatima Place, Liam and Conor Delahunty, Castleinch, John and Patricia Malone, Stephen St, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time William Kavanagh, Kathleen Doran, Margaret Doran, Sean Barry, Adrian Freezey, Michael Delaney.

Weekly Collections

Envelopes: €610.00, Baskets €1,311.40. 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.

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.

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.joewalshstours.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@cbskilkenny.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.

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.

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.

Diocesan Draw

The January draw will take place next Wednesday 28th January in the Chapter House at 8.00pm. All welcome.

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.

Church Gate Collection

Kilkenny Sub Aqua Club search and recovery will hold their annual church collection today 25th January. Your support is appreciated.

A Catholic Praise and Worship Night will take place on Saturday 21st February at 7:00pm in Emmanuel House, Clonfert, Galway, Eircode H53E5N6. The evening will include praise and worship music, prayer, and time before the Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome.

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 – D. Butler, 5.30pm – T. Lawlor.

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

5.30pm – R. Heffernan, 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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