

Dedication Plaque, St. Mary's Parish Church.

Dedication Plaque in Latin at the top left-hand side of St. Mary's Parish Church, just left of the confession box and underneath the stained glass window.

This translation and notes of the Latin plaque were written by Canon Donal O'Connor, D. D. P.E. in August 2009.

To God the Best and the Greatest.

This edifice is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, the august Mother of God, assumed into heaven. It was built through the generosity of our forefathers, and the divine services were publicly celebrated in it for the first time on 27 March 1828.

After that it was furnished more than once through the generosity of the townspeople, and it was consecrated with due solemnity by Bernard, Bishop of Waterford and Lismore who inserted the relics of Anicetus and Hilary in the high altar on 21 September 1916.

John Power, Parish Priest placed (this Plaque) in 1921 to seal the memory of this most auspicious day.

Notes.

Bernard Hackett, a native of Dungarvan and a Redemptorist priest was Bishop of Waterford and Lismore, 1916 – 1932.

Between 1828 and 1916 substantial renovation was carried out by a number of parish priests: Rev. James Vincent Cleary, D.D. PP Dungarvan 1876 – 1880 and later Archbishop of Kingston, Ontario, Canada.

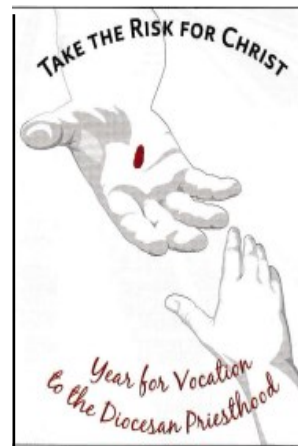
V. Rev. P. Casey, PP (1888 – 1894). Work carried out by Mr. Creedon of Fermoy after plans by Mr. Ashlin.

John Power (Rt. Rev. Mgr.) PP Dungarvan, 1902 – 1925.

Relics of St. Anicetus (Anacletus) and St. Hilary were inserted in the high altar.

St. Mary's Parish Dungarvan

August 2023



Year for Vocation to the Diocesan Priesthood.
30 April 2023 - 21 April 2024.

Vocations/Good Shepherd Sunday 2023 – 2024.

Theme: 'Take the Risk for Christ'

Banner for the Year for Vocation to the Diocesan Priesthood. This banner is displayed at the top of St. Mary's Parish Church at the right-hand edge of the sanctuary.

The focus of this banner is two hands. The image of a hand is a beautiful one. Think of a child putting his/her hand in the hand of a parent and going with trust and confidence where the parent leads. In the wedding ceremony the couple hold hands as they

exchange vows, putting themselves into each other's hands with faith and great love.

The hand of Jesus with the mark of the wound on it is held out to another hand about to be put in Jesus' hand. Taking a risk. Putting one's hand in the hand of the man from Galilee. This is a line taken from a 1971 song:

Put your hand in the hand of the man who stilled the water.

Put your hand in the hand of the man who calmed the sea.

Take a look at yourself and you can look at others differently.

Put your hand in the hand of the man from Galilee.

Each vocation is risk, facing into an unknown future with joys and sorrows, consolations and disappointments. The call to priesthood is a call to risk for Christ. Surely the risk is lessened when God holds each one of us in the palm of his hands.

The crucifix on the lower part of the banner reminds us that Jesus's love for us is so great that he gave his life on the cross for us. Each one of us is called to be holy. Our call to holiness is the call to live our lives as best we can as we respond to that love of Jesus. For some the response to that call is in priesthood, diaconate or religious life.

You have not chosen me, but I have chosen you.' John 15:16

St. Therese of Lisieux/The Little Flower reminds us that: 'God does not call those who are worthy, but only those it pleases him to call.' We pray that those whom it pleases God to call to the diocesan priesthood, will respond with courage and generosity.

Tuesday 15th August:



Vigil Masses

6pm: An Rinn

6:15pm : The Friary

7:30pm: Colligan

No Vigil Mass in St. Mary's

August 15th Masses

10am: The Friary

11am: St. Mary's

7.30pm : St. Mary's

Prayer for Year for Vocation to the Diocesan Priesthood

God our Father, we know how much our world needs the witness of good priests who imitate the Good Shepherd and know how to share the love of the Sacred Heart. Accompany your people through the ministry of priests in which Jesus himself sanctifies, embraces, feeds, heals, teaches and leads his people... Assist young men amid the noise of daily life to hear God speaking to them within their hearts and to generously respond to the call of Christ to share in his sacred ministry. Mary, Mother of Priests, pray for us. St. Joseph, Protector of Priests, pray for us.

Youth 2000 Summer Festival: 10th – 13th August 2023.

National Catholic Youth Festival of faith, fun and fellowship for those aged 16 - 35 years at Clongowes College, Co. Kildare from 10th - 13th August. Donation only. An unforgettable weekend of talks, testimonies, music, drama, prayer, games, time to chill and meet new people and experience faith in a new way. Free bus from Waterford (book early to secure seat!) For more details and information on how to book go to www.youth2000.ie

World Youth Day 2023, Lisbon, 1st – 6th August 2023

World Youth Day (WYD) is the gathering of young people from all over the world with the Pope. It is also a pilgrimage, a celebration of youth, an expression of the universal Church and an intense moment of evangelization for the youth world. Although its Catholic identity is clearly evident, WYD opens its doors to everyone, no matter how close to or distant from the Church they are.

Young People from the Diocese of Waterford and Lismore to attend World Youth Day.

‘Bishop Phonsie Cullinan of Waterford and Lismore, who is bringing a group of 15, said he believes that the growth of personal faith is the greatest fruit of the event, but highlighted the need for parishes to provide the space for young people to spread and live their Faith.

He said: ‘Please God, they’ll bring back some of that (Faith) with them. But what is essential then is that we here on the ground, in the diocese and in the parishes, we’ve got to provide places where the Faith can be lived out, where the Faith can be strengthened.’ The Irish Catholic, July 13, 2023. P. 2.

New Martyrs.

Witnesses of the Faith, Witnesses of the Hope that comes from Faith in Christ.

‘...martyrs have accompanied the life of the Church in every age, and flourish as “ripe and excellent fruits of the Lord's vineyard” even today. **As I have said many times, martyrs “are more numerous in our time than in the first centuries”:** they are bishops, priests, consecrated men and women, lay people and families, who in the different countries of the world, with the gift of their lives, have offered the supreme proof of charity. (cf. *LG 42*)

(Some) despite being aware of the dangers they face, manifest their faith or participate in the Sunday Eucharist. Others are killed in the effort to assist in charity the lives of the poor, in caring for those rejected by society, in cherishing and promoting the gift of peace and the power of forgiveness. Still others are silent victims, as individuals or in groups, of the upheavals of history. **To all of them we owe a great debt and we cannot forget them.**’ (From Letter of the Holy Father Francis constituting the “Commission of the New Martyrs - Witnesses of the Faith” at the Dicastery for the Causes of Saints, 05.07.2023)

18 Martyrs in 2022.

18 martyrs were killed worldwide in 2022: 1 lay person, 1 seminarian, 1 religious brother, 3 sisters, and 12 priests, They witnessed to Jesus with their lives. They call us to faith and support us with their prayers. They came from Western Honduras, Democratic Republic of Congo, Bolivia, Nigeria, Mexico, Tanzania, Haiti and Mozambique.

Holy Communion – ‘The Lord’s Great Gift of Himself’ – Pope Francis.

‘...the Eucharist is God’s response to the deepest hunger of the human heart, the hunger for authentic life, **for in the Eucharist Christ himself is truly in our midst, to nourish, console and sustain us on our journey.** Sadly nowadays, there are those among the Catholic faithful who believe that the Eucharist is more a symbol than the reality of the Lord’s presence and love. It is more than a symbol; it is the real and loving presence of the Lord. It is my hope that Catholics throughout the country to discover anew the sense of wonder and awe at **the Lord’s great gift of himself** and to spend time with him in the celebration of the Holy Mass and in personal prayer and adoration before the Blessed Sacrament’.

(From Pope Francis’ address in Rome on June 19th, 2023. to the members of the Organizing Committee of the National Eucharistic Congress of the United States of America, July 17th - 21st, 2024)