

Bicentenary of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church Dungarvan
Appeal for information, photographs and/or artifacts of historical interest.

St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Mitchell Street, Dungarvan, Co. Waterford will celebrate its 200th Anniversary in 2028. Over the past 200 years there have been significant changes to the interior of the Church and its surrounds. Over the past 100 years some of these changes may have been captured in the form of written documents, photographs, video recordings, or in statues/artifacts that were removed from the Church.

St. Mary's Parish Pastoral Council, in conjunction with Waterford County Museum, Dungarvan are seeking the public's assistance in relation to obtaining information, photographs and/or artifacts of historical interest relating to the Church building and its surrounds.

Should you be able to provide any of the above, it would be greatly appreciated if you could contact Waterford County Museum, or St. Mary's Parish Church at the contact details below.

Waterford County Museum, St. Augustine Street, Dungarvan, Co. Waterford X35 NW63 Tel: 058-45960 Email: info@waterfordmuseum.ie	St. Mary's Parish Church, Mitchell St., Dungarvan, Co. Waterford X35 KD56 Tel: 058-42374 Email: parishofficedungarvan@gmail.com
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Mass of Remembrance
Reilig an tSléibhe

Pulla, An Rinn, Dungarvan
on Thursday 30th July 2026
at 7.00pm

In remembrance of those who died in the Great Famine in 1847 who are buried there. Reilig an tSléibhe (Mountain Graveyard), was used on a daily basis during the Great Famine (1845-1849), where it is estimated that over 1,000 bodies are buried there in unmarked graves.

Church Gate Collections

Groups / Clubs / Organisations etc, who have permits to collect at the church gates are reminded that they are obliged to keep well back from the entrances to the church. It is not a pleasant duty to have to tell collectors that they are not keeping back sufficiently from the entrances. There are notices on the railings which remind collectors that there are **'No collections inside this point. Thank you.'**

**Parishes of St. Mary's, Dungarvan, An Rinn
and Sean Phobal, Kilgobinet, Colligan
and Kilbrien**



July 2026



Children's Joy of Faith Summer Camp, 5 -14-year-olds.

St. Joseph's Primary School, Dungarvan.

Mon. 6th July – Thurs. 9th July, 10am - 3pm each day.

With an overall emphasis on fun, friendship and learning, the aim of the camp is to give children the opportunity to experience the joy of our Catholic faith. This will be done through activities such as Art & Craft, Drama, Music, Bible Stories, Sport, Games, Dance, Prayer and Lots of Fun! Cost €50 (€30 for each additional child in family). To book, contact Shauna (087) 1378364, or see Church Notice Boards.

Gathering of Young Adults, 18 – 35-year-olds.

St. Mary's Parish Church, Dungarvan.

Tuesday, 7th July at 8pm

This gathering will include a talk, a time of Adoration and music, followed by tea and a chat. Confession available. Meet young Catholics interested in learning more about their faith. More information:

www.waterfordlismore.ie

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July 2026.

Wednesday, 1st July: St. Oliver Plunkett, bishop and martyr.

Thursday, 16th July: Our Lady of Mt. Carmel.

Friday, 24th July: St. Declan of Ardmore, bishop.

Sunday, 26th July: Ss Joachim and Anne, parents of Our Lady. Not celebrated this year as it falls on a Sunday. **World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly.**

Wednesday 1st July: Feast of St. Oliver Plunkett.

This year we celebrate the 401st anniversary of his birth on 1st November 1625. He was named Blessed in 1920 and a saint in 1975. The first new Irish saint in almost 700 years. He was hanged, drawn and quartered in Tyburn on 1st July 1690. His head is venerated in St. Peter's Church, Drogheda, Co. Louth.

Thursday, 16th July: Our Lady of Mt. Carmel.

This is the title given to Our Lady as patroness of the Carmelite Order. The first Carmelites lived as Christian hermits on Mt. Carmel in the Holy Land in the 12th and 13th centuries. They built a chapel dedicated to Our Lady there. The brown scapular is associated with Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. According to tradition, Our Lady is said to have given the scapular to St. Simon Stock (1165 – 1265), a Carmelite Friar. Our Lady of Mt. Carmel is celebrated on July 16th each year. The brown scapular is a sign of the protection of Our Lady and of our devotion to her.

Friday, 24th July: Feast of St. Declan of Ardmore.

Prayer to St. Declan.

God our Father, we give thanks for the life of St. Declan who sowed the seeds of faith among the people of the Déise. We praise his name. We visit the places made holy by his presence. We walk in his footsteps, on the path taken by generations of pilgrims as we journey to the Father's House. We pray that we may step out in faith, hope and love, walking with Jesus, guided by the Holy Spirit on our journey home. We make this prayer through Christ your Son, our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, 26th July: 6th World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly.

Theme: I will never forget you. (Is 49:15)

‘Through the prophet Isaiah, the Lord promises that he will never forget any of us. He assures us that he has engraved our faces on the palms of his hands (cf. Is 49:16) and that his love is greater than a mother's love for her child (cf. Is 49:15)...Even today, we can read these words as referring to each of us, and everyone can hear that “I will never forget you” spoken directly to us. These are words that fill us with comfort and hope.... I thank you for supporting me every day with your prayers, especially when you recite the Holy Rosary. I return this gratitude from the bottom of my heart and leave you with this prayer: may the Lord always renew us in faith, hope and love — He who never forgets us!’

(From Pope Leo XIV's Message issued on 15 June 2026)

Prayer for Grandparents.

Lord Jesus, you were born of the Virgin Mary, the daughter of SS. Joachim and Anne. Look with love on grandparents the world over. Protect them! They are a source of enrichment for families, for the Church and for all of society. Support them! As they grow older, may they continue to be for their families strong pillars of Gospel faith, guardians of noble domestic ideals, living treasures of sound religious traditions. Make them teachers of wisdom and courage, that they may pass on to future generations the fruits of their mature human and spiritual experience. AMEN.

Pope Leo XIV to Participants at a Vatican Summer Camp, 22/6/2026. Part 1.

Responding to a question about how hard it is for children to pull themselves away from screens, Pope Leo says: Technology can be very good, and we need it for many things. But when we are together, there is no need to have a mobile phone, smartphone, or tablet in our hands all the time. **In fact, we are happy whenever, even for a little while, we are not tied to our tablets or our phones. That would be the first point.**

It is very important to build friendships—to spend time together, to play together, perhaps even to study together—as people, not as computers or machines, not as techno-robots. **We are human beings; we are persons. Personal contact with others is very important.** That is the first thing.

The same is true in the family. When the family is together, it is not enough for everyone simply to sit there, each looking at his or her own phone. **It is very important to learn how to talk with one another, to have conversations, to enjoy being together, to play together, and also to pray together.** Even if we can have the Bible or some prayers on our phones, God does not want to look at our phones; God wants to look at our hearts and at our lives. So we need to be free from these things which, in themselves, can be entertaining, helpful, and even good, but it is far more important to develop our humanity through friendship, conversation, and all the activities you are doing here during these weeks. I think that is something very important.

There is another point - and this is especially for those who are a little older. We need to be careful about the mechanism of a kind of dependency that is deliberately built into the programs and applications on our phones. They are designed to make us dependent on this technology. **Very often, it helps to set limits. For example: “after a certain time in the evening, I will no longer look at my phone,” or “ At certain times I will spend time talking with my family instead, and we will be together”.** I think these are things that can help us disconnect a little. We are not all plugged into a cable, are we? We are human beings. We should live and develop this human dimension of our lives. And we should also nurture the spiritual dimension: seeking God in prayer, seeking God together as a family, and living a little more freely, without this dependence on technology. Thank you.

Sr. Colette Hickey (108) R.I.P

Sr. Colette Hickey, celebrated her 108th birthday on January 31st.

Born Bridget Hickey, in Barracree, Ballinamult, Co, Waterford, she joined the Good Shepherd Sisters in Cork City when she was just 17 years of age. With her pioneering spirit, 54 years ago. Sr. Colette established Edel House, which provides housing and support for women and children experiencing homelessness in Cork. This remarkable legacy continues to offer invaluable services to this day.

Sr. Colette has lived through 10 popes and 10 Irish Presidents in addition to experiencing 15 Taoisigh at the head of Irish Government. Significantly, she is also one of the few people who lived through and can remember when Waterford won their two All-Ireland senior hurling titles. She was also the first ever Cork Person of the Year, when she received the accolade in 1993.

We offer our sympathy to her nieces, nephews and their extended families, her Good Shepherd family, residents and staff in Baile An Aoire and her many friends. Leaba i measc go raibh aici.