

# ST CANICE'S PARISH

8<sup>th</sup> November, 2020



## Praying for those who have died

### Recently Deceased

Tom Donohue, Talbots Inch  
Breda Roche, Clarnwood  
Seamus Dunlop, Kilkenny and Callan  
Joan Fitzgerald Ardnore  
Vera Kearns, Parnell St

### Anniversaries

**Sun 10am** Esther Dowling (Months Mind)  
Jim, Babs, Paddy and John Mullins  
William Ivors, William Jnr and Vera Ivors  
Harry and Jim Cousins

Mon 9.15am Lawrence Fitzpatrick  
Tues 9.15am Greg and Mary Moynihan  
Thurs 9.15am Michael Dunne

### We also remember:

Minnie Kelly, James and Mary Mulrooney, Denis Philpott, Rev Troy Powers,  
Arthur and Gretta Somers

### Next Weekend

**Sun 10am** Theresa Clifford, The Tynan Family, Ann Casey  
Ivor McGoff, Claire Treacy, Mariyam Antony

## Funerals

**A maximum of 25 people are allowed to attend funeral ceremonies.**

**We ask people to strictly adhere to this number and to continue with social distancing to safeguard ourselves and one another.**

**Please use hand sanitiser before entering the church**

**Face Masks.** We recommend and encourage everyone to wear Face coverings at all religious ceremonies.

**Thanks to all** who have contributed to the weekly offering via our new online Donate facility. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

**Mass Intentions and Anniversaries** may be emailed to [jimmurphy@ossory.ie](mailto:jimmurphy@ossory.ie) or by phone/text to Fr. Jim on 087 2609545

## The November Offering Envelopes

### A Time to Remember - November - Prayers for the Dead

During the Month of November the priests of the Parish will offer up Masses for your deceased relatives and friends. There are Remembrance Slips in the November envelope which are now being distributed. You are invited to write the names of your deceased relatives and friends on the slip and to place it in the box at the front of the altar. Station Envelopes may be returned to the Parish Centre or placed in Fr Jim's letter box. Thank you

## Mass Schedule from 7<sup>th</sup> October 2020

The **10am Mass** on Sundays and the daily Masses (**Mon-Sat 9.15am**) are now being celebrated in the church behind closed doors.

You can watch the Masses on the Parish Webcam [www.stcanicesparish.ie](http://www.stcanicesparish.ie) or hear them on the Parish radio (108FM.)

The 10am Mass on Sundays will also be broadcast live from St. Canice's on Community Radio Kilkenny City (88.7fm)

## Donate Button

We now have a "Donate" facility on our Parish Website. This can be used for all Collections, including Special Collections such as Mission Sunday and Donations to the Parish. It is very user friendly. Just click on the Donate button, choose which collection you are contributing to and the amount you wish to give.

This can be a once off donation or a regular payment.

Thank you for your continued generosity.

## An Extract from Bishop Farrell's Pastoral Reflection: Remembrance of the Dead

"The pandemic has robbed many of their hopes for the end of their lives, replacing consolation and closeness with solitude, holding loved ones at a distance, too far away to whisper our love. This is not to minimise the heroic contribution of so many nurses and doctors working in Intensive Care Units, pushed to their limits, and beyond. Funeral Masses were much smaller and less supportive than would have been the case otherwise. 'Online' is no replacement for in-person, for hands joined, for voices raised together in hymn and prayer, for the healing silence that carries us in grief. The absence of togetherness at the time of death was painful. Mourning demands long hours of grieving together in quiet, a stream of neighbours and friends show up with trays of sandwiches and cakes.

What are we to say? First, and most importantly, our hearts go out to all those who lost loved ones in this difficult time. Second, we unite ourselves to them by sharing in their sorrow and pain, and we pledge our prayers and our presence to them. Third, to remember the dead is to give thanks for them, for their being in our lives—and for the grace that was, but also to ask for mercy for them, and for forgiveness for ourselves, because death leaves us all with "unfinished" business, things we should have done or said, and "things we failed to do." Forgiveness is not just our business; it is also—and ultimately—God's .... as forgiveness brings healing in its wake and that is the work of God. Fourth, we re-dedicate ourselves to our families, our neighbours, and our friends; we re-dedicate ourselves to a life where we take responsibility for our own well-being and the health of others. Care is not "either/or", but "both/and." We give thanks for all this care and support, for this strength in meekness, this witness to the Kingdom, to God's closeness and God's presence. Christ's suffering and death was not his last word. The crucified one is also the risen one. His resurrection and ours is the ultimate horizon on life. His wounds remain; the cross is not cast aside, it becomes the tree of life. It gives us a new vision, renews our strength, and offers consolation and hope through the one in whom death was defeated.

It is therefore with hope that we turn to our Father—the source of all life. We turn as Jesus did—in prayer, a wellspring in these dark times." – **Bishop Dermot Farrell**

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