

ST CANICE'S PARISH

13th December 2020



Praying for those who have died

Recently Deceased

Mary Dowling , Vicar St and Troys Court
Paddy Hehir, Castlecomer Rd.

Anniversaries

Sat 7.30pm Ann Keohane
Sun 10am
Sun 11.30am Alan Cunniffe
Mon 9.15am Frances O'Connor
Tues 9.15am John and Mary McMahon
Thurs 9.15am Catherine Oakes
Fri 9.15am Lawrence Masterson

We also remember:

Eva, Joe, Mary, Tony and Mark Adams, Billy Brennan, Rita Gaule
Tommy and Eileen Gunning, Margaret Jackman, James Murray,

Next Weekend

Sat 7.30pm Marian, Michael and Elizabeth Clifford
Sun 10am Peggy Moore
Ted Carroll
Sun 11.30am Rose and Ted Kenny

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.

Things to remember to help protect you and others.

Please use hand sanitizer before entering the Church.

For Communion, we have a one way system- (up the centre aisle and down the side). The people in the side aisles should come up first, followed by the people in the centre aisle.

Please allow for social distancing and follow the directions of the Stewards.

Communion will be given in the hand only.

Please take your copy of the newsletter with you, do not return it to the porch or leave it in your seat. Thank you for your co-operation.

St. Vincent De Paul National Fundraising Day- Sunday 13th Dec

A Church door collection will be taken up at all Masses this weekend. For those who cannot attend, there are pre stamped envelopes at the back of the Church into which you may place your donation. If you so wish. Thanks for you continued generosity.

Sisters from the St. Elisabeth Convent (Minsk, Belarus) are unable to participate in annual Christmas markets in our region due to travel restrictions. Nevertheless they have found a great way to spread the Christmas joy, love and deeds of mercy.

Please click here to participate: <https://catalog.obitel-minsk.com/christmas-market>

Advent Programme

The Word Became Flesh

Virtual Training nights for new and existing Ministers of the Word.

Two evenings of reflection for the Ministers of the Word in our Parishes.

Led by Fr. Dan Bollard, Fr. Jim Murphy and the Ossory retreat team-
Wed 16th and Thurs 17th December from 8pm to 9pm. Contact afd@ossory.ie or
056 7753624 to get the link

Diocesan Carol Service in the company of Bishop Dermot Farrell and
Bishop Denis Nulty- an evening of music, song, prayer and reflection on the
Christmas Story, from the parishes of our two dioceses, Sunday 20th December
at 8pm, live on KCLR 96FM

Parish Christmas Cards and Christmas Mass Bouquets

We now have our Christmas cards for sale at the Parish Centre and they are in big demand.
We have 2 designs and we thank Edward Coady and Fr. Kieran for the beautiful images.

The cards will be available at the Parish Centre after 10am and 11.30am Mass on Sunday.

Donate Button

We now have a "Donate" facility on our Parish Website. This can be used for all
Collections 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.

Good morning!

The sun is shining and I am going to celebrate the wedding of Ann McCarthy and Edward
Corrigan. What a difference the rays of sunshine make. I have been up at school and the
children are playing in the fresh air, enjoying the build up to a much simpler Christmas.
Congratulations to the Principal Maria Comerford and Assistant Principal Anita Sheehan
and the staff for having kept the school population safe during this difficult time. The
protocols have worked amazingly well. The staff has been heroic. We owe our thanks and
deep appreciation. Our school Carol service will be recorded and streamed so that you may
enjoy the music and songs from the comfort of your own homes. The children will be able
to celebrate Mass in school on the web on Thurs 17th Dec at 9.15am We cannot have our
usual Children's Christmas Eve Mass but the children can look in on the web at the 7pm
Mass on Christmas Eve before Santa comes. Please don't bring the children to the Church
on Christmas Eve. Stay at home and look at the live streaming instead. Only 50 people
may attend in Church at the Christmas Masses: **Christmas Eve 7pm and 9pm.**

Christmas Day 9.30am and 11.30am. You are safer to stay at home. If you wish to sit in
your cars and listen on 108.fm – you may come to Communion at the Church door.

I beg you, please take care. be sensible and put your health first. The virus is deadly.

We want you to be safe and able to enjoy Christmas with your families.

To do so safely depends on the decisions you personally take.

Looking forward to our Advent Retreat on Zoom, on Wed night at 8pm. See the
programme above for details. May you be blessed to sit for a time in the silence to savour
the beautiful messages of hope and joy in this Advent season.

With my love and prayers -**Jim**