

ST CANICE'S PARISH

20th December 2020



Praying for those who have died

Recently Deceased

Ger Barry, St Joseph's Rd

Celine Dignan, Castlecomer Rd

Anniversaries

Sat 7.30pm Marian, Michael and Elizabeth Clifford

Sun 10am Peggy Moore
Ted Carroll

Sun 11.30am Rose and Ted Kenny

Mon 9.15am John Ryan and the Deceased members of the Ryan Family Palmerstown

We also remember: Martin Browne, Margaret and Thomas Cody, Chrissy Comerford, Michael and Elizabeth Cullen, Martin Doheny, Nan Donovan, Margaret and Patrick Doran, Margaret and Paddy Doyle, Kitty Lennon and her son Joe, Kate Murphy, Michael Parker, Billy Phelan, Geraldine Proctor, Michael Ryan, Kay Scott, Paddy Sharkey, John Quigley, Christopher Walsh

Next Weekend

Sat 7.30pm The Intentions of all those who sent and received Parish Christmas Cards

Sun 10am Josephine Grace, Joe Woods

Sun 11.30am Catherine (Kit) O'Toole, Fr. Martin Cleere

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.

Samaritans – We are here for you this Christmas

Please don't suffer in silence. We are here today, and all over Christmas, on Freephone 116 123 or email jo@samaritans.ie

On Monday, December 21st we'll mark the Longest Night of the year by telling people we're there for them in their darkest hours. Landmarks and civic buildings nationwide will light up in green. You can support us by leaving a lantern/light on in a window to help us reach those that may need to talk.

St Canice's Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve:	7pm and 9pm
Christmas Day:	9.30am and 11.30am
St Stephen's Day:	11am Vigil Mass 7.30pm
Sun 27 th Feast of the Holy Family:	10am and 11.30am
Daily Mass Mon to Fri	11am

Maximum of 50 people allowed in the Church

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.

Ossory Virtual Cribs

Why not take a picture of your parish crib, the crib in your town/village/locality, home or place of work and send them to ADF@ossory.ie - let it become part of the virtual display of cribs which will be on the Diocesan Website this Christmas. St Francis was wise when he taught lots with no words; the Crib is a powerful reminder of the simplicity of it all.

Diocesan Carol Service

This Advent when we cannot come together in person we have done so in new ways. On Sunday night next we will gather for a Diocesan Carol service as people from the Diocese of Ossory and Kildare and Leighlin come together in prayer, reflection and song. Join us for an hour at 8pm on Sunday evening (20th December) on KCLR96fm - take a moment to slow down in these hectic days

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID-19 (Coronavirus). The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm by calling **0818 222 024**, and will remain open over the Christmas period.

Christmas is such a lovely time when we remember our friends and families and share our joys and friendships. It is lovely to receive a letter or a card from loved ones far away. May the blessings of God, who loved the world so much in sending His Son, come on you all, on your homes and families. Where there is discord and disharmony, may He bring peace. Where there is pain and illness may he bring comfort and healing. It is going to be a Christmas like no other! There is wisdom in keeping it simple, and there is wisdom in celebrating your faith and prayer at home, so as to avoid the dreaded disease. It is not easy to convince people of this. May I remind you we can only allow 50 people into Church. If you wish to risk it in the cold weather outside, we will come with Holy Communion, but you are welcome on any or all of the 12 Days of Christmas. There is no Sunday obligation. Thank you all for your support and help- in the office, in the Church, in the school. It has been heroic the care of the children in school. Enjoy a great rest and come back in the New Year refreshed, Thanks for the music and songs - very much curtailed by Covid but we will celebrate all the same .

Happy Christmas to all our Parishioners. May the peace of Christ be with you all.

Fr Jim and Fr. Tom