

# ST CANICE'S PARISH

27th December 2020

## Praying for those who have died

### Recently Deceased

Fiona Cantwell, Upr Waterbarrack and St. Patrick's Kells Rd

### Anniversaries

#### St. Stephen's Day

Sat 11am The Intentions of all those who sent and received Parish Christmas Cards

Sun 10am Josephine Grace, Joe Woods

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

Tues 11am Elizabeth Fennelly

Wed 11am Bridget O'Leary

New Year's Day 11am Michael Dowling

### We also remember:

Patrick and Sally Burke Tom Cantwell, Stephen Cantwell, Martin Cummins, Seamus Fry, Milo and Ann Fry Syl Gaffney, Mary Glennon, Ann Guilfoyle, Maura Hearne.

Judith Kilbride, Richard and Eileen McCormack, John and Kathleen McCormack, Dan O'Connell, Liam and Mary Ryan.

### Next Weekend

Sun 10am William Butler 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

Billy and Maureen Butler

Mon 11am Deceased members of the Slattery and Cahill Families and Paul Wright

Wed 11am Larry, Margaret and James Tynan

### Funerals

**A maximum of 10 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](mailto: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 <b>on webcam and radio</b>
Sun 27 <sup>th</sup> Feast of the Holy Family:	10am <b>on webcam and radio</b>
Daily Mass Mon to Sat	11am <b>on webcam and radio</b>

**The 10am Mass on Sundays and the daily Masses (Mon-Sat 11am) will be 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 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 Crib

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 [AFD@ossory.ie](mailto:AFD@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.

### 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 for Christmas Masses. If you wish to risk it in the cold weather outside, we will come with Holy Communion. From 26<sup>th</sup> onwards, Masses will once again be celebrated behind closed doors but will be live streamed on the webcam

[www.stcanicesparish.ie](http://www.stcanicesparish.ie). The Church will be open during the day for private prayer and to visit the crib. Thank you all for your support and help- in the office, in the Church, in the school. Happy Christmas to all our Parishioners. May the peace of Christ be with you all.

**Fr Jim and Fr. Tom**