

ST CANICE'S PARISH

24th January 2021

Praying for those who have died

Recently Deceased

Michael Kinchella Assumption Place
Eileen Kennedy, Castlecomer Rd
Michael Joseph Duffy, St Francis Tee,
Kitty Guidera, Assumption Place
Sheila Fitzgerald, Tullaroan,
Nora Bourke, (Sister of Kathleen Morkan)
Sr. Nora McCarthy, Presentation Sisters

Anniversaries

Sun 10am Kevin Dowling
Celine Dignan, (Months Mind)
Mon 9.15am Peg and Jim Grace
Tues 9.15m Tom Phelan
Wed 9.15am Jack Donegan
Thurs 9.15am Davy Campion
Fri 9.15am T. K. Abraham and Thomas Kulangara

We also remember: Gretta Barry, Liam Bolger, Elizabeth 'Betty' Byrne, Arthur Connick, Maura Gaffney, Annie and Kieran Kelly, Tom Knox, Mary and Kathleen Lynam, Sally Mullally, John Phelan, Mairead Quigley

Next Weekend

Sun 10am Majella Meaney

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. Face coverings must be worn 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 or by phone/text to Fr. Jim on 087 2609545

Letterbox in Church Porch

As we cannot have a letterbox in the Parish Centre door, we now have a secure letterbox in the door on the left hand side inside the Church Porch. If you wish, you may place any Envelopes, Anniversaries or notices for newsletter in this letterbox.

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.

Mass Schedule from 10th January 2021

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 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)

St Vincent de Paul Society would like to sincerely acknowledge the wonderful response of all our donors to the Christmas Appeal which amounted to €3245. Your generosity has helped to make life a little easier for many in our parish. Thank you so much

Living your Life through the Lens of the Gospel

1. 'The time is fulfilled' - this is a decisive moment in the life of Jesus. His public ministry is about to begin. Recall turning points in your own life when something new happened and with hindsight you can say the time was ripe for it to happen, 'the time was fulfilled.'
2. 'Repent and believe the good news.' Jesus was not preaching a new doctrine, but calling for a change of heart, as a response to the good news of the gospel message. A new way of understanding God leads to a conversion in how we relate to God, a change of heart. A growth in awareness of who we are can lead us to a new level of self-confidence, another change of heart. Can you recall times when 'good news' led you to a change of heart?
3. The Spirit of God who was at work in Jesus calling the disciples continue to work in our day and in our lives. That is why the gospel message is one of GOOD NEWS. When has your understanding of the gospel message led you to a different style of life? Who was the 'Jesus person' through whom the call came to you?

To whom have you been a 'Jesus person' in this way? – John Byrne OSA

Hearing and Listening

"I hear you calling me" a song I remember from John Mc Cormack's repertoire comes to mind. This weekend the Gospel is Mark's account of the calling of the apostles. I am impressed at how well they heard the Lord. "He called them at once....and they went after him."

Every Saturday I wind the clock in the kitchen. It is a special duty; I look after the clock with devotion. Very often in the silence of the night it is the only sound I hear. It is a pleasant sound. The most important time, I remind myself as I am winding the clock, is **NOW**. There is nothing we can do about the past- only to learn from it, - and the future- to live in hope. I am amazed at how quickly the time is flying. Saturdays seem to come in very quick succession. So let Us enjoy and savour the present time. Enjoy it.

When I am walking the dogs in the woods, I tune in to Lyric FM on the radio. It is most enjoyable listening. How often have I thanked the Lord for the gift of hearing? Soon we will be able to enjoy the dawn chorus again. May we be ever thankful for the sounds of familiar voices, the tick of the clock, and the melodious music.

Like the disciples along by the Sea of Galilee, may we be alert to the Lord calling us in the events and happenings of our daily routines. "O that today you would listen to His voice, harden not your hearts." Ps 93 - Fr **Jim**

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