

ST CANICE'S PARISH

2ND MAY 2021

Praying for those who have died

Recently Deceased

Mags Smyth, Glendine Road

Anniversaries

Sun 10am Willie Pratt (Month's Mind)

Philip Cass (1st Anniv) Con Murphy (Anniv)

Thurs 9.15am Tom Donohoe (Remembrance)

Fri. 9.15am Ann O'Beirne

We also remember

Pauline Delaney, Margaret, Patrick, Josie, Phil and Mary Doran, Mary and Joe Hehir, Bridget and Michael Maher, Evelyn and James William O'Hea, W. Frank Scott

Next Weekend

Sun 10am Nichola Tyrrell.

Funerals

From Mon 26th April, 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 and wear face coverings

Donate Button

Thanks to all who are contributing to the weekly offering and to the Parish via our new online Donate facility. This facility 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. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

The Rosary

Pope Francis is encouraging the faithful to pray the Rosary for an end to Coronavirus during the month of May, when the People of God express with particular intensity their love and devotion for the Blessed Virgin Mary. "I want to encourage everyone to rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary at home in the month of May. This can be done either as a group or individually; you can decide according to your own situations, making the most of both opportunities."

Pope Francis' Prayer to Mary

O Mary, You shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the foot of the cross, were united with Jesus' suffering, and persevered in your faith. "Protectress of the people", you know our needs, and we know that you will provide, so that, as at Cana in Galilee, joy and celebration may return after this time of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the will of the Father and to do what Jesus tells us. For he took upon himself our suffering, and burdened himself with our sorrows to bring us, through the cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen. We fly to your protection O Holy Mother of God; Do not despise our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from every danger, O Glorious and Blessed Virgin.

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)

Public Masses

We are delighted that the Government have lifted restrictions and from Monday 10th May we will be able to have Public Masses again.

We look forward to welcoming you all back after such a long time.

We will be returning to our usual Mass schedule from that date.

Daily Mass Mon – Fri 9.15am, Sat 7.30pm, Sun 10am and 11.30am

Family Carers Ireland in partnership with An Garda Síochána, the National Ambulance Service Community First Responder Schemes, The Irish Red Cross and The Order of Malta has developed an **Emergency Card Scheme** for family carers.

When a family carer has an unplanned hospital admission there is a risk that the person who needs their care and support could be left at home alone and uncared for. The **Emergency Card Scheme** is intended to give peace of mind to family carers as well as ensuring that the person they care for remains safe in such emergencies.

For more details on the scheme, visit our website on www.familycarers.ie or call our Freephone Careline 1800 24 07 24

The Golden Rule of our Nature

It was Shakespeare who wrote, 'The evil that men do lives after them, the good is oft interred with their bones.' That statement has been reversed somewhat by our present pandemic. Covid-19 is pushing human beings to imagine their world anew. World War II inspired the nations to start the United Nations and to address the matter of human dignity and human rights. Will the trauma of this pandemic push us towards the better?

Pope Francis has recently formulated both the challenge and the attitude needed: 'Caring is the golden rule of our nature.' Can the great, often heroic, service of so many women and men in Ireland during this pandemic inspire a new humanity? The Scriptures remind us that 'the Lord hears the cry of the poor.' There are many cries that go up to the Lord at this time: the cry of humanity, the cry of the earth, and the cry of the new generations.

Will the post-pandemic planners hear and heed these cries? - **Fr Tom**

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