

ST CANICE'S PARISH

4TH APRIL 2021 – EASTER SUNDAY

Praying for those who have died

Recently Deceased

Mary Walsh, Jail Rd.

Brendan Reidy, College Road

Anniversaries

Sun 10am Mick Maher, Sean Murphy

Wed 9.15am Leth Granzof (Months Mind)

Fri 9.15am Mary Kelly and John Canice Kelly

Sat 9.15am V.C. Joseph

We also remember Annie and Dick Burke, James Balfe, Mick Grace, Lil Morris, Nicholas Parker, Ann Walsh

Next Weekend

Sun 10am Jerry Rowe

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

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.

Easter Water will be blessed at the Easter Vigil and will be available in plastic bottles at the rear of the Church. Serve yourselves!

Society of St Vincent de Paul - St Canice's Parish

With the Pandemic the Society's normal fundraising activity has been badly impacted over the past year. However, thankfully many are using new ways to contribute and the Society is most grateful to those who have done so, including Standing Orders. If you wish to donate there are two Options.

Option 1 Cash /Cheque Donations. People can continue to donate by cash or cheque to SVP. Please put your donation in an envelope, Mark it 'SVP Donation' and leave it to Parish Office or the SVP Shop located at Butts Green.

Option 2 Direct Bank transfer to–Bank Name – Bank of Ireland, Kilkenny
Account name – St Canice's Conference of the Society of St Vincent de Paul
IBAN – IE03BOFI90604810931829 Account Number – 10931829.

Thank you for your ongoing generosity to SVP in these difficult times

EASTER WEEK Parish Office is closed. Daily Mass Monday to Saturday at 9.15 a.m. The priests are available. We are still waiting for the jabs!

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)

Seeing your life through the lens of the Gospel – Please read John's gospel

John 20:1-9. In some ways this gospel is a difficult one for prayer.

It only presents a part of the story and the full unfolding of the good news the story contains lies in the next part of the text. However, even with this section there is plenty of material for prayer and reflection.

The disciples are in a state of shock and suffering from a traumatic loss. Jesus, the one in whom they had placed such hope, has been murdered and buried. Then, before they had time to recover comes another shock – the body of Jesus is missing. In the past year we have had shock after shock during the corona virus crisis. What was that like for you? How did you cope? What or who sustained you then?

Mary and Peter, and possibly others, came and discovered that the tomb was empty. The part of the story that we have in this text gives no explanation of what has happened. They are left in a state of bewilderment 'for as yet they did not understand the scriptures, that he must rise from the dead'. Have you been in that kind of situation, faced with events you cannot explain, possibly events which have dashed your hopes in another person, or in God? What has that been like for you?

Yet in spite of the lack of explanation, the beloved disciple 'saw and believed'. Have there been times when others have done something that you could not understand, and which they could not explain at the time and yet you believed that all was not as it seemed? ...times when you decided to trust in spite of the evidence? Have there been times when others have shown this kind of faith in you when you were not able to offer satisfactory explanations, and all you could say was 'trust me'? Have there been times in your relationship with God when you have felt that you were faced with an empty tomb and still you believed? Where have you found life in such experiences?

-Fr. John Byrne OSA

With all this beautiful weather and the longer days we wish you time to appreciate the new life all around us and may you have time to reflect and pray in gratitude for the faithfulness of God in raising Jesus from the dead and giving us all the hope of eternal life. Happy Easter. Jim and Tom.

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