

ST CANICE'S PARISH

8TH AUGUST 2021

Praying for those who have died

Recently Deceased

Rose Langton, Lavistown

Anniversaries

Sat 7.30pm Trevor King (1st Anniv)

Sun 10am Kathleen Murray (1st Anniv)

Sun 11.30am Ignatius (1st Anniv), and Maura Cantwell (21st) and their daughter Fiona (1st Anniv)

Mon 9.15am Thomas and Julia Gibbons

Thurs 9.15am Molly Gahan

Fri 9.15am Donal O'Brien, Stonyford and The Green Ayrfield

We also remember

Jonathan Fitzpatrick, Elizabeth Hickman, Jimmy Lennon, William Murphy, Baby Robin O'Brien,

Next Weekend

Sat 7.30pm Tommy Morris

Sun 10am Jim Grace

Sun 11.30am Catherina McCarthy and Brendan Kenny

Please Note

We will be continuing to have Liturgy of the Word with Distribution of the Eucharist on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 9.15am for the first few weeks of August. Thank you to all those who are facilitating the Liturgy. There will be Mass as usual on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays.

Sunday Collection

As we cannot currently pass around the collection bags, there is a box in the porch where you may put your offerings. We also have the **Donate** button on the website for those of you who wish to contribute online. Last Sunday's collection amounted to €625 Thank you for your generosity.

A Gentle Reminder

As the case numbers are rising again, due to the Delta variant, This is just a gentle reminder to people that we still need to observe the government guidelines and protocols to protect ourselves and each other.....

Facemasks must be worn at all Masses and ceremonies. Please use hand sanitizer before entering the Church. Please observe social distancing both inside and outside 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.

The people in the centre aisle should remain seated until the stewards reach you. 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 home with you.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we work to keep our Church a safe place for all.

St Vincent De Paul Collection will be taken up after all Masses next weekend 14th/15th August. Your kind donations will be greatly appreciated

National Heritage Week will take place from 14th -22nd August and we encourage all community groups to showcase their work for Heritage Week. To find out more see www.heritageweek.ie or contact the Heritage Office, at heritage@kilkennycoco.ie

Fr. Jim writes.....

It is now 8 weeks since I had surgery and I am delighted to report back for duty in the Parish. The energy levels are rising and I feel very well again, thanks be to God. I am looking forward to meeting you all again and to celebrating the Sacraments with you in the church and with the sick in their homes.

It has been an amazing experience. This is the first experience I have had of major surgery and of having to recuperate at the body's own pace. It is amazing how things improve gradually, week by week. Patience is a virtue we are regularly reminded but putting this into practice is a new challenge.

Thanks to you all for your prayers and good wishes, for your beautiful cards and Mass Bouquets, for your letters of encouragement and friendship.

I am so appreciative of all your goodness and kindness.

My dear friends have cared for me in my convalescence - Ann and Michael in Tramore, Fr Dan in Thomastown, and Fr Seán in Ballyhale. I appreciate the lovely meals my family shared with me too. May the Lord reward you all for your generosity. I am looking forward to walking the dogs again in the Woods or down by the river. Mick Kelly has kept them fed and watered, and my fellow walker Brian Brennan has kindly joined my two to his flock for the daily exercises.

There is something magical about coming back to your own space. - No place like home! I enjoyed sitting in the kitchen recently in Dean Street just listening to the radio and being at home. It is great to have got this far and to be getting back to action.

One very important message I would like to share with my fellow men is to regularly have checkups with the doctor and do the blood tests. Prostate cancer can be treated so successfully if it is detected early. In time is the time! Thanks to Margaret and Caroline in the Office, Ailish in the Sacristy, Fr Tom and Sr. Concepta for looking after everything so well in my absence and to all the many volunteers who helped them. Merci beaucoup!

Seeing your life through the lens of the Gospe

1. Faith is reasonable but we cannot reason our way onto faith.

We have to be 'drawn by the Father'. We must be 'taught by God' What opens your mind and heart to God's message?

2. When we label others disparagingly, we close our minds to what they are saying. The Jews did this to Jesus. Have you ever had the experience of being surprised by the wisdom of another when you laid aside your prejudices about her/him to listen to what she/ he was saying? – **John Byrne OSA**

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