

# ST CANICE'S PARISH

3<sup>RD</sup> OCT 2021

## Praying for those who have died

### Recently Deceased

Billy Dalton, Freshford Rd  
Catherine Powell, The Sycamores  
Sr. Hilary Hennessy, Loreto Convent

### Anniversaries

Sat 7.30pm Annette Clifford  
Sun 10am PJ John  
Sun 11.30am Bridget Hogan (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv ) and her husband Jim (11<sup>th</sup> Anniv)  
Mon 9.15am Teresa O'Brien  
Tues 9.15am Tom Bergin and his brother Jim who died recently in Australia

**We also remember** Rose and James Balfe, Anne Conway, Tommy Kelly

### Next Weekend)

Sat 7.30pm Liam Donegan (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv) Rory Brady (8<sup>th</sup> Anniv)  
Sun 10am Rory Bernays (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv)

## 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 €704  
Thank you for your generosity.

## Increased Capacity Allowed Attend Mass

From 6<sup>th</sup> September we are allowed 50% capacity in the Church whilst still observing social distancing. Every second pew will remain roped off and we ask people from different households to continue to observe social distancing in the available pews.

The stewards will endeavor to seat as many people as possible in the Church  
Please remember 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.

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.

**The HSE require Health Care Support Assistants** (formally known as Home Helps) to provide care to clients in their own homes in the Carlow, Kilkenny, South Tipperary,. Please check the job search section on [www.hse.ie](http://www.hse.ie) using reference code: SECH21HCSA to find out more details. Closing date is Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Oct at 12 noon and applications can only be accepted by email. For Kilkenny enquiries please contact Sinead on (056) 7784698.

**Loreto Secondary School 1<sup>st</sup> Year Enrolment Autumn 2022:** Closing Date for application for a First Year Place is Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> Nov. Application forms and Admission Policy can be obtained from our website [www.loretokk.ie](http://www.loretokk.ie) or the school office.

**Open Night for 6<sup>th</sup> Class Girls** will take place on Tues 19<sup>th</sup> Oct at 7.30pm. This will be an online event and details on how to access it will posted on our website

## October Station Envelopes

The October Station Envelopes are ready for collection at the Parish Centre by the distributors

## Alone- Supporting and Befriending the Elderly in their homes.

I have been a volunteer with the above service since 2008 and have been enriched by the people I have encountered during this time. The elderly of our Society have much wisdom to share, along with experience of life from which we can learn so much. They also possess the resources to have coped so well with what they encountered along life's journey. Being a volunteer asks a commitment of 1 hour a week of our time to spend in the elderly person's home which isn't a lot but makes a difference. In 2017 Carlow/ Kilkenny Contact as it was called when I became a volunteer, merged with ALONE but for me people are still at the centre of the service. The elderly in their homes need to see more than ever, the friendly presence and face of the volunteer. Conversation with another human being is so important, phones have their place but the human contact is vital for our elderly peoples' mental health and wellbeing. Listening to the people I have visited has been a privilege for me over the years. Trust has grown among us and we have become friends. I feel welcomed into their homes and hearts..

Loneliness is part of everybody's life but more so if you are living alone, confined to your home for whatever reason, or have no immediate family, so a visit from an ALONE volunteer may be the only human contact, some of our elderly people have during the week. One person told me that she hadn't seen anybody since my visit the previous week. Hard to believe but that was her experience. Surely these people deserve more. Covid 19 was very difficult for the elderly because of lack of contact but restrictions are lifting, thank God. Let us all look out for elderly neighbours and maybe you could spare an hour a week to become a volunteer with ALONE – Máirín

## Fr. Jim writes

World Mission Sunday is 24<sup>th</sup> Oct 2021. Regularly, I receive three mission magazines and I enjoy reading them. Some of these missionaries I have met and I greatly admire their courage and witness in the world. **Africa-** St. Patrick's Missions, Kiltegan Co. Wicklow, **Far East** – Magazine of the Columban Missionaries, Dalgan Park, Navan Co. Meath. **Advocate-** Mill Hill Missionaries, Orwell Park, Rathgar, Dublin. If you would like to keep in touch with the work of the Missionaries, you might order the magazines at the addresses above. Or if you would like us to order your copy, please contact the Parish Office. This would be a practical way of keeping in touch with the missions and also of making a contribution to their work.

## First Communions 2021

At last we were able to celebrate the First Holy Communions last week at St Canices in three different sessions. We are most appreciative of the support of the teachers, parents and guardians of the boys and girls. Thanks to Leah Raggett and Katie Keenan for the lovely music and to Ailish Brennan, Sacristan for the marathon Saturday morning's work. There was a lovely atmosphere in the simplified ceremonies. It is true - the expression 'small is beautiful.'

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