

*Christmas Day 2021*

**Christmas Time**

Reading the Christmas Cards and the good wishes of our friends calls to mind the goodness and generosity of our people. At this time, I am conscious of all who have suffered bereavement and the loss of loved ones. The support and solidarity of neighbours and friends is immeasurable. This past week we had three funerals and I was so conscious of how well we Irish people are able to express our sympathy and condolences. We remember and pray for all who are suffering loneliness or illness or bereavement this Christmas time. May the presence of Christ be a source of strength and consolation.

**It is my pleasant duty to say THANKS.** In our Parish there are such generous people who are unstinting in their support and encouragement. Thanks for helping us with your financial support in these unprecedented and difficult times. We are helped by the members of the Parish Pastoral Council ably led by Aidan G. Brennan, the members of the Finance, Liturgy, Readers and Eucharistic Ministers groups, our team of Stewards who turn up faithfully every weekend. For all the time and energy you put into these ministries, we are most appreciative. Our musicians and choirs have done their best to keep our liturgies enhanced by their music and song. **Thank You.**

We have a great team in the Parish Centre and appreciate Margaret and Caroline's welcoming and efficient service. Thanks to Ailish our Sacristan who is so generous with her time and talents.

My colleague, Fr Tom had to bear the brunt of the work when I was off convalescing from surgery. I am delighted he was able to serve graciously with a prayerful generosity. Sr. Concepta has been diligent in her visits to the sick and housebound. Our debt of gratitude to Sister is immense. Finally, thank you for all your personal kindness to me during this remarkable year. I appreciate your cards, your good wishes and your prayers. May the Lord bless you all with peace and joy in your celebrations of His Birth.

**Joyeux Noel! Fr Jim**



*Wishing all our Parishioners a Very Happy  
And Peaceful Christmas*

# ST CANICE'S PARISH

25<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2021

## Praying for those who have died

### Recently Deceased

Paddy Moynihan, Greenshill  
Eileen Purcell, Butts Green  
Cecilia Doyle, Connolly St  
Anthony Tierney, Drakelands  
Denis Murphy, The Sycamores  
Mary Loughman, Riverview  
Eileen Tynan, Old Callan Rd

### Anniversaries

**St. Stephen's Day** Sun 10am James, Mary and Andy Tynan, Josephine Grace

Sun 11.30am Ted and Rose Kenny, Fr. Martin Cleere

Mon 10am The Intentions of those who sent and received the Parish Christmas Cards

Tues 10am Sean McSharry (Months Mind)

Wed 10am Michael Walsh (Months Mind)

Thurs 10am Special Intention

### We also remember

Rose, James and Michael Balfe, Patrick and Sally Burke, George Byrne, Tom and Stephen Cantwell, Martin Cummins, Elizabeth and Michael Cullen, Michael and Catherine Delaney, Margaret and Patrick Doran, Michael Downey, Peter Ellis, Seamus, Milo and Ann Fry, Ann Guilfoyle, Maura Hearne, Deceased Members of the Rafter and McGree Families, Jack, Peg, Breda and Aaron Molloy, Tommy and Agnes O'Neill, Liam and Mary Ryan, Roseanna Smyth

### Next Weekend

Sat 7.30pm William Butler

Sun 10am Thomas, Margaret and Lily Deevy

Sun 11.30am Joe Woods

Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> 10am Deceased Members of the Slattery and Cahill Families

### 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 €475.00

### As the case numbers are high, it is very important that we continue 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.

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. They will endeavor to seat as many people as possible in the available pews in the Church

Please take your copy of the newsletter and Mass leaflet home with you. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we work to keep our Church a safe place for all.



## Christmas Mass Times



Christmas Eve 6pm and 8pm

Christmas Day 10am and 11.30am

St Stephen's Day 10am and 11.30am,

**Please Note Daily Masses 27<sup>th</sup> Dec to 6<sup>th</sup> Jan will be at 10am**

**Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Jan 10am, Liturgy of the Word (No Mass)**

**Wed 5th Jan 7.30pm Vigil for the Feast of the Epiphany**

**Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> Jan 10am Feast of the Epiphany**

**The Annual Kilkenny Church Christmas Crib Walk** will take place on Sat, Jan.8th beginning at the Friary Church at 11 am. The Crib Walk of the Churches in Kilkenny is a reflective walk on the meaning and traditions of Church Cribs in Kilkenny. Each Church has its own tradition in its Christmas Crib and its design and structure often reflect not only the community of the present but the communities of the generations gone before who formed and built the various church cribs. This year we join Santiago de Compostella for the celebration of Holy Crib Day on Sat., Jan. 8th. The walk will be led by Fr. Willie Purcell.

### St Canice's Parish Homes, Troy's Court

have a recently vacated Independent Living Unit for which we are looking for a suitable tenant. You must be independent or have low dependency care needs and benefit from a little social and domestic support. For more information and an application form, please contact the manager on 0867927408 or email [stcanicesparishhomes@gmail.com](mailto:stcanicesparishhomes@gmail.com)"

**Registered Nurse wanted** immediately for Troy's Court Day Care Centre. Please contact Frances Gilligan for more information on 0867927408 or email CV [stcanicesparishhomes@gmail.com](mailto:stcanicesparishhomes@gmail.com)"

"Troy's Court Day Care Centre re-opened in September 2021. At present, we are open Monday and Tuesday 11am to 3.30pm. If you or a loved one would benefit from the social interaction and companionship of like minded individuals, please contact Frances Gilligan for more information on 0867927408 or email [stcanicesparishhomes@gmail.com](mailto:stcanicesparishhomes@gmail.com)"

**The Parish Centre** will re-open on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January

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