

ST CANICE'S PARISH

12TH DECEMBER 2021

Praying for those who have died

Recently Deceased

Kay McEvoy, Aylesbury

Anniversaries

Sat 7.30pm Maureen and Paddy O'Brien. Alan Cunniffe
Sun 10am Pat Egan (Months Mind)
Sun 11.30am Ciara McGrath
Mon 9.15am Frances O'Connor
Tues 9.15am Ann Keohane
Wed 9.15am Rita and Mick Gaule
Thurs 9.15am John Falsey (Months Mind)
Fri 9.15am Joe and Eva Adams and Family

We also remember Paddy and Margaret Doyle, Margaret Jackman, Katie and James Murphy, Pat and Betty Murphy Bishops Hill, James Murray

Next Weekend

Sat 7.30pm Marian, Elizabeth and Michael Clifford. Catherine Oakes, Anastatia Tobin (Months Mind)
Sun 10am Christopher Walsh
Sun 11.30am Celine Dignan (1st Anniv), Peggy Moore

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

As the case numbers are high and with the risk of the new Omicron variant, 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.

St Vincent De Paul Christmas Appeal

Christmas can be a difficult time for some families. With your help we at S.V.P support families with food and heat. We also give Santa a helping hand. Your support is very much appreciated by all the families we help in St. Canice's Parish. Our Christmas Collection will be taken up after all Masses this weekend 11th and 12th December

The Parish Christmas Cards and Mass Bouquets are now available for sale in the Parish Centre.

Diocese of Ossory Advent Carols

On Sunday 19th of December at 6.15pm, thanks to the help of our friends at KCLR96FM, the Dioceses of Ossory and Kildare & Leighlin can come together, via the radio, for a reflection of Advent Carols and prayers, led by our parishes, in the company of Bishop Denis Nulty. Why not join us from the comfort of your own home with your family for this short Advent reflection.

A Message for Young People

Vocations Ossory are holding a series of Zoom Meetings for young people who wish to explore questions about life and faith on three Saturdays in December from 10 am - 11 am For further information & a link to these meetings simply drop an email to Fr. Kieran O'Shea at vocations@ossory.ie giving your name and name of your parish. The topic on Sat 18th will be... 'Living with the Questions'

See our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Vocations-Ossory-109568687936204> or follow us on twitter @vocossory

A Note on today's Gospel

What must I do in this situation or that? What must I do with my life? What must I do to deal with this issue or problem? What must I do to correct that mistake? What must I do to accept myself and others as I am and as they are? What must I do to be a good human being? What must I do to fulfil God's dream for me? What must I do to find peace and fulfilment? These are the burning questions all of us grapple with. Who do we share these questions with? As a general rule only ask questions like these of people who admit they don't have all the answers. Above all avoid those who claim that they are the answer to your questions. John the Baptist fielded their questions. He showed them how to prepare to recognise the Answer when he arrived. He was that point between question and answer, the one who allowed himself to be a space for them to ask and for the Answer to respond. **Questions for you.**

What are the big questions for you? Who creates a space for you to explore your questions? Do you expect them to have all the answers? Are you comfortable with uncertainty & living with the big questions?

If the above questions strike a chord with you & you would like to explore them further why not join us for a zoom meeting on Sat. 18th Dec. 10 am - 11 am.

The Diocesan Advent Programme is available on www.ossory.ie

Medugorje Evening of Prayer will take place at St. Fiacre's Church, Loughboy. On Mon 13th Dec at 7.30pm. All are Welcome

There will be an Afternoon Tea Dance in St Canice's Neighbourhood Hall next Wednesday the 15th December from 2:30pm to 4:30pm

The CBS Christmas Carol Service held in the Church on Fri was a lovely ceremony. The Singers and Musicians sang and played beautifully. It was enjoyed far and wide via the Parish Webcam. Well done to all the boys who took part and to the teachers whose hard work made this possible..Fr Jim led the prayers and wished Ms Ann Walsh well in her forthcoming retirement. She received a resounding round of applause from the boys

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