

# ST CANICE'S PARISH

5<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2021

## Praying for those who have died

### Recently Deceased

Con Downey, Talbots Inch  
Martin Donnelly, Kennyswell Rd  
John O'Rourke, Riverview, Ardnore

### Anniversaries

Sun 10am Billy Dalton (Months Mind)  
Sun 11.30am Mary and Joe Keane  
Mon 9.15am Frank Crotty (Months Mind)  
Tues 9.15am Liam and Eilish Moore and their son Sean  
Wed 9.15am John Woods  
Fri 9.15am Eileen Conway (Months Mind)

**We also remember** Frank Crotty, John and Ann Fogarty, Ann Murphy

### Next Weekend

Sat 7.30pm Maureen and Paddy O'Brien. Alan Cunniffe  
Sun 10am Pat Egan (Months Mind)  
Sun 11.30am Ciara McGrath

## 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 €655

**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 next weekend 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> December

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

## A Message for Young People

Beginning on Saturday 4th December 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](mailto:vocations@ossory.ie) giving your name and name of your parish. See our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Vocations-Ossory-109568687936204> or follow us on twitter [@vocossory](https://twitter.com/vocossory)

## Made for the Wilderness - A note on today's Gospel - Second Sun in Advent

John is a tough one. He is made for the wilderness. He is at home there. The Bear Grylls of his day and more! God looked at John and said - this is exactly who I need for this mission. John was already in the wilderness. He has carved out an existence there and now God was going to task him with showing the world that even the wilderness, the roughest, driest, unwelcoming, dangerous territory you could find... (even though it was close to the river Jordan!) was to be the centre from where a spring of salvation would flow. Because John, made for the wilderness, said yes to being the proclaimer of the Word very soon people would come and discover that the real wilderness was within themselves and only God could pave a path out of it for them.

## Four Questions for you

What are you made for? What are your strengths?

There are wildernesses in our world today & in people's lives. Where & what are they? Could you see yourself undertaking for a tough assignment to be the proclaimer of God's Love, the bringer of life & growth to the wilderness of today in people's lives and in society? Could you become a person made for others, for hope, love, mercy, for Jesus Christ?

If the above questions strike a chord with you & you would like to explore them further why not join us for a series of zoom meetings on Saturday 4th, 11th, 18th December from 10 am - 11 am. On Saturday 11th December the topic will be... 'Openness to God's Mission: What am I made for?'

For further Information contact Fr Kieran O' Shea [vocations@ossory.ie](mailto:vocations@ossory.ie)

## Carol Services- CBS

The CBS Carol Services will take place on Fri 10<sup>th</sup> December in St. Canice's Church  
**10.30 am** 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> years. **12 noon** 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> years

**The Diocesan Advent Programme** is available on [www.ossory.ie](http://www.ossory.ie)

**The Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Wed 8<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Vigil Mass on Tues 7<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm and Mass on Wed 8<sup>th</sup> at 9.15am**

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