

ST CANICE'S PARISH

23RD JANUARY 2022

Praying for those who have died

Recently Deceased

Joe Quigley, Rosemount and late of Dean Cavanagh Place

Jerry English, Cypress Avenue

Pat O'Dwyer, St. Fiacre's Place

Vera Cody, Fatima Place

Seamus Browne, Fr. Murphy Sq.

Anniversaries

Sat 7.30pm Michael Dowling

Sun 10am Mary Leahy,

Jordan Kavanagh

Sun 11.30am Carmel Maher,

Kevin Dowling

Mon 9.15am Eileen Kennedy

Tues 9.15am Nora Bourke

Wed 9.15am Peg Grace

We also remember Gretta Barry, Johnny Brennan, Bridget and Thomas Casey, Jim Cashin, Arthur Connick, Denis Guilfoyle, Mary, Kathleen and Ken Lynam, John Phelan, Anne Spain,

Next Weekend

Sat 7.30pm Tomás Hackett

Sun 10am Majella Meany

Sun 11.30am Kay McEvoy (Months Mind)

Sunday Collection

As we cannot currently pass around the collection bags during Masses, 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. The collection on Sun amounted to €726. Thank you for your generosity.

Covid 19

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.

Society of St. Vincent De Paul

A collection will be taken up after Masses this weekend 22nd /23rd January.

Your kind donations are greatly appreciated

February Dates to Remember

Feb 1st The Feast of St Bridget. There will be a special Blessing and prayer cards will be distributed after 9.15am Mass.

Feb 2nd Candlemas Day- Candles will be blessed at the 9.15am Mass

Feb 3rd The Feast of St. Blaise. There will be blessing of the throats after the 9.15am Mass.

Fri Feb 11th World Day of Prayer for the Sick.

To mark this day, The Blessing of the Sick/Anointing will be administered after the 9.15am Mass. The First Friday visits to the homebound will be made on Fri 11th instead of Fri 4th and the Blessing of the Sick/Anointing will be available to those who wish to receive it. If anyone who cannot come to Mass and who does not receive a First Friday visit would like to receive the Blessing/Anointing, please give their details to Fr Jim or Fr Tom or to the Parish Centre.

Kilkenny Medjuorge Youth Group weekly meetings, beginning Fri night the 28th of Jan and continuing every Fri @ 7 30pm in St Fiacres Church Loughboy. All young people are welcome to come along. Contact Joe Malone 086 3128838.

Congratulations to Bishop Michael Burrows

Congratulations to Rt. Rev. Michael Burrows, Church of Ireland Bishop of the United Dioceses of Cashel, Ferns and Ossory who has been elected Bishop to the United Dioceses of Tuam, Limerick and Killaloe. Bishop Burrows has been our neighbour for almost 16 years and we wish him well in his new appointment.

Here we are again!

It is amazing how quickly the time passes. The weeks roll by at speed. When it is Friday, I am wondering if there is much news for the Parish newsletter and do I have to contribute a piece for your reflection. During the week I was in St. Canice's School, meeting the girls and boys who will be celebrating First Confession, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. I was thrilled to meet Charlie Lennon in Ms O'Shea's Second class who had been reading last week's newsletter and knew I had gone to Dublin by train. This is certainly a first! Having an 8yr old quoting from the parish bulletin. Well done, Charlie. This week I had to say No to my friend Patrick Brannigan who asked me if I would like a new pup. When I saw the beautiful little dog, I immediately fell in love with her but as I already have two dogs, I had to say no. If any of you would like a collie pup, let me know. In the Church we have been reading at Mass from the First Book of Samuel. It describes how Samuel had to set out, looking among the sons of Jesse to find the one who was to be King. Having seen all the eligible young men, the Lord did not select one of them, they had to go call the youngest, David, a boy of fresh complexion who was out looking after the sheep. God does not judge by appearances but looks at the heart. The story continues with the struggle between David and Goliath, the jealousy of Saul, the friendship with Jonathan. There is a lot to reflect on in these Old Testament stories. This weekend, the Church draws our attention to the Word of God. It is in reflection and praying on the Word in the Scriptures that we will find strength. We are celebrating Catholic Schools Week next week. This year's theme is "Living Life to the Full." I look forward to spending a lot of time in school next week. – **Fr Jim**

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