

ST CANICE'S PARISH

13TH FEBRUARY 2022

Praying for those who have died

Recently Deceased

Ann Boyle, College Square and Parkview, Freshford Rd.
Sr. Dolores O'Keeffe, Loreto Convent
Georgina Brady (Nee Murphy) Kilree, Bennettsbridge

Anniversaries

Sat 7.30pm Celia Rafter
Sun 10am Madeline, John and Peadar Hyland
Sun 11.30am Jerry Dunne (Months Mind)
Fri 9.15am Antony

We also remember

Shem Connolly, Breeda and Jimmie Conway, Mary Corbally, John Delaney,
Mary, John and David Doran, Tony Johnson, Monica McGloin, Mary Ryan.

Next Weekend

Sat 7.30pm Paddy and Mary Buggy
Sun 10am Joe Slattery Months Mind
Sun 11.30am John Prendergast. Anne Kenny

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 last Sunday amounted to € 645 Thank you for your generosity

Keeping Our Distance

While we welcome the lifting of restrictions, we have to be mindful of the more vulnerable among us who might be feeling anxious about attending Mass.

As we get used to the new normal, we ask you to continue to protect yourselves and each other. You can do so by:

Keeping your distance....leaving a space between you and a person from a different household

Wearing a facemask at all Church ceremonies

Using the hand sanitizer before entering the Church

Taking your copy of the newsletter home with you

Following the one system for Communion, (up the centre aisle and down the sides)

The Stewards will guide you.

Communion will be given in the hand only

We appreciate your cooperation and understanding as we continue to work to keep our Church a safe place for all

St Vincent De Paul Collection will be taken up after all Masses next weekend, 19th/20th February. Your kind donations will be greatly appreciated.

Divine Mercy/ Holy Rosary Hour, Dominican Black Abbey continues each day (3-4pm)

Join in prayer for Men's Rosary on Saturday, 5th March 2022 at 1.00 p.m. at the statue of Our Lady, James's Green. Further Info Contact Ron at 0866696632 or Paul at 0873650492

What Does Synodality Mean?

Did you see last week's newsletter item on the synodal journey and want to know more? Well, Pope Francis is asking us to walk the synodal path together with listening ears and complete openness to what we all have to say.

The theme Pope Francis has chosen for the journey is 'For a synodal church: communion, participation and mission' and we are all invited to gather together and voice our thoughts and feelings during a 'listening lent' this spring.

The word synod comes from the Greek word sun-odos which means a road travelled together. The synod can be defined as a common journey and synodality is the process where we listen and discern what God wants from the Church in the current time. All the people of God and the Holy Spirit will decide and work through this process.

Work is well underway to begin the listening phase of our synodal path and sessions will be scheduled around the Diocese during lent which will give us all the opportunity to participate. We will let you know how you can get involved in the next couple of weeks.

Remember, if you want to know more there is lots of useful information available at

www.ossory.ie and www.synod.ie

St Patrick's Pontifical University

Applications are now open for our Postgraduate Programmes Explore our wide range of full-time, part-time and blended learning Postgraduate Programmes from Certificate, Diploma, Higher Diploma, and Masters to Doctorate level. Contact 017084772 or email admissions@spcm.ie for more information.

St Valentines Afternoon Tea Dance in the Neighbourhood Centre on Wednesday 16th

Feb. 2.30 pm – 4.30 pm

Catch up with some old friends and make some new ones

Beauty in Spring

As we marvel at the arrival of the daffodils and tulips, let us take time to look and wonder at this miracle which occurs in Spring. A child has the capacity to wonder and be fascinated with the beauty of colours and shapes of the flowers. All of us adults need to take time to rekindle that capacity for wonder. I think of the poets who have helped us to appreciate the glory of Creation.

William Wordsworth comes to mind

I wandered lonely as a cloud that floats on high o'er vales and hills

When all at once I saw a crowd; a host of golden daffodils,

Beside the lake, beneath the trees,

Fluttering and dancing in the breeze

Beauty in nature, in painting, in whatever form helps us to come to our awareness of God. Beauty reveals the loving kindness of God and inspires us to stop and stare, to listen and be fascinated.

A few evenings ago near the local funeral home, I stood with Sr. Concepta to listen to a blackbird singing her heart out in the quiet of the evening at the dusk of the end of the day. Take time to listen, to all – to be appreciative of God revealing Himself in the beauty all around us. – **Fr Jim**

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