

ST CANICE'S PARISH

27TH FEBRUARY 2022

Praying for those who have died

Recently Deceased

Marie Lowe, (Nee Donnelly), Rothe Terrace
Anne Hanrahan (Nee Kealy) Riverview, Ardmore
Anna Cummins, Tullaroan

Anniversaries

Sat 7.30pm Sadie Delehanty. Kitty O'Donoghue

Sun 11.30 am Terry Meaney

Mon 9.15am James Dowling

Wed 2^d Mar Ash Wednesday

Thurs 9.15am Bridie Shasby

Thurs 7.00pm First Confession

We also remember Patrick Byrne, Mick Moore, Catherine Neary

Next Weekend

Stat 7.30pm Margaret Wall

Sun 10am Anna Oakes

Sun 11.30am Joseph Lacey and Louise Lacey

Sunday Collection

The Collection Bags are now back in use. In order to protect everybody, they have a long pole attached to enable the collectors to reach into the pew without the need to pass the bags from one person to another.

We also have the **Donate** button on the website for those of you who wish to contribute online. The collection last Sunday amounted to €615. Thank you for your generosity.

Mass for Peace

Bishop Denis Nulty will be the principal celebrant at a Mass for Peace at St. John's Church at 7.00pm on Ash Wednesday. The people of Kilkenny City and county are invited to join with us in praying for peace in the world at this time. Ashes will be blessed and distributed during this Mass. All are welcome to join us in prayer for this urgent intention. *Lord, make us instruments of peace.*

Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament

There will be Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament after the 9.15am Mass for 1 hour for Peace every Friday during Lent beginning on March 4th until April 8th. All are welcome to participate. "Cast all your anxiety on the Lord, For he careth for you." 1 Peter 5:7

Covid 19 Update

The Irish Bishops Conference have asked that to ensure the safety and wellbeing of the vulnerable or anxious members of our congregation, we continue to be respectful of each other 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 way system for Communion, (up the centre aisle and down the sides) The Stewards will guide you. Communion will be given in the hand only

The Bishop's Conference will meet again in March to review this situation.

The Synodal Pathway

We are now nearing the end of the first phase of the Synodal pathway, the awareness phase, where we have been learning together and preparing for the next stage of our journey. You will remember the theme Pope Francis has chosen for our Synodal 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.

On this Synodal pathway, we are invited to respond to two questions:

1. When you think about Church and your experience, what brings you joy?
2. When you think about Church and your experience, what brings you sadness or disappointment? From these questions more will emerge.

Listening sessions are currently being organised in thirteen locations around the diocese and the first session will be held in Kilkenny city on the evening of March 7th. The location and time will be confirmed in next week's newsletter and during the coming week on www.ossory.ie. We look forward to seeing you there.

Exploring Priesthood – Zoom with Seminarians and Priests

On Tuesday 1st March @ 8pm there will be an opportunity for young men to join in a Zoom meeting to find out more about priesthood and to hear directly from two young men who are currently studying for the priesthood in our National Seminary in Maynooth. The event is being run by the National Vocations Office. Further information and registration details can be obtained by emailing info@vocations.ie alternatively by visiting vocations.ie/zoom

150th Anniversary of the Sisters of St. John of God

A liturgical celebration is planned to mark the 150th anniversary of the foundation of the Congregation of the Sisters of St. John of God and to enable us to give thanks for the service and ministry the Sisters and their collaborators have provided in the Diocese of Ossory. The celebration will take place at St. Fiace's Church, at 5.30pm on Thursday, 10th March and will be followed by refreshments in the adjoining Parish Centre. All those who would like to recognise and give thanks for the work of the Sisters are invited to attend. Former staff members are especially invited to attend.

World Day of Prayer on Fri 4th March at 7.30pm in St Fiace's Church. All welcome

Get me to the Church on time!

The Church bell is ringing again – on time! We are grateful to Octatronics Ltd. And Charlie Mackey for resetting the clock and having the bell back in service. During the past year we have missed the daily call to prayer with the Mass bell and Angelus bell silenced. There is something lovely about hearing the bells ringing. Here in Kilkenny we are so fortunate to hear the bells of St. Canice's Cathedral every Friday evening at the practice for the bell ringers (campanologists) and on Sunday mornings for the Communion Service.

I am thrilled to have the bell ringing here too. We are reminded in the course of our day to become aware of the Lord's presence and to pause for prayer.

Continuing my Spring Cleaning of last week, I came across all those beautiful cards and prayers you sent me last summer when I was indisposed. As I am unable to answer each one personally, may I express my sincere thanks for your kindness and I have offered Masses for you in thanksgiving. During the week, our School Principal, Maria Comerford, announced her retirement after 18 years' service at St. Canice's Co. Ed. Primary School and 40 years in all there. Maria has done a wonderful job., We will miss her greatly and wish her many years of health and happiness in her retirement. **Míle Buíochas- Fr Jim**