

ST CANICE'S PARISH

6TH MARCH 2022

Praying for those who have died

Recently Deceased

Agnes Shanley, Talbot's Inch
Fr John Delaney, Coon
Stephen Power, Loughboy
Mary Callan, Late of The Sycamores

Anniversaries

Sat 7.30pm Margaret Wall
Sun 10am Anna Oakes
Sun 11.30am Joseph Lacey and his granddaughter Louise Lacey
Mon 9.15am William Morkan
Tues 9.15am Angela Huggard
Wed 9.15am George Joseph
Joe Butler
Thurs 9.15am Patrick Pratt (Recently Deceased in England)
Fri 9.15am Margaret and Brian Kennedy

We also remember Rita Kennedy, Helen Lynch, Julia Walshe

Next Weekend

Sat 7.30pm Paddy Dore, Thomas, Mick and Anne Clifford
Sun 10am Peg Molloy
Sun 11.30am Ann Boyle (Months Mind)

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 €921. Thank you for your generosity.

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. We must never stop praying, indeed let us pray to God more intensely for Peace. *“Come Lord, Prince of Peace, Make us instruments and reflections of your peace.” - Pope Francis*

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**

Together For Lent

The four city parishes invite you to attend a series of Lenten Masses during Lent 2022. Beginning on Tuesday 8th March Mass will be celebrated in St FIACRE'S Church at 7.30pm. The speaker on the night will be Gemma Mulligan, Director of Faith Development in the Diocese of Ossory. Gemma will speak on Faith in the Diocese

The Lenten Station Envelopes are now available in the Parish Centre for collection by the distributors and we thank them for their commitment.

A Listening Lent Begins

Preparations for a Listening Lent are complete and the Pope Francis is ready to hear what you have to say. Fourteen listening sessions have been organised around the Diocese. On this Synodal pathway we are invited to respond to two questions: **Q.1.** When you think about Church and your experience, what brings joy? **Q.2.** When you think about Church and your experience, what brings sadness or disappointment?

The Listening Sessions for the next couple of weeks are as follows:

Kilkenny - Monday, March 7th at 7:30pm - St. Kieran's College
Durrow - Monday, March 7th at 7:30pm - Castle Arms Hotel
Callan - Wednesday, March 9th at 7:30pm - Callan Hall
Piltown - Wednesday, March 9th at 7:30pm - Piltown Hall
Kilkenny - Monday, March 14th at 7:30pm - St. Kieran's College
Urlingford Monday March 14th at 7:30pm - Urlingford Hall

We look forward to our journey together with you. We want to ensure that every voice is heard as all voices make the parish. More info at www.ossory.ie and www.synod.ie

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. Fiacre's Church, at 5.30pm on Thurs, 10th March and will be followed by refreshments in the adjoining Parish Centre. All welcome

The National Board for the Safeguarding of Children in the Catholic Church in Ireland

will be commencing their review of safeguarding practice in the Diocese of Ossory on March 21st. This review is to assess the safeguarding practice in the Diocese of Ossory against the Catholic Church in Ireland's current standards as detailed in *Safeguarding Children - Policy and Standards for the Catholic Church in Ireland 2016*. The diocese was last reviewed in 2013 and this report was published on the diocesan website and is still available to view there www.ossory.ie in the safeguarding section.

The Parish Safeguarding Reps are Edmund Nolan and Caroline Cummins

Census 2022 Martin Butler has been appointed Census Enumerator for parts of St. Canice's Parish. Beginning Thurs 3rd March, the Census Enumerators will be calling to all households with the forms to be completed on Census night Sunday 3rd April

Congratulations to the 'Boro Under 21 team who won the County Final last weekend

Trocaire boxes are available at the rear of the Church. Please take one home with you.

The Child asks the Deepest Question

An 8yr old child came home from school one day and asked his Dad "Tell me about God." How would we respond to such a question from a child? We would naturally be able to say much about God: a whole large book speaks about Him – The Bible.

Still, God remains a mystery. Frere Roger, the deceased founder of Taize, once said; "We can only approach the deep mysteries of God. For all of our lives we will not be able to understand. Still, we can come close to Him, and that is enough for our lives." It is a comfort that this mystery has a name- Love. "God is love" is how the First Letter of John puts it. And I can entrust myself to love, even when that love remains a mystery. - **Fr Tom**

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