

# ST CANICE'S PARISH

26<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2022

## Praying for those who have died

### Recently Deceased

Sr. Eileen Egan, St John of God  
Mary Byrne, Corcoran Terrace  
Joan Costigan, Glendine Heights  
Tom Duffy, Dundalk (brother of Frances Graham)

### Anniversaries

Sat 7.30pm Martin and Áine Mulhall  
Tues 9.15am Willie Armstrong  
Wed 9.15am Fr William Carrigan (40 days Remembrance)  
Fri 9.15am Peter MacEaney and his son Peter

**We also remember** Mary (Molly) Dwan, Lily Grace, Brigid Marrinan, Jack Moylan

### Next Weekend

Sat 7.30pm Eileen Heffernan (Months Mind)  
Kitty Phelan (Anniversary)  
Sun 11.30am Eamon Molloy (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv)

## Sunday Collection

In order to protect everybody the collection bags 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 €940 Thank you for your generosity.

**Prayer Group in Troyscourt** every Monday at 7.30pm All welcome

**Kilkenny Bereavement Support** is a voluntary organisation offering a free listening service to the bereaved since 1989. Our work has greatly increased since the lifting of Covid restrictions with the result that we now need to train a new group of volunteers. A training skills programme will be offered in September/October. For an application form please phone 056 7756538 or visit [www.kilkennybereavementsupport.com](http://www.kilkennybereavementsupport.com)

## Cemetery Masses

The Mass at Thornback cemetery will be celebrated next Fri 1<sup>st</sup> July at 7.30pm  
The Mass at Foulkstown Cemetery will be held at 7.30pm on Thurs 28th July.  
Please inform relatives and friends..

## St. Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund Draw

The next monthly draw will take place on Wed 29<sup>th</sup> June Tickets are available from the Parish Office and cost €10 per month. Your support is greatly appreciated.

### **Kilkenny MABS 4 The Parade, Kilkenny Tel: 0818 072610**

Free, Independent and Confidential Money Advice and Budgeting Service  
Assisting people in dealing with their existing debts, Mortgage arrears and helping them to begin to manage their own resources MABS offer free Debt Relief Advice under Personal Insolvency options Money Management Sessions provided for Transition/Leaving Cert Students & Community Groups

Fr. Jim 087 2609545 / 056 7721534 - Fr. Tom 083 3241438

## Mass Times

Mon-Fri 9.15am Sat Vigil Mass 7.30pm- Sun 10am and 11.30am

All Masses are livestreamed on the Parish Webcam [www.stcanicesparish.ie](http://www.stcanicesparish.ie) and broadcast on the Parish radio (108FM.). The 10am Mass on Sundays will also be broadcast live from St. Canice's on Community Radio Kilkenny City (88.7fm)

## Maria Comerford

This week Maria Comerford, Principal of St Canice's Co.Ed. National School retires. Maria qualified in 1982 and started At St. Canice's that same year. In 2004 she was appointed Principal. We are greatly indebted to her for the inspiring and generous service she has given in her 40 years teaching, and in 18 years as Principal. Maria has led her team of teachers in a wonderful hands-on and supportive fashion. She was the first person in school at the beginning of every day and she could call each child by name. We have been blessed in our school by a harmonious spirit and where the Christian ethos is lived in the care and respect for every person as the Gospel teaches.

Today, Friday, we dodged the rain and drizzle to bring the entire School Community-pupils and staff – to celebrate Mass in St. Canice's. What an impressive sight! We gave thanks to God for the school year that is ending and for this generous and talented person who has served us so well. Maria has a keen interest in Gaelic Games and has spent many hours coaxing and coaching young players in hurling and camogie. On the Board of Management, Maria acted as Secretary and her report each month gave a bird's eye view into all the activities and projects going on in the school. I looked forward to attending and chairing those meetings. Maria is an accomplished musician who has accompanied the choirs, the Confirmation and Communion programmes and the pupils taking part in choral competitions. We are going to miss Maria Comerford!

We say thanks and delight in what has been accomplished in this teacher's career, in the development and growth of young people, enabled and guided to be young men and women who blossomed in their learning and in their growing.

May the Lord bless you Maria, with health and happiness in your well-earned retirement.

**The poem An tOide comes to mind and is a fitting tribute.**

Uasal ceird an oide: Mar rí ar imeall tra,  
Chuir ar tonn na soithigh 'S sheoil go hoscailt bá  
Aoibhinn ceird an oide: Mar gharnóir lá lúil  
D'aistrigh sciamh na scoithe Ó Ghrianán go húir.  
Uaigneach ceird an oide: mar mhaithrin léi féin  
Tar éis imeact a clainne Thar tairsigh I gcéin

Noble is the teacher's profession, like a Queen at the edge of the bay,  
who launches her vessels on the waves and they sail to the wide open sea.

Pleasant the teacher's profession, Like a gardener in a July day,  
who transplants the beautiful flowers from the glasshouse to the well-nourished clay.

Sad is the teacher's trade, Like a mother left all alone,  
after the rearing of her family, Over the threshold they go – on their own.

Naturally we will miss you, Maria. You have made a wonderful contribution to the life and community of our Parish – in whose name I am proud to salute you, thank you and wish you well – **Fr. Jim**