

# ST CANICE'S PARISH

27<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2022

## Praying for those who have died

### Recently Deceased

Sean O'Neill Robertshill and formerly of Margaretfield  
John Touhy, Drakelands  
Philip Fogarty, Castleinch

### Anniversaries

Sat 7.30pm Annual Mass for Deceased Members of Smithwick's Brewery  
Rita McMahon (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv)  
Sun 10am Michael Walsh (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv)  
Sun 11.30am Jim Kerwick, Michael Shields  
Thurs 9.15am John Sherwin

**We also remember** Annie Butler, Patrick, Julia and Sally Burke, Mona Doran, Margaret Guilfoyle, Nicholas Healy, Julia Kennedy, Arthur and Gretta Somers, Kathleen Walsh

### Please Note

**There will be no 9.15am Mass on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 29th November**

**There will be a Liturgy of the Word and Communion at this time**

### Next Weekend

Sat 7.30pm  
Sun 10am Ciara McGrath Mary and Joe Keane  
Sun 11.30am Kay McEvoy (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv)

### Sunday Collection

The collection last Sunday amounted to €865. Thank you for your generosity. We also have the Donate button on the website for those of you who wish to contribute online.

### Pilgrimage to Rome March 23

The Adult Faith development Group are holding a pilgrimage to Rome this coming March (9th - 14th) 2023. Rome has a remarkable array of religious art - frescos, paintings, sculptures, mosaics and stuccos. Over the centuries these treasures have inspired, educated and uplifted countless people. This pilgrimage will explore the religious and catechetical meaning of some of these masterpieces. The all-inclusive cost for this pilgrimage is €710 p.p. sharing and places can be booked by contacting Kieran and Laura Troy at [info@myriam.ie](mailto:info@myriam.ie) or by calling 057 9355050.

**Preparations for the ordination of Father Niall Coll on January 22<sup>nd</sup> 2023** have begun. Each parish is asked to nominate five names (three sopranos and two others (alto/tenor/bass) to be part of the choir on the day. Please pray for all involved in preparing for this important celebration in the life of our diocese.

Contact: [choirs@ossory.ie](mailto:choirs@ossory.ie)

**St. Patrick's Lourdes Fund Committee** are running a coffee morning on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December, 2022 from 10am to 1pm in St. Patrick's Parish Centre. Donations are very welcome and can be left into the Parish Centre between 5pm and 7pm on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2022. Please join us for some nice buns, a cuppa and some chat.

**The Chapter House Bookshop** at St. Mary's Cathedral will be open Monday to Friday starting Monday 28th November up until Christmas.

The Shop has a great selection of Nativity Cribs, Christmas Cards, Calendars and diaries for 2023, also a wide selection of Bibles, Liturgical and spiritual Books

### 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)

### Advent

These November mornings are dark. When the alarm goes off it is a summons to rise from the warmth of the bed to face the new day and it is still dark. It is not easy. Is it any wonder so many of our animal friends hibernate and stay warm in their beds until Springtime comes around.

"When the light fades we no longer see things clearly." Pope John Paul 11.

We are encouraged by this Sunday's gospel to "Stay Awake" ...stand ready. I remember staying awake watching a sow having bonhams, warm and cosy in the heat of an infra-red lamp chatting with my mother. It is not easy to stay awake. During these weeks of Advent let us stay awake by trying to be attentive and receptive to the gift God is offering. God promised to send His Son. When he came most people failed to appreciate him and the gift he brought into a divided and wounded world.

In the season of Advent we are invited to learn how to wait and to focus our minds on the joy of God's gift of a Saviour. It is a special time, a time for silence and prayer, a time to appreciate God's gifts in our lives – we need to be alert and attuned to recognise them. It is so easy to be swept up in the commercial advertising and the stocking of food and drink. Advent will help us to keep our focus, live simply and let our faith grow in the times of silence and prayer.

One of my classmates, Eamon Tobin, died this year. It was a sudden death and we were shocked and taken aback. Fr Eamon ministered all his life in Florida, in the U.S.

A colleague sent me this beautiful prayer he wrote and I am so happy to share it with you. It will be a beautiful way of praying each day during Advent. Please have a look at the Advent poster in Church to find resources to help you prepare for Christmas – **Fr Jim**

Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I come into your loving presence with gratitude for another day. I thank you for the blessings in life that I tend to take for granted: food, shelter, health, family, work, and faith in you.

May I live this day in a manner that pleases you, and helps me to become the person You created me to be.

Help me to recognise and respond generously to the promptings of the Holy Spirit in the events and encounters of this day. May I live this day with the dispositions of heart that reflect the values of Jesus: love, truth, compassion, mercy, justice and kindness.

When decisions need to be made, help me to choose well. When asked to walk the extra mile, grant me generosity of heart.

Protect me from the false ways of the Evil One and help me to live in your Truth. Expand my capacity for love and joy. In all things, may I give you honour and glory.

**Amen**

**By Reverend Eamon Tobin**

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