ST CANICE'S PARISH

4TH DECEMBER 2022

Praving for those who have died **Recently Deceased**

Jimmy O'Hara, St Fiacre's Gardens, formerly of Connolly St John McCarthy, St. Fiacre's Place Catherine Ruth, Marble Crest Teresa Ryan, Blackmill St Paddy Nugent, Ardnore Anniversaries

Sun 10am	Ciara McGrath Mary and Joe Keane
Sun 11.30am	Kay McEvoy (1 st Anniv)
Wed 7.30pm	Vigil for The Feast of the Immaculate Conception
	Mary and Michael Maher
Thurs 9.15am	Eilish and Liam Moore and their son Sean
Fri 9.15am	Rita and Mick Gaule

We also remember Margaret Deevy, Paddy Delaney, James Donnelly Snr, James Donnelly Jnr, Sean Donnelly, Kieran, Anastatia and Statia Fitzpatrick, Christy and Kitty Galvin, Joe Murphy, Peig and Jim McAndrew, Jack McDonald, Ciss and Edward Walsh

Please Note

There will be no 9.15am Mass on Mon 5th Tues 6th and Wed the 7th Dec. There will be a Liturgy of the Word and Communion at this time

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception Thurs 8th December Wed 7th December Vigil Mass at 7.30pm. Thurs 8th Mass at 9.15am

Next Weekend

Sat 7.30pm Alan Cunniffe Sun 10am Celine Dignan, Catherine Oakes Sun 11.30am Maureen and Paddy O'Brien

Sunday Collection

The collection last Sunday amounted to \in 1575. 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 \notin 710 p.p. sharing and places can be booked by contacting Kieran and Laura Troy at info@myriam.ie or by calling 057 9355050.

St. Patrick's Lourdes Fund Committee are running a coffee morning on Sunday 4th 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 3rd December, 2022. Please join us for some nice buns, a cuppa and some chat.

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 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)

St Vincent De Paul Christmas Collection

Next Weekend is SVP national giving Sunday. Unfortunately today with increased cost of living, rising energy and food bills are all putting a lot of pressure on the people we help. Many are forced to make impossible choices between food and heat for their homes. Many of you regularly support our work and we thank you for that support. Without this help we simply would not be able to support our fellow Parishioners on your behalf. Our Christmas collection will be taken up after all Masses next weekend 10th and 11th December. Thank you for your Donations.

The Parish Christmas Cards and Mass Bouquets are now available at the Parish Centre

Children's Rosary - every Thurs evening 7pm, St. Fiacres Church, Loughboy. Part of Blythe Kauffman's worldwide group https://childrensrosary.org

Sacred Space

I was delighted to join the new Bishop of Cashel, Ferns and Ossory, Adrian Wilkinson for the dedication of an Icon of Saints Kieran and Canice at St. Canice's Cathedral, last Saturday afternoon. Ian Knowles is an English professional icon painter who first fell in love with icons while on a visit to Greece at the age of 18. He lives in a remote corner of the Italian Alps and runs his icon school online. His introduction was memorable. Looking around at the awesome space in the beautiful Cathedral with its arches and windows, one is brought into an awareness of the presence of God. God has reached out to us in the Incarnation of His Son, Jesus. We meet God in the silence, in the words of the Scriptures, in the sacred music, in the lives of the Saints. We can reach out to God in our time appreciating and marvelling at the beauty in our world - in the people we meet and love, in the places we are happy to visit. It is worth a visit - in the Gash Chapel at St. Canice's – to spend time appreciating the new icon. It is the result of the artist's prayer, reflection, and his entering into relationship with God and His Saints. Let us make space where we are. Let it become sacred space during Advent. My thanks to Canon Richard Marsh and Dean Stephen Farrell for their kind welcome- Fr Jim

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