ST CANICE'S PARISH

29th January, 2023

Praying for those who have died Recently Deceased

James Nolan, Carn, Dunbell Sr. Sheila Bowe, Presentation Convent Jimmy Conroy, Brother Thomas' Place, formerly Ossory Park Evan O'Shaughnessy, Tennypark

Anniversaries

Sat 7.30pmTomás Hackett, Kathleen and Frank GlennonSun 10amPeg and Kerr BambrickSun 11.20amMajella Meaney, TK Abraham and ThomasFri 9.15amConor O'Brien

We also remember Arthur Connick, Kieran and Ailish Cuddihy, Patrick and Catherine Cuddihy, Kathleen Daly, Ken Dunphy, Mary Kavanagh, Gretta Langton, Chris Lenehan, Annie Moynihan Next weekend

Sat 7.30pmCollette Cook- Barry(1st Anniv)Sun 10amCatherine Brannigan (1st Anniv)Sun 11.30amMargot MacEneaney (Months Mind)

Please Note

There will be no 9.15am Mass on Mon 30th January There will be a Liturgy of the Word and Communion at this time

Sunday Collection

The collection amounted to \notin 744. Thank you for your generosity. We also have the Donate button on the website for those of you who wish to contribute online.

Ossory Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2023: Dates 23 -28 May 2023.

Accommodation will be in the Hotel Agena- \notin 879 pps and in Hotel Solitude / Padoue - \notin 899pps. Return bus journey to\from Dublin airport from Loughboy shopping centre car park. Direct flight from Dublin to Lourdes. Transfer on arrival in Lourdes, and return to Lourdes Airport.5 nights' hotel accom. with breakfast, lunch & dinner each day. 1 x 20kg check-in bag & 1 x small cabin bag. Optional - Single Supplement: \notin 35 per night for Hotel Agena; \notin 39 per night for Hotel Solitude and Hotel Padoue. Travel insurance can be supplied @ \notin 39 per person up to 79 years; \notin 78 per person 80 to 94 years. Payment terms: deposit \notin 300 per person plus insurance premium; balances 12 weeks before departure. Children under 12 sharing with 2 adults receive a \notin 50 reduction; Infants under 2 years on date of return are charged \notin 50. Passengers comply with health and safety protocols in place at the time of travel.Bookings are subject to the terms and conditions available on JWT website.Contact <u>niamh@jwttravel.ie</u> or 01-6852244 <u>www.joewalshtours.ie</u>

The Annual St. Brigid's Day service will take place on Wednesday, February 1st in St Fiacre's Church Loughboy at 7.30 pm. Water from the well of St. Brigid in Kildare and blessed red flannel will be available on the night. Music ministry by the Kilkenny Gospel Choir. All welcome.

Mass Times

Mon-Fri 9.15am Sat Vigil Mass 7.30pm- Sun 10am and 11.30am All Masses are livestreamed on the Parish Webcam <u>www.stcanicesparish.ie</u> 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)

February Dates to Remember

Feb 1st The Feast of St Brigid. There will be a special Blessing of water from St Brigid's Well and prayer cards will be distributed after 9.15am Mass. **Feb 2nd Candlemas Day-** Candles will be blessed at the 9.15am Mass **Feb 3rd The Feast of St. Blaise**. There will be blessing of the throats after the 9.15am Mass.

Sat Feb 11th World Day of Prayer for the Sick

We will have a special Mass at 10am with Blessing and Anointing of the Sick. Wed Feb 22nd Ash Wednesday Mass at 9.15am with Blessing and Distribution of Ashes

Saint Brigid

Saint Brigid is famed for her hospitality, almsgiving and care of the sick. Born c. 454, she resolved to live the religious life. The most famous miracle associated with Brigid tells of her confrontation with an Irish Chieftain. She asked him for a quantity of land so that she could build a monastic community. The Chieftain replied that she could have whatever amount of land her cloak could cover. Brigid took the cloak from her shoulders and cast it on the ground where to the amazement of all onlookers it covered over twelve acres of the Chieftains lands! He gave it willingly. Brigid died in the year 525 with the date of her death becoming that of her feast-day, February 1st. It is on this day that she has since been celebrated, her memory marked with the traditional creation of the Saint Brigid Cross, made from reeds. She is buried next to Saint Patrick in Downpatrick. The Goddess Brigid was 'syncretized' with Saint Brigid during the Middle Ages. This was a process whereby the practices, beliefs and traditions of a Christian Saint were merged, blended and assimilated with an earlier often mythological character. It is no coincidence that both Brigid the actual Saint who lived in Kildare and Brigid the mythological Goddess of old Ireland are both associated with the coming of Spring.

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