

ST CANICE'S PARISH

26th March, 2023

Praying for those who have died

Recently Deceased

Catherine Leahy, Ballyfoyle
Michael Monagle, Castlecomer Rd

Anniversaries

Sat 7.30pm Kay Tynan, Peg Molloy
Sun 10am Helen O'Mahony
Sun 11.30am Sean Dignan

We also remember: Paddy Corcoran, Geraldine Cummins, Mary Phelan, Mary O'Callaghan

Next Weekend

Sat 7.30pm Jimmy Dunphy, Mick Maher
Sun 10am Bridget Duffy, Willie Pratt
Sun 11.30am Sean Maher (1st Anniv), Margaret Phelan

**Please Note there will be no 9.15am Mass on Monday 27th March
There will be a Liturgy of the Word and Communion at this time.**

Sunday Collection

The collection amounted to €1693. Thank you for your generosity. We also have the Donate button on the website for those of you who wish to contribute online.

Adult Faith Development Lenten Programme.

Lent Tweets Follow@OssoryDiocese for a simple thought each day during this Lenten journey. Have your timeline prompt you to pause each day to be reminded of our Lenten journey.

Online Resources for Lent are available on **the Ossory website: www.ossory.ie**

What does Pope Francis intend by calling us to be a Synodal Church?

St Kieran's College Monday 27th March at 7.30pm

We are hearing the words Synodal Church being used today. We know that Pope Francis has asked us to be a Synodal Church, but what does that mean? A Synodal Church is the Church of our time. **Please join Bishop Niall Coll** as he leads us in a Reflection on what this means for each one of us as members of the Catholic Church today.

Has Catholic Education a Future in a Modern Ireland

St Kieran's College Tuesday 28th March at 7.30pm

Join with Prof Daire Kehoe, President DCU; Dr Maire Griffin, Chair of the Catholic Education Partnership; Mr John Curtis, General Secretary, JMB/AMCSS; and Bishop Niall Coll, Bishop of Ossory for a frank discussion on this topic.

A Date for your Diary

Conversations with Women in the Bible. A day to explore insights from their stories and God's transforming presence in their lives. Speaker: **Sr. Therese Fitzgerald** SND. Venue: Ballyvaloo Centre, Blackwater, Co. Wexford - Friday May 12th or Pembroke Hotel, Kilkenny - Saturday May 13th. More details later/ check out www.ssjpg.org

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)

Palm Sunday 2nd April

There will be Blessing of the Palms at the Vigil Mass on Saturday evening and at the 10am Mass on Palm Sunday.

Lectio Divina - Scripture Reflection on the Gospel Tues 28th March at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. All welcome

The Annual Prayer Service for those whose lives have been touched by Cancer will take place in St. Fiace's Church Loughboy on Tuesday March 28th at 7.30 pm. The first class relic of St. Peregrine and St. Peregrine's blessed oil will be available for blessing.

Pope Francis – Synodality

It is already 10 years since the election of Pope Francis as Supreme Pastor of the Church – 13th March 2013.

It was amazing when the new Pope emerged on the balcony of St. Peter's Basilica to greet the people. He called everybody to pause in silence to spend a few moments to pray for him. Every day since I pray for him. What a great blessing we have received in this wonderful Pope. Pope Francis wrote an apostolic letter. – Evangelii Gaudium – The Joy of the Gospel – setting out his programme, his first major policy statement. He wants to bring forward the teachings of Vatican Council II and tries to help us to appreciate our calling to live as the People of God. Cardinal Marc Ouellet said recently “the world needs a spiritual leader, a father in some way. And he has the figure of a father, close to the people, merciful, compassionate.” As we give thanks for this prophet and holy man chosen to lead us, let us continue to pray for him. May the Spirit strengthen and support him as he cares for the people and the earth on which we live and need to care for lovingly. Last Monday evening at St. Kieran's College, Bishop Niall Coll gave a very interesting address on Synodality – what does it mean?

I enjoyed the presentation and the discussion. Next Monday the Bishop will speak again at St. Kieran's on this topic so important to Pope Francis. May I encourage you to attend on Monday 27th March at 7.30pm and I am sure you will enjoy it. Bishop Niall is a great teacher and communicator. Many people have trouble trying to come to grips with Synod- and Synodality- Now is your opportunity. Looking forward to seeing you on Monday evening and having a chat in a lovely friendly atmosphere. – **Fr Jim**

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