

ST CANICE'S PARISH

Sunday 7th May, 2023

Praying for those who have died

Recently Deceased

Vinnie Coyne, Melville Heights

Kay Doyle, Francis McManus Square

Peg Capson nee Cormack England, formerly of Thomas Square

Anniversaries

Sat 7.30pm Michael Brannigan

Sun 10am Nichola Tyrell, Audrey Marnell

Sun 11.30am Elizabeth Somers, Alice Moylan (Months Mind)

Wed 9.15am Mary Kate and John McMahon

Thurs 9.15am Margaret Dowling

We also remember: Barney and Elizabeth Dolan, Kitty Devereux, Steve Moynihan,

W. Frank Scott

Next Weekend

Sat 7.30pm

Sun 10am Christy Rafter and Paul Malone

Sun 11.30am Paddy Treacy

Please Note there will be no 9.15am Mass on

Mon 17th April

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

Sunday Collections

The collection amounted to €1463. Thank you for your generosity. We also have the Donate button on the website for those of you who wish to contribute online.

Date for Your Diary

There will be a concert in **St. Canice's Church on Fri. 19th May at 7.30pm** with Dowlais Male Voice Choir, Merther Tydfil Wales, The Unity Singers and the CBS Trad Band. Adm. €10. Tickets can be purchased from the Parish Centre, from any member of the Unity Singers or at the door on the night.

Synod 2021-2024 For a Synodal Church: communion, participation and mission

In October 2021, the Catholic Church's synodal process on the theme of Synodality began.

This was the first time that a worldwide listening process and consultation with parishes and dioceses was attempted and many people in Ireland took part in a listening process during the early months of 2022. ***Did you take part? Have you been wondering what happened after that?*** Much has happened since then. Please visit www.synod.ie/2023update to find out more.

The Franciscan Missionaries of Mary will be coming to the Parish next weekend 13th/14th May. They will be speaking about their Missions and will have a door collection after each Mass. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

Novena to Our Lady of Fatima (Saturday 13th - Sunday 21st May)

Black Abbey, Kilkenny Preacher: Fr Colm Mannion OP.

Saturdays: 10am & 6.10pm Sundays: 3pm Monday - Friday: 10am & 7pm. All welcome.

St Canice's Parish Hall, Granges road, Kilkenny.

All parishioners are invited to attend a public meeting to discuss the repair and refurbishment of St Canice's Parish Hall on Wednesday 10th May next at 8pm to be held in the Hall. The meeting, to be Chaired by Mayor David FitzGerald, will discuss the current condition of the building with a view to forming a working group of parishioners and key stakeholders to assess the building and to explore the potential refurbishment of the facility for the future. All are welcome to attend and give their input into the discussion. We look forward to seeing you there.

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)

First Communion

We are celebrating First Holy Communion this weekend. It is a beautiful celebration for the girls and boys and their families. Do you remember your First Communion? A friend of mine was so drilled and marshalled for the ceremony; he had to keep his hands joined and keep looking down at his fingers as he walked back down the church. He walked headlong into a pillar and ended up with a fine bump on his forehead like a duck egg!

We had lovely rehearsals all week and the children are full of enthusiasm. They can't wait! I told them to remember the word JOY at the First Communion. 'J' is reminding us of Jesus who is inviting us to be his friend. He shares with us the Bread of Life to help us be strong and to live as his disciples, full of life and joy. Jesus had many friends and his really special ones shared the Last Supper with him and it was when he showed them how much he loved them. He gave them an example of caring and loving by washing their feet and then told them to eat and drink in memory of him. We do this every time we come to Mass and Holy Communion.

'O' means Others. We are called to care for one another and to love one another as Jesus has loved us.

'Y' stands for Yourselves. May each one of us appreciate the gifts that God has given us and try to use them to the best of our ability. It is so important that we try to encourage and support one another. I remember the surprise my Mam gave me on the morning of my First Communion when she dressed me in a fairisle jumper. When I expressed surprise and delight, my Mam said Jesus will be delighted to see you all dressed up!

My prayer for these friends of mine, the girls and boys of Second Class is that they will grow in friendship with Jesus and by living as his friends, may they know great joy. Sincere thanks to the teachers and Parents for all their cooperation in the time of preparation. "I am the Bread of Life, whoever eats this bread will live forever." – **Fr Jim**

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