

ST CANICE'S PARISH

Sunday 10th December, 2023

Praying for those who have died

Recently Deceased

Mollie Clooney, Aghaboe (Mother of Noreen Brennan, Bishops Demesne

Willie Coll, Donegal, (Father of Bishop Niall Coll

Anniversaries

Sat 7.30pm Alan Cunniffe

Sun 10am Ciara McGrath, Kitty Norton (Months Mind)

Sun 11.30am Margaret Walsh (1st Anniv)

Tues 9.30am Margaret and Jimmy Delaney

Wed 9.30am Michael and Rita Gaule

Thurs 9.30am Deceased Members of the Purcell and Boyle Families

We also remember Thomas Benedict Griffin, James Murray, Peggy Neary, Maureen and Paddy O'Brien,

Next Weekend

Sat 7.30pm Marian, Elizabeth and Michael Clifford, Catherine Oakes

Sun 10am Christy Walsh, Eileen Buckley (Months Mind)

Sun 11.30am Celine Dignan, Peggy Moore

**Please Note there will be no 9.30am Mass
on Monday 11th December**

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

Sunday Collections

The collection amounted to €1250. Thank you for your generosity. We also have the Donate button on the website for those of you who wish to contribute online

St Vincent De Paul Christmas Collection

The society of St Vincent de Paul Christmas collection will be taken up after all Masses this weekend 9th and 10th December. Your donations can give families some breathing space to either pay bills or keep their homes warm. You will be reaching out your hand to a neighbour in need. We thank you for your kind donation, because with your assistance we can support people in our parish.

Christmas Tree Festival

The Annual Christmas Tree Festival at St. Canice's Cathedral will be open from Thurs 7th Dec at 10am until Tues 12th at 6.30pm. (Sun from 1.30pm -6.30pm.)

Adm Adults €4. Concession €3.50, Children €2, Family €10. Enjoy the festive atmosphere with seasonal market stalls, a giant raffle and relax with a cuppa and a chat.

Catholics in the South East of Ireland Facebook Group invites you to join our next Book Club Meetup on Saturday 16th December, 2023, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m., Club House Hotel, Kilkenny. Book: Theology for Beginners by Frank Sheed. Contact Gissell at **087-761-7792**.

Concert with Kilkenny Choir at St. Canice's Church

Join **The Kilkenny Choir** for an uplifting evening of specially selected Christmas music, which includes a mix of traditional and contemporary carols for all the family to enjoy, on **Sunday, December 10th 2023** at 4.30pm in St. Canice's Catholic Church. The choir will be accompanied by the wonderful soprano Claudia Boyle. Tickets €20 on Eventbrite or at the door, U18s free.

Change of Daily Mass Time

Please note that due to the ongoing traffic disruption, the daily Mass will now be celebrated at 9.30am instead of 9.15am

The History and Stories of the Butts

A documentary shining a light on the History, Sports, Characters, Arts, Crafts and Culture of the People of the Butts. Premiered on Thursday 14th December in the IMC Cinema Kilkenny starting at 6.15pm. Project Supported by KCETB.

Tickets €5 available at Boys Club Butts Green

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

Afternoon Tea Dance

St Canice's Neighbourhood Hall invites you to our Christmas Afternoon Tea Dance on Wednesday 13th December 2.30 pm – 4.30 pm. Music by Johnny Scully.

RSVP please to Jenny on 087 954 6368 jenny.cooke@frmegrathcentre.ie

Afternoon Tea dances in the Neighbourhood Hall are for the senior members of the community. A Raffle will be held at each event

St. Mary's Cathedral, Chapter House Bookshop is now open 5 days a week (Mon - Fri) 9-30am till 5-00pm. Shop has a great selection of Nativity Sets, Christmas Cards, Christmas Mass Bouquets, Nativity stories, spiritual books and other religious gifts. Selection of Calendars, Catholic Diaries for 2024, Bibles and a wide range of Children Stories

Advent Penitential Service - Sacrament of Reconciliation

A Penitential Service for the four City Parishes will be held in St John's Church on Tuesday 19th December at 7.30pm. Come along and join us as we heed the call of John the Baptist to "prepare a way for the Lord" this Advent and preparing to celebrate the Feast of Christmas.

Advent in Ossory.

Mon 11th Dec 7.30pm St. Kieran's College "From Peace on Earth to Peace with Earth; Theology and Ecology." With Tobias Winright, Professor of Moral Theology, Maynooth

Tues 12th Dec 7.30pm, St. Kieran's College "The Parish of Tomorrow will be vastly different from today." With Fr. Albert McDonnell, Chancellor of the Diocese of Killaloe and Vicar Forane of the Radharc na nOileán Pastoral Area. All welcome.

Light from Light

I read during the week that on 27th November the sun was seen for the last time this year in Tromso (Norway). It will not be visible again until after the 14th of January. Looking forward to Christmas in such a climate must be really meaningful. No amount of Vitamin D can make up for the absence of light. A dear neighbor, Mary Nolan, the shopkeeper in Clara, once told me how she felt reassured when she looked over and saw my light on dark winter nights. Light is beautiful. We enjoy the light from the fire, or a candle at this time. The Scriptures tell us "the people who lived in darkness have seen a great light; those who live in a land of deep darkness, a light will shine". (Isaiah 9:42) May the Light of Christ bring you peace. May we be open to the many lights which give us hope – friendship, neighbourliness, a smile or a warm handshake. - Fr. Jim

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