ST CANICE'S PARISH **NEWSLETTER**



23RD DECEMBER 2018

Praying for those who have died

Recently Deceased:

Dylan Whearty, O'Loughlin Court

Anniversaries

Sat 7.30pm John Ryan, Bridget Ryan and deceased members of the Ryan Family

Sun 9.30am Christopher Walsh

Sun 10.30am Ted Carroll Sun 11.30am Patrick Young

Thurs 11am John and Eileen Clifford and their great grand-daughter Olivia

Fri 11am Rose and Ted Kenny

We also remember: Peggy Blanchfield, John, Marie and Terry Brett, George Byrne, Stephen Cantwell, Tom Cantwell, Michael and Elizabeth Cullen, Martin Cummins, Maura Hearne, Bridie Kerwick, Joe Lennon, John and Kathleen McCormack, Richard and Eileen McCormack, Charles and Bridget O'Neill, Gerry and Margaret Rowe, Liam and Mary Ryan. Kay Scott, Roseanna Smyth. Kate Murphy.

Next Weekend

Sat 7.30pm James Tynan Sun 9.30am Josephine Grace Sun 10.30am Fr. Martin Cleere Sun 11.30am Joseph Woods

Ministers 30th December 2018 (follow your Rota)

Readers

7.30pm Siobhan Hickey, Lisa Walsh 9.30am Maria Dulohery, Dee Murphy 10.30am CatherineNolan, Anita Foley 11.30am Katie Breen, Kevin Benny

Eucharistic Ministers

7.30pm Catherine Moylan, Peggy Slattery, Anne Kerwick 9.30am Tony Joyce, Ann Bray

10.30am Jim Ryan, Brevin Benny, Rena Kennedy

11.30am Michael & Geraldine De Buitlear, Roseann Brennan

Sunday Collection amounted to

€1205

Thank You for all your support.

Christmas Masses

Mon 24th Christmas Eve

No Morning Mass

Children's Mass 5.30pm Vigil Mass 7.30pm

Tuesday 25th Christmas Mass 9.30am, 10.30am & 11.30am

Christmas Week Masses at 11.am

Please Note: From January 1st Daily Mass will be at 9.15am

Annual Carol Service in St. Mary's Cathedral Sunday 23^{rd Dec} at 7.30pm featuring Kilkenny Youth Orchestra St. Mary's Cathedral Choir, The Unity Singers and Tanya Sewell (Mezzo Soprano)

"Family Carers Ireland" annual church gate collection on the 29th & 30th Dec. All funds raised go towards providing supports & services to local family carers If you are in a position to help out or would like more information please contact us on 056 7721424. Thank you for your continued support.".

"Give up yer aul Bikes for Africa"

The Rotary Club of Kilkenny at Dunmore Recycling Centre are collecting unwanted bikes and forwarding them to people in Africa.

Bikes will be first transported to Loughan House Open Prison in Cavan, refurbishment by prisoners and transported to Africa.

Please "Re-Cycle" and help transform the daily lives of other less fortunate.

Christmas Greetings

Here we are ready to celebrate Christmas and it is amazing how quickly it comes around. It is my delight to give thanks to the Lord for all the goodwill and cooperation shown by so many people in our Parish over the past year. Thank you most sincerely for all your work and help. It is a wonderful experience to work with harmony in our community and I pray that this good spirit will endure into 2019 and into the future. As is the order of the year, some families have experienced the birth of new babies and the joy of their Baptisms; others have known the pain of bereavement in the loss of family members. We remember you all in our prayers this Christmas that you may experience the presence of the Lord and find comfort and peace.

It was an amazing experience to witness the talent of the children at the Carol Service on Thursday in St. Canice's School. May the Lord continue to bless the wonderful Staff who are inspired by the leadership of Mrs. Maria Comerford and Mr. Peter Nolan. We wish to thank Margaret Logue, and the Volunteers who serve in our Parish Centre and Offices. Your welcome to strangers and visitors is greatly appreciated and your service in answering the phones in such a friendly fashion is marvelous. The music and singing in church helps us all to pray with greater fervor, thanks to the musicians and members of the choirs. We appreciate the help of the Sacristan Ailish Brennan for her courteous efficiency and devotion to duty. To all who help in collecting in church so that the bills are paid, well done and many thanks. The members of the various committees who put in great efforts to serve the Parish, Liturgy, Finance, Pastoral Council, Hospitality. We wish you a very Happy Christmas and look forward to greeting you and welcoming home the members of your families coming to the Christmas liturgies. It is important for us to remember that the core of the Christmas message is the wonderful news that God loved the world so much that He sent His Son as Saviour and Lord. Let us be sure to take time to savour in the silence the loving kindness of our God and give thanks for His blessings. Thanks to Fr. Peter and Sr. Concepta for their generous service of God's People. Fr. Jim.