

ST CANICE'S PARISH

6th December 2020



Praying for those who have died

Recently Deceased

Peg Staunton, Greenshill
Lou Leydon, Purcellsinch
Pat Comerford, Kilmanagh
Michael Slattery, Ardnore

Anniversaries

Sat 7.30pm Pierce and Ellen Dunne, Tom and Barbara Gunn
Sun 10am Nora O'Connor, Maureen and Paddy O'Brien
Sun 11.30am Ciara McGrath 1st Anniv
Tues 9.15am Liam, Eilish and Sean Moore

We also remember:

Statia, Anastasia and Kieran Fitzpatrick, Mary Maher,
Jim and Mary Maher, Paul Slattery, Paul Wright

Next Weekend

Sun 11.30am Alan Cunniffe

Feast of the Immaculate Conception Tues 8th December

Mon 7th Vigil Mass at 7.30pm

Tues 8th Mass at 9.15am

Funerals

A maximum of 25 people are allowed to attend funeral ceremonies.

We ask people to strictly adhere to this number and to continue with social distancing to safeguard ourselves and one another.

Please use hand sanitiser before entering the church

Face Masks. We recommend and encourage everyone to wear Face coverings at all religious ceremonies.

Parish Christmas Cards and Christmas Mass Bouquets

We now have our Christmas cards for sale at the Parish Centre and they are in big demand. We have 2 designs and we thank Edward Coady and Fr. Kieran for the beautiful images. **The cards will be available at the Parish Centre after 10am and 11.30am Mass on Sunday.**

St Canice's Parish Homes, Troy's Court is looking for a suitable resident for a recently vacated house. Applicants must be independent or have low dependency care needs to qualify. For more information or application form, please contact Frances Gilligan, Manager 0867927408/056 7763117

St. Vincent De Paul National Fundraising Day- Sunday 13th Dec

A Church door collection will be taken up at all Masses next weekend. As our fundraising efforts have been severely hampered this year, we hope you can contribute and wish you all health and happiness over the Christmas period

Mass Schedule from Tues 1st December

Mon-Fri 9.15am Sat Vigil Mass 7.30pm- Sun 10am and 11.30am

The numbers attending Mass will be restricted for the moment so we ask those of you who are vulnerable or who don't feel ready to return just yet, to continue joining us via webcam or radio.

You can watch the Masses on the Parish Webcam www.stcanicesparish.ie or hear them on the Parish radio (108FM.)

The 10am Mass on Sundays will also be broadcast live from St. Canices on Community Radio Kilkenny City (88.7fm)

Donate Button

We now have a "Donate" facility on our Parish Website. This can be used for all Collections and Donations to the Parish. It is very user friendly. Just click on the Donate button, choose which collection you are contributing to and the amount you wish to give. This can be a once off donation or a regular payment. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Advent –week 2

What a beautiful season- Advent. It gives us an opportunity to prepare for the celebration of Christmas. Last Sunday as the organist, Sean O'Neill struck up the hymn "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" and I got ready to sing, I felt the great hope and expectation which is found in those words. I'm delighted that there was a very favourable reaction to the music at Mass. It looks very much like this continuing for Advent and for Christmas too.

Choirs will not be allowed sing due to the dangers of spreading infection

It will have to be a simpler celebration. We will do everything we can to strictly follow the guidelines. This disease is deadly. Please be sensible and don't take risks. There is a lot of Covid about. Ask yourself do you think it is safe for you to be attending Mass?

In these times, the safest place for you to be is at home.

You may follow Mass on radio or webcam and I earnestly advise you to continue to do so. For the celebration of Christmas, there are 12 days. It is such an important feast –the coming of the Saviour. You might think about attending on any of the Twelve days of Christmas. For the Christmas Eve Masses, you might please remain in your cars in the car park, turn on radio 108fm and come out to receive Communion at the main door of the Church. Hardy younger folk might be happy to put on heavy clothing and weather permitting, attend Mass outside. The outdoor speaker has been repaired and we hope you hear us very clearly.

My bottom line is –stay safe. This is a deadly disease. No room for complacency.

The safest place for you to pray at Christmas is at home.

We hope to celebrate Christmas Eve at 7pm and 9pm, On Christmas Day at 9.30am and 11.30am. During the Octave of Christmas, daily Mass will be at 10am.

We are delighted we will have a lie in!

Stay safe –be wise Jim

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