ST CANICE'S PARISH

17th January 2021

Praying for those who have died Recently Deceased

Noeleen Cody, England and formerly Butts Green Pat Grace, Loughboy Michael Mahony, The Weir, Castlecomer Rd

Anniversaries

Sun 10am Maura Clifford (1st Anniv)

Maura Dore Carmel Maher

Mon 9.15am Mary Leahy

Tues 9.15am Thomas Antony

Wed 9.15am Offered for the Nurses Ministry Thurs 9.15am Offered for the Nurses Ministry

Fri.9.15am Michael Curley and the Curley Family

We also remember:

Paddy Brannigan, Jim Cashin, Peg Grace, Maureen Hegarty ,Tom Phelan,

Jim and Bess Woodcock

Next Weekend

Sun 10am Kevin Dowling

Celine Dignan, (Months Mind)

Funerals

A maximum of 10 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. Face coverings must be worn at all religious ceremonies.

Thanks to all who have contributed to the weekly offering via our new online Donate facility. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Mass Intentions and Anniversaries may be emailed to jimmurphy@ossory.ie or by phone/text to Fr. Jim on 087 2609545

Letterbox in Church Porch

As we cannot have a letterbox in the Parish Centre door, we now have a secure letterbox in the door on the left hand side inside the Church Porch. If you wish, you may place any Envelopes, Anniversaries or notices for newsletter in this letterbox.

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

Mass Schedule from 10th January 2021

The 10am Mass on Sundays and the daily Masses (Mon-Sat 9.15am) are now being celebrated in the church behind closed doors.

You can watch the Masses on the Parish Webcam <u>www.stcanicesparish.ie</u> or hear them 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)

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID-19 (Coronavirus). The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm by calling **0818 222 024**

Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel

- 1. John pointed the disciples towards Jesus as the one they should follow. Remember the people in your life who have pointed you in a new and life-giving direction? Perhaps in some cases this may have involved directing you away from your association with them ... e.g.; leaving home, changing jobs, etc.
- 2 Jesus invited the disciples to come and see how he lived. How have you come to learn how Jesus lived, and what he was looking for in life?

How has this attracted you to follow him?

- 3. What is your experience of gathering in small groups to learn to live like Jesus by listening to the gospel together? Where two or three are gathered in his name, Jesus is there with them. What group experiences have helped your faith to grow?
- 4. Andrew did not keep the good news to himself but also invited his brother to join him in following Jesus. What is your experience of receiving, or giving, an invitation to join in some worthwhile venture? **John Byrne OSA.**

A Good Influence

Good morning!

When I was reflecting and praying about the Gospel for Friday 15th January - Mark 2:1-12-the healing of the paralytic who was lowered down on his stretcher through the roof – I remembered when I heard the story first. It was in Second Class in CBS Primary School. The year was 1956 - when Ronnie Delaney won a Gold medal at the Olympics in Melbourne in the 1500 metres event. Brother Ed Cowan, our lovely teacher, had us enthralled by the story and he also had a little party in class to celebrate Ronnie's victory. He brought in a box of sweets. Isn't it amazing how that man's kindness has marked my life! He most certainly was an influence for good in my life.

Little did he know how he helped me have a fondness for the Scriptures. After a wedding in Nenagh a few years ago, I visited him in the Brothers' House. He was an old man by now and told me after his two years in Kilkenny, he went to university and after graduation, spent all his teaching life in Malawi in Africa. Let us give thanks for all the good influences in our lives - and pray that our efforts may have a beneficial influence on the lives of all we meet in the humdrum of every day.

- Fr. Jim