

ST CANICE'S PARISH

14th February 2021

Praying for those who have died

Recently Deceased

Roisin O'Donnell, Aylesbury
Anne Feely, (Nee Walton), Strokestown, and Inchiholohan House, Kilkenny
John L. O'Sullivan, Dominic St
Liam Dwan, Derbyshire, England, formerly Connolly St.

Anniversaries

Sun 10am Celia Rafter
Thurs 9.15am Mariamma Thomas
Fri 9.15am Antony Joseph

We also remember

Shem Connolly, Mary Corbally, Jimmy and Breda Conway, Bridie Costigan, Anna Crotty, Catherine Cuddihy, Kathleen Daly, Chris Lenehan, Rose Millett, Maura Tyrell

Next Weekend

Sun 10am Kitty O'Donoghue, John Prendergast, Jim Cody

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

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

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.

Ash Wednesday falls on 17 February and heralds the beginning of Lent 2021. This year Knock Shrine will host a new series of online discussions to help engage Christians during Lent, under the title 'Living Christian Faith – Lenten Conversations'. The talks will be streamed at 8.30pm every Thursday during Lent. Join us at www.knockshrine.ie/watch-live

Kilkenny Bereavement Support is a voluntary organisation that offers a free listening service to bereaved people of all ages. Since the arrival of Covid 19, we have not been able to offer face to face meetings. At the moment, we continue to support the bereaved by phone or by Zoom. To make an appointment, please phone 056-7756538 or email: director@kilkennybereavementsupport.com

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 www.stcanicesparish.ie 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)

A Modern Day Teenage 'Saint'

Perhaps you noticed that a teenager was beatified last October. His name was Carlo Acutis. He spent the first eight years of his short life (1991 - 2006) in London before emigrating to Italy with his Italian parents. His parents were non-practising Catholics. When Carlo made his First Communion, he decided to go to Mass every Sunday. The truth of the Real Presence of Jesus in the Blessed Eucharist really struck him. At a young age he was also a computer geek. He taught himself how to programme and went on to create websites cataloguing the world's Eucharistic Miracles and Marian apparitions. He's been nicknamed the 'Patron Saint of the Internet.' At the same time Carlo was a normal boy who liked to make his classmates and teachers laugh. He loved soccer, video games, and had a sweet tooth. Instead of buying a video game he really wanted, he used his first savings to buy a sleeping bag for a homeless man he often saw on his way to Mass. Carlo grew up in a very well-off family. There were cooks and staff in the house. He helped the cleaning staff by setting his alarm clock some minutes early in order to tidy the room, make the bed and so lessen the work of the staff. One of these was a Hindu: he was so touched by Carlo's practical goodness that he decided to become a Catholic. Carlo's true passion was the Eucharist which he called 'his highway to heaven.' He began to investigate Eucharistic Miracles. He used all his computer talents to create a website that traced that history. Here are some notes he wrote in his diary. 'Don't be afraid: with the Incarnation of Jesus, death becomes life. In eternal life, something extraordinary awaits us.' 'All people are born as originals but many die as photocopies.' 'Sadness is looking at ourselves, happiness is looking towards God.' 'Our souls are like a hot air balloon...Confession is like the fire underneath the balloon enabling the soul to rise again.' The next World Youth Day will be in Lisbon when more than a million young people are likely to assemble. Expect to see Carlo as a Patron of that great occasion – **Fr.Tom**

Ash Wednesday 17th February 2021

Next Wednesday is Ash Wednesday- the beginning of the Holy Season of Lent. We will bless Ashes at the 9.15am Mass and we will leave them in little packets at the rear of the Church. You are welcome to come and take them and serve yourselves. May this Lent be a Spiritual Springtime for you – a time of blessing and a time to savour the Word of God and appreciate his love.

Happy Lent – Fr Jim

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