

ST CANICE'S PARISH

7th February 2021

Praying for those who have died

Recently Deceased

Monica Brennan, They Sycamores
Kathleen Geoghegan, Walkin St
Jimmy Leahy, Richview
Paddy Tyrell, Haughney Green
Helen Lynch, Castlecomer. (Sister of Terry Holland)

Anniversaries

Sat 9.15am Sr Rosalie Walsh (Months Mind)
Sun 10 am Pauline Kenny (1st Anniv)
Anne Kenny
Mon 9.15am Joe Dowling
Tues 9.15am Thanksgiving Mass from George Family
Wed 9.15am Johny Antony
Thurs 9.15am P.C. Thomas

We also remember Kathleen and Margaret Doran, John Delaney, Adrian Freezey,
Joan Kerwick

Next Weekend

Sun 10am Celia Rafter

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.

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

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.

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)

Seeing Your Life through the Lens of the Gospel

1. The first story (vv.29-31) is one of healing. You might reflect on times when you were sick in body, mind or spirit and someone was a 'Jesus person' to you, someone who 'took you by the hand and lifted you up'. Remember them with gratitude. Have there been times also when you did this for others?
2. The second story (vv.32-34) adds another dimension. People are freed from demons. Have you had the experience of being freed from demons that imprisoned you: fear, anxiety, guilt, low self-esteem, addictions, bitterness etc.? What was it like for you to get that freedom? Who were the 'Jesus people' who helped to free you?
3. The third story (vv.35-39) has a number of different elements we can consider
(a) Jesus goes off to a desert place to pray. After a hectic day he felt the need for quiet to ground himself once more. In the busyness of life how do you keep in touch with God? Where do you find your 'deserted place'? What difference does it make for you when you do succeed in taking time out?
(b) Jesus shows himself as a person seeking to break new ground. The disciples want him to continue ministry where he is. He wants to move on. What has been your experience of breaking new ground, moving beyond your comfort zone, or trying something you had not tried before? When has this had a life-giving effect for you?- John Byrne OSA

For Whom the Bell Tolls

The death toll has been great for the Holy Ghost Fathers (now called The Spiritans) at Kimmage Manor in Dublin. Ten priests from the Order died in the month of January, eight of them having tested positive for Covid-19. Six were in their 80s and four in their 90s. I knew and admired one of them - Fr. James Peters. He died at Nazareth House in Dublin on Jan 27th at the age of 98. He had served on the missions in Nigeria, Biafra, Gabon, Liberia, Kenya, the U.K. and Ireland. During the Biafran War in the late 60s, many missionaries were expelled. Fr. Peters came to St. Kieran's to teach in the Seminary. He was a great teacher. At the end of each class he cleaned the blackboard, gave a summary and then he prayed. He always concluded with "pray for me, pray for the Ibo". One of their priests said at the funeral "We who have known these great men, know the beauty that is gone. They were inspired men, inspired and sustained by the love of their compassionate God who lifts up the lowly and minds the broken hearted." Lord reward them for their goodness – **Fr Jim**

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