

ST CANICE'S PARISH

30TH MAY 2021

Praying for those who have died

Recently Deceased

Roseamma George who died in India
P.J. Spain, Kildare and Thurles
Billy Brett, Garden Villas
Denis Hamilton, Graiguenamanagh

Anniversaries

Sat 7.30pm Des and Brenda Crowley
Sun 10am William Oakes
Sun 11.30am Tom Cunniffe
Wed 9.15am Ellen and Frank Mooney

We also remember

Bridget Culleton, Denis Jackman, Jimmy McElroy, David McGrath

Next Weekend

Sat 7.30pm Kimberly McFarlane, (1st Anniv) Helen Clifford (1st Anniv) Ita McCabe
Sun 10am Donal and Mary O'Brien, Molly and Patrick Lennon
Sun 11.30am Sinead O'Sullivan

Things to remember to help protect you and others.

Please use hand sanitizer before entering the Church and wear a face mask
For Communion, we have a one way system- (up the centre aisle and down the side). The people in the side aisles should come up first, followed by the people in the centre aisle. Please allow for social distancing and follow the directions of the Stewards. Communion will be given in the hand only.
Please take your copy of the newsletter with you, do not return it to the porch or leave it in your seat. Thank you for your co-operation.

Society of St. Vincent De Paul

A collection will be taken up after all Masses this weekend 29th and 30th May.
Your kind donations will be most welcome and gratefully appreciated.

Online Theology Open Day 19th June

The Priory Institute provides online Theology courses to degree level. Attend Saturday lectures in Tallaght or from the comfort of your own home.

Email enquiries@prioryinstitute.com to find out more.

Mass Schedule from Mon 10th May

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

The numbers attending Mass will be restricted to 50 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).

Sunday Collection

People have been asking why we aren't taking up collections at Mass. As we cannot currently pass around the collection bags, there is a box in the porch where you can put your offerings. We also have the **Donate** button on the website for those of you who wish to contribute online.. Last Sunday's collection amounted to €425. Thank you for your generosity.
Don't be afraid of the box in the porch!

How's it going?

This is a question that is part of how we dialogue with each other here in Kilkenny. It is a good question for us in this time of transition from lockdown to the opening up of society again - the shops, restaurants, pubs and sporting fixtures and leisure facilities. We may be feeling in a quandary trying to adjust again to living "normally." We have been through an amazing time. Who could have imagined that the world would come to a standstill because of a virus? Last week a friend asked me what I found the most difficult, and what was the positive aspect of this whole experience. It is a great question which I invite you to reflect on and answer for yourselves. The loneliness resulting from being cut off from the people I would normally meet and the fear of being contaminated by the deadly virus is my negative experience. My timetable changed. I went to bed early and rose early. The positive aspect of all this has been the time to pray and to read. Contentment and ease in one's own company has been a blessing. Now you will find that we are receiving signals to return to "normal." The travel plans, the championship, the getting together, the re-opening of facilities are around the corner. Thankfully we are ready to launch forth again. You may feel reluctant to set sail again after what you have been through - be patient and careful and be gentle with yourself. When the People of God emerged from their time of slavery in Egypt and were on the journey to freedom in the Promised Land, it took them a long time. They were confused, going around in circles, and gave poor Moses a hard time grumbling and complaining and even got interested in false gods! May we be blessed with the patience to be gentle and may we be filled with a spirit of gratitude for the good things we have experienced in this time- the generosity, love and concern of our neighbours. May we also hope for a little more sunshine to brighten up our days. Remember last year and the lovely weather. It was a great tonic for lifting our spirits.

*"Summertime and the living is easy,
Fish are jumping and the cotton is high" - Fr. Jim*