

ST CANICE'S PARISH

5TH SEPT 2021

Praying for those who have died

Anniversaries

Sat 7.30pm Bridget and Patrick Dwyer

Sun 10am Paddy Murray (1st Anniv) John (Sean) Curran (6th anniv)

Sun 11.30am Mary O'Donnell

Tues 9.15am Jim Russell (1st Anniv)

We also remember

The Cassin Family, Tom Corcoran, Martha Harris, John Norton, Mary Shaughnessy, Michael and Bridget Slattery, Paddy Ryan, Toddy Trait

Next Weekend

Sat 7.30pm Denis Molloy, Margaret (Peggy) Dowling

Sun 10am Margaret McAuley

Sun 11.30am For the intentions of all who sympathised with the Russell family on the death of Jim

Sunday Collection

As we cannot currently pass around the collection bags, there is a box in the porch where you may 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 €504. Thank you for your generosity.

A Gentle Reminder

As the case numbers are rising again, due to the Delta variant, this is just a gentle reminder to people that we still need to observe the government guidelines and protocols to protect ourselves and each other.....

Facemasks must be worn at all Masses and ceremonies.

Please use hand sanitizer before entering the Church.

Please observe social distancing both inside and outside the Church.

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.

The people in the centre aisle should remain seated until the stewards reach you.

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 home with you.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we work to keep our Church a safe place for all.

St. Vincent De Paul Envelopes

There are envelopes at the back of the Church for anyone who wishes to make a donation to St. Vincent De Paul. The envelopes may be returned to the Parish Centre or placed in the secure letterbox in the porch

Sister's visit from St Elisabeth Convent, Belarus

The Sisters from St Elisabeth Convent, Belarus will be returning to our Parish on 11th/12th Sept. They will have a small stall of their crafts on sale to raise funds for their charitable work in Belarus. Please support them if you can.

St Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund Draw

The draw for 2021/22 has just been launched. The first draw of the year will take place on 29th Sept. Tickets may be purchased at the Parish Centre at a cost of €10 per month. The draw has so far raised almost €600,000 for refurbishing the Cathedral. Please continue to support this ongoing work.

An Invitation from Bishop Denis Nulty to Reflect and Respond

While preaching on the Gospel in The Friary on 29th Aug, Bishop Nulty issued an invitation to Parish teams, Liturgy groups, Pastoral Councils and to all the people of the Diocese to reflect and share with him their thoughts and ideas on how people can be encouraged and welcomed back to regular Sunday worship. Copies of the homily are available at the back of the Church and on the Diocesan website.. Any ideas may be forwarded by post to Most Reverend Denis Nulty, Apostolic Administrator, Ossory, Diocesan Office, James St, Kilkenny

Fr Jim writes

Last week I enjoyed a visit to Glencairn Abbey near Lismore in Co. Waterford. The Cistercian Sisters have opened a new Guesthouse where visitors may stay for a few days on retreat and join them at their times of prayer where they sing the Office. It is a beautiful experience to listen to the singing and to appreciate too, the silences. There is an awareness of the presence of God in this atmosphere of prayer and worship. We were visiting Sr. Agnes O'Shea from Windgap who has been a Cistercian Sister for over 70 years. Her nephew, Fr. Benny is my classmate and school friend. The Sisters produce beautiful cards which you can see on display in our Parish Centre and are on sale for €2 each. They also bake the Eucharistic Breads we use here in our parish at Mass. We are delighted to offer our support to the Sisters' enterprises. The Sister who met us at reception is a young law graduate from Trinity College. It is inspiring to meet such a happy smiling new member of the Community. There are 37 Sisters and they spend time every morning at Lectio Divina - prayerful reading of the Scriptures and in silent meditation. The visit did me great good. It was like a spiritual tonic or uplift. You may visit their website www.glencairnabbey.org We are grateful for the Sisters' prayers and intercession.

Confirmation 2021

The Sacrament of Confirmation is being celebrated by Bishop Denis Nulty, the Diocesan Administrator and the City Priests for the children from the four Kilkenny City Parishes on Thurs, 9th Sept at 6.30pm in Nowlan Park. The Service of Confirmation will include Readings from Scripture, prayers and religious hymns. Due to Covid there are restrictions in place and each family will only have four places at the ceremony. We wish our St. Canice's pupils every blessing and we are so grateful to their teachers, Ms. Henderson, Mr. Stapleton and Mr. Crowley for their great work of preparation. Thanks too to Ms. Maria Comerford who will register the candidates when they arrive at Nowlan Park. The entrance will be from the Hebron Road and the signs will guide you to your places. Come Holy Spirit to be our Guide.

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