

ST CANICE'S PARISH

20TH MARCH 2022

Praying for those who have died

Recently Deceased

Julia Callan, Knockbridge Dundalk (Sister of Frances Graham)
Marian Brennan, Greenshill
Tom Quigley, Thomas Sq.

Anniversaries

Sat 7.30pm Bridget Walsh
Sun 10am Kathleen Walsh
Sun 11.30am Catherine Brannigan (Months Mind)
Tues 9.15am Michael, Margot, Miriam and Bill Delehanty

We also remember Liam Bergin, William and Ellen Bergin, John and Annie Free

Next Weekend

Sat 7.30pm Jimmy Dunphy, Kathleen Tynan
Sun 10am Tony Tierney (Months Mind)
Sun 11.30am Helen O'Mahony. (Anniv) Agnes Shanley (Months Mind)

Sunday Collection

The Collection Bags are now back in use. In order to protect everybody, they have a long pole attached to enable the collectors to reach into the pew without the need to pass the bags from one person to another.

We also have the **Donate** button on the website for those of you who wish to contribute online. The collection last Sunday amounted to €1109. Thank you for your generosity.

Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament

Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament continues after the 9.15am Mass for 1 hour for Peace every Friday during Lent until April 8th. All welcome. *"Around us there is the presence of evil, the devil is at work, But in a loud voice I say: God is stronger"* - Pope Francis

To Protect each other

Please continue to wear a facemask at all Church Ceremonies and leave a space between you and a person from a different household: Use the hand sanitizer before entering the Church. Take your copy of the newsletter home with you.

Follow the one way system for Communion, (up the centre aisle and down the sides.) The Stewards will guide you. Communion will be given in the hand only

The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place in St Canice's Church on Sat 26th March at 11am.

The National Board for the Safeguarding of Children in the Catholic Church in Ireland will be commencing their review of safeguarding practice in the Diocese of Ossory on March 21st. This review is to assess the safeguarding practice in the Diocese of Ossory against the Catholic Church in Ireland's current standards as detailed in *Safeguarding Children - Policy and Standards for the Catholic Church in Ireland 2016*. The diocese was last reviewed in 2013 and this report was published on the diocesan website and is still available to view there www.ossory.ie in the safeguarding section.

The Parish Safeguarding Reps are Edmund Nolan and Caroline Cummins

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Together For Lent

The four city parishes invite you to attend a series of Lenten Masses during Lent 2022. Mass will be celebrated in St Canice's Church on Tuesday March 22nd at 7.30pm
Speaker is Maeve Mahon.

What does the Synod logo mean?

Have you taken the time to reflect on the meaning of the logo for the Universal Synod currently underway in our Diocese and throughout Ireland? You will notice a tree reaching towards the sky with branches extending like wings, symbolising the Holy Spirit but also representing the cross and carrying the Eucharist which reminds us of the beauty and light of the sun shining. You will see the people walking together as we are now during our Listening Lent, without hierarchy. The Bishop is among the inclusive group and all people are represented as equal in bright colours of joy as we set out on our Synodal journey. Isn't it interesting how the group is headed up by children who are leading our way. This refers to Jesus' words, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned and revealed them to little children". (Matthew 11:25)

The Listening Sessions for the next couple of weeks are as follows:

- Slieverue - Monday, March 21st at 7:30pm - Slieverue Hall
- Castlecomer - Monday, March 21st at 7:30pm - Community Hall
- Thomastown - Wednesday, March 23rd at 7:30pm - Thomastown hall
- Rathdowney - Wednesday, March 23rd at 7:30pm - Rathdowney Hall

Lough Derg Pilgrimage season re-opens on 1st May: one day retreats, three day pilgrimages, quiet days. See www.loughderg.org for further information

Troys Court Day Care Centre is now reopening 4 days per week **Monday to Thursday 11am - 3.30pm**. For a small fee you can enjoy great company, discussions, music, activities, bingo and a 4 course mid-day meal. Contact Frances Gilligan 0867927408

St Patrick

Imagine having had a comfortable upbringing and to have been captured and sold as a slave – with no rights and no protection. He was lost, without friend or future. It is hard to imagine the impact of such a traumatic experience on one so young. Yet, as he wrote his Confession in his old age, he recognized the great gifts that came to him during this painful and lonely time of exile. Although he was baptized, he acknowledged that as an adolescent, he had turned away from God. However, in exile while herding sheep in all kinds of weather, he had the most extraordinary spiritual awakening. Patrick's life teaches us to be attentive to the ways the Lord may be surprisingly present in situations of great struggle that seem devoid of any value at the time. This awareness of the Love of God came to Patrick in the course of his life. The same experience was that of Charles de Foucauld, the hermit in the Sahara who will be canonized by Pope Francis on 15th May. May St. Patrick give us courage and faith to try our best to live as the Lord's disciples in these trying and difficult days. May he intercede for us and bless us with peace. - **Fr Jim**

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