

ST CANICE'S PARISH
Sunday 22/12/2024 – Sunday 5th Jan 2025

Praying for those who have died

Recently Deceased

Pat Kennedy, Talbot's Inch
Mary Gaffney, Greenshill
Jimmy Walsh, Kells Rd
Patsy Mackin, Callan

Anniversaries

Sat 7.30pm Michael, Elizabeth and Marian Clifford
Sun 10am Christy Walsh, Patrick Young
Sun 11.30am Paddy and Greg Moynihan, Ted Carroll
Mon 9.30am Liturgy of the Word and Communion

Christmas Eve No Morning Mass
Mass at 5.30pm and 7.30pm

Christmas Day Mass at 10am and 11.30am

St Stephen's Day 10am For the Intentions of those who sent and received the Parish Christmas Cards

We also remember Peggy Blanchfield, Martin Browne, Dick and Annie Burke, Patrick and Julia Burke, Tom and Stephen Cantwell, Patrick and Michael Cuddihy, Martin Cummins, Michael and Elizabeth Cullen, Kitty Desmond, Pat Desmond, Martin Doheny, Jack Donegan, Paddy Doyle, Seamus, Milo and Ann Fry, Kitty Gallagher, Joe Gallagher, Ann Guilfoyle, Maura Hearne, Kitty and Jimmy Lennon and their son Joe, Mary Loughman, Jack, Peg, Breda, Peter and Aaron Molloy, Liam and Mary Ryan, Kay Scott, Tony Tierney

Next Weekend

Sat 7.30pm Margot MacEaney, William Butler, John and Kit O'Toole
Sun 10am Josephine Grace, Rose and Ted Kenny
Sun 11.30am Joe Woods, Con Downey, Fr. Martin Cleere
Mon 10am Liturgy of the Word and Communion

Tues to Thurs - No Mass

Fri 3rd Jan 9.30am Brian O'Callaghan
Sat 4th Jan 7.30pm Larry Tynan
Sun 5th Jan 11.30am Mary Dwyer (Months Mind)

Mon 6th Feast of the Epiphany Mass at 10am

Sunday Collection

Sunday 15th December the collection amounted to €1271

Thank you for your generosity. We also have the Donate button on the website for those of you who wish to contribute online and we now have a Tap to Donate machine in the Church.

Annual Carols at the Cathedral

The Annual Carol Service at St. Mary's Cathedral is on Sunday 22nd December at 7.30pm. Featuring St. Mary's Cathedral Choir, Tanya Sewell (Soprano)/, Kilkenny Youth Orchestra and The Unity Singers. All welcome

All Masses are livestreamed on the Parish Webcam www.stcanicesparish.ie and broadcast on the Parish radio (108FM.). The 10am Mass on Sundays and Christmas Day will also be broadcast live from St. Canice's on Community Radio Kilkenny City (88.7

The Parish Centre will reopen on Wed 8th January.
Fr. Jim 087 2609545 / 056 7721534 Parish Centre 056 7721533



St. Canice's Christmas Mass Schedule



Christmas Eve 5.30pm and 7.30pm

Christmas Day 10am and 11.30am

St. Stephen's Day Mass at 10am

Fri 27th Dec Mass at 10am

Sat 28th Dec Vigil Mass at 7.30pm

Sun 29th Dec Mass at 10am and 11.30am

Mon 30th Dec 10am Liturgy of the Word and Communion

Tues 31st Dec to Thurs 2nd Jan No Mass

Fri 3rd Jan Mass at 10am

Sat 4th Jan Vigil Mass at 7.30am

Sun 5th Jan Mass at 10am and 11.30am

Monday 6th Jan Feast of the Epiphany Mass at 10am

Fear Not!

The joy and enthusiasm we witnessed here in St. Canice's Church on Wednesday morning was just fantastic! The energy and sheer delight the infants brought to their performance – amazing! All through the morning the different classes sang and even though they had to endure the rain on their walk to church their spirits were held high. It is wonderful going to school these days. There is no fear. Scholars call my name from all corners and it is just great to be a part of it all.

'Do not be afraid' the angel said to Mary. 'Do not be afraid' the angel said to Zachariah. It is a phrase that appears 366 times in the Scriptures. Like the children responding to the care and love of their parents and teachers we too are called to appreciate the love of God who is continuously reaching out to us. He has done that in such an amazing fashion by being born in simplicity in a stable at Bethlehem. May each of us look into the Crib this Christmas with new eyes, without fear, to welcome the love of God for us and to respond in faith and gratitude with a spirit of childlike wonder. The core of the Christmas celebration is simply wonderful. Keep it simple and enjoy God's wondrous love.

My thanks to you all, our faithful parishioners, for all your support throughout the year – your financial support and your encouragement and friendship. Thank you to the Parish Council members who will meet again in the New Year to plan the programme for the year. We are blessed to have a great team – Finance, Liturgy, Readers and Eucharistic Ministers, Collectors, and Stewards in Church. We appreciate our musicians and choirs who enhance the liturgy and who faithfully lift our hearts in our praise of God. My thanks to Margaret and Caroline who present the welcoming face of the Parish in their service in the Parish Centre. I have seen firsthand their care for people, offering a cup of coffee and a listening ear. Thanks to Ailish our Sacristan for her invaluable service too – keeping the candles lit and the doors open with a smile and to Sr. Concepta and Sr. Margaret Mary who provide a wonderful service to the sick and housebound, and the residents in the nursing homes.

Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas. – Fr. Jim