

**ST CANICE'S PARISH**  
**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

**Praying for those who have died**  
**Recently Deceased**

Ailish Cousins, The Sycamores  
Eugene Woods, Emmet St

**Anniversaries**

Sat 7.30pm Eileen Heffernan  
Eva and Waldemar Betleja (38<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary)  
Sun 10am Vera Ivers,  
Michael and Elizabeth Somers.  
Sun 11.30am Margaret Walsh  
Martin Crotty (Months Mind)

**Monday 9.30am Liturgy of the Word and Communion**

Tues 9.30am Bridie Phelan  
Thurs 9.30am Bridie Donegan  
Fri 9.30am Donor's Intention

**Fri 7.30pm Special Requiem Mass for Pope Francis**

**Next Weekend**

Sat 7.30pm Jerry Rowe (Months Mind), Nicholas, Kitty and Timothy Maher  
Sun 10am Special Intention for Dr. Ian Wilson  
Sun 11.30am John Phelan (Months Mind)  
Michael, Maureen, Margot, Miriam and Bill Delehanty

**Sunday Collection**

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April the collection amounted to €3000.75

Good Friday Collection for Holy Places €400

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.

**St. Vincent De Paul Collection**

Our collection for the month of April will be taken up after all Masses this weekend 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> April. Your generosity is very much appreciated by those we support in our parish. The Bank tap machine is available at the collection point if you wish to use it. Thank you

**Kats Theatre Group** are hosting an open mic May Day Poetry Night on Thurs May 1<sup>st</sup> at Cleere's Theatre at 7.30pm. Register your participation with [katstheatregroup@gmail.com](mailto:katstheatregroup@gmail.com)

**Community Consultation Event, Wed April 30<sup>th</sup> St Canice's Neighbourhood Hall**

We need your views on what is being developed for the Butts area. Building on the last event, we are inviting people to participate and help frame the options for developments in the Butts. Drop in to the Neighbourhood Hall at any time between 2.30 and 7.30pm on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> of April. Tea, coffee and light refreshments will be provided. All welcome!

**Bracelet found in the Church on Good Friday. Please contact the Parish Office**

**Mass Times**

**Mon-Fri 9.30am, Sat: Vigil Mass 7.30pm, Sun: 10am and 11.30am**

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

**Bishop Coll** will celebrate Mass for the eternal repose of Pope Francis and in thanksgiving for his life and ministry on Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> April 2025, at 5.30 p.m. in St Mary's Cathedral. Requiescat in pace.

Bishop Niall extends an invitation to all parishioners, to the Parish Pastoral Council, Parish Finance Committee, Eucharistic Ministers, Ministers of the Word, and all who actively participate in the parish. Those who are unable to attend may join in prayer on the Cathedral webcam at [www.stmaryscathedral.ie](http://www.stmaryscathedral.ie).

**The Kilkenny Choir** is looking forward to holding their annual Spring Concert on Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm in St. Canice's Cathedral, Kilkenny.

The choir is conducted by Patrick Rafter and this year's musical selection includes excerpts from some of the finest choral repertoire, including works from Mozart, Brahms, Barber, Orff, Vivaldi and Jenkins. The concert will feature renowned Irish mezzo-soprano, Sharon Carty who is currently an artistic partner with Irish National Opera. As always, the choir will be accompanied by a professional orchestra comprising some of Ireland's leading instrumentalists from the National Symphony Orchestra and the National Concert Orchestra,

**Memories of Pope Francis,**

We all have been touched by the life and witness of Pope Francis. We all have memories of him which we cherish.

What a beautiful introduction he gave us on the evening of his election by his friendly greeting and then by calling on all of us to pray for him in silence. St. Peter's Square went silent and people prayed a blessing on the new Pope.

One Wednesday, at the General Audience in St. Peter's Square, I saw him from a distance and I remarked that this man radiated joy. When he called into Church Street in Dublin, during the Papal Visit in 2018, to meet Bro. Kevin and the Capuchin friars, we saw him down the quays, as his popemobile passed. What a lovely inspiring disciple of the Lord, humble, friendly and always smiling.

Francis regularly asked us to pray for him and we did, every day. Now we give thanks for the love and joy he brought to our lives, and we pray that he may celebrate these Easter days in the presence of the Lord Jesus whom he loved and served so faithfully.

Thank you, Pope Francis. May you rest in peace and joy.

- Fr. Jim.

**Special Requiem Mass for Pope Francis**

We will have a Special Requiem Mass in St. Canice's Church for the happy repose of the soul of Pope Francis on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May at 7.30pm. All are welcome to attend

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