

ST CANICE'S PARISH
Sunday 24th August 2025

Praying for those who have died

Recently Deceased

David Kelly, formerly of Shandon Park
Eleanor Connelly, (Nee Delaney), Assumption Place
Emma Cody, Formerly of William St.

Anniversaries

Sat 7.30pm Michael Ryan
Sun 10am Anna Keenan,
Johanna Murphy,
Sun 11.30am Brian Boyd,
Bridget Hickey
Mon 9.30am **Liturgy of the Word with Communion**
Tues 9.30am Joseph and Catherine Neary and their daughter Teresa

Please note No 9.30am Mass on Thurs 28th and Fri 29th August

We also remember: Patrick and Mary Campion, Marie Chambers, Eileen Deloughry, Colm Foxe, Nance O'Neill, Patrick Ruth.

Next Weekend

Sat 7.30pm John Bergin (**1st Anniv**), Dixie Leahy
Sun 10am Billy Wise (**Month's Mind**), Bridget and Patrick Dwyer
Sun 11.30am John O'Donnell (**1st Anniv**) and his wife Mary

Sunday Collection

Sunday 17th August the collection amounted to €970
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.

Rosary will be recited in St. James Green on Thursday 28th August at 6-30PM.
It is for the Pro-Life cause.

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The Man Born to Be King

Celebrating 800 years of the Black Abbey, Lake Productions in Association with the Black Abbey present The Man Born to be King on the 9th, 10th and 11th of September in the Black Abbey at 7.30pm. Adm: €15 open seating. Booking on Eventbrite

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Secretary: Ms Mgt Logue – Sacristan: Ailish Brennan c/o Parish Centre
Safeguarding Reps: Caroline Cummins and Edmond Nolan c/o The Parish Centre

Au revoir et Merci!

Last week in Arts Week, I attended a very interesting play in the Watergate about an actor who was suffering from stage fright and not remembering his lines. This morning (Friday) feast of Mary's Queenship, I sang the Salve Regina at the end of Mass and hoped I wouldn't forget the lines.

As I bid you all farewell and wish to sing my song of thanksgiving to God for all of you who have been such a great blessing in my life these past 21 years, I hope I don't forget anyone of you. You have been so supportive and encouraging, you have shared the responsibility in so many ways, Pastoral Councils, Finance Committees, Liturgy groups, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Choirs, Collectors, Sacristans, Stewards, altar servers, Parents of the schoolchildren, Principal, Teachers, Volunteer drivers of the Meals on Wheels, Boards of Management of Troys Court and St. Canice's School, the Flower Ladies and Church Cleaners, and last but not least the Parish Secretaries. When we were ordained in 1972 a generous old priest, Fr. Johnnie Kearns, gave us a loan of his Volkswagen Beetle car to go on our holidays. He gave us two bits of advice: (a) wherever you are sent you can make heaven or hell of it, why not make heaven of it. (b) Keep a civil tongue in your heads because the people are decent generous people. I have striven to live by this wisdom. Any parish I have been in has welcomed me. The gift of priesthood has surpassed my wildest expectations. There has been every reason for me to sing a song of thanksgiving.

Thank you all for your love and generosity. There have been cards and gifts which I am grateful for. I remember especially the lonely days of Covid when I was isolated here in the garden and only escaped to walk the dogs down the fields. Some of you brought me provisions and risked visiting me in the garden. I will never forget those days and your care for me. Thank you – you know who you are.

At the recent Bicentenary of St. Canice's Church, Jim Kirby was inspired to inscribe in the Church porch – 'Ni neart go cur le Chéile' – there is no strength without unity. Let us give thanks to God for the spirit of unity we have enjoyed in our Parish Community. May the Lord Jesus who has been our inspiration continue to bless us. May the Spirit of the Lord refresh us and sustain us on our pilgrim journey.

There have been miracles of generosity here –
The Parish Centre – the generous gift of the MacEneaney Family.
The Secretaries Margaret and Caroline who served generously and discreetly.
May Margaret enjoy her retirement too.

Sr. Concepta for her wonderful care of the sick .

The Liturgical trio of Peggy Slattery, Teresa Kelly and Eleanor Carroll. Mick Kelly who tended the lawns voluntarily and minded the dogs, Benny and Alex.
The Sacristan, Ailish preparing for liturgy, Seán O'Neill, Organist and his Choir, Muireann Ryan and her Choir, The Flower Girls – every week there were flowers, Winter and Summer, Noel Deevy lit the Sanctuary lamp, week after week,

Sean Cunneen, our gardener, Jim Kelly who organised and supervised the Church Renovation. The Kerala Community: Syro Malabar who have always been on hand to assist with any task. Thank you from my heart. May God continue to bless you all at St. Canice's. I wish Fr. Willie Purcell every blessing in his new ministry here and hope he enjoys your friendship and support. - **Fr Jim**