

**ST CANICE'S PARISH**  
**Sunday 08/12/2024**

**Praying for those who have died**

**Recently Deceased**

Brian McCabe, Aylesbury

Eddie Scully, Stephen St

Tom Sloyan, Kilkenny

Pam Reynolds, Dunsany, Co Meath

**Anniversaries**

Sat 7.30pm Alan Cunniffe

Sun 10am Ciara McGrath

Sun 11.30am Kay McEvoy

**Mon 10am Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception**

Rita and Mick Gaule

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

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

**Please Note**

**Feast of the Immaculate Conception**

**Mass on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> Dec at 10am**

**Tues 10<sup>th</sup> and Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> Dec – No Mass at 9.30am**

**We also remember** Martin Barry, Sean Barry, Margaret Doyle, Adrian Freezey,

Mary and Michael Maher, Peggy Neary, Breda Tyrell

**Next Weekend**

Sat 7.30pm Catherine Oakes

Sun 10am Celine Dignan

Sun 11.30am Bridget Gorey (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv) Mary and Joe Keane, Peggy Moore

**Sunday Collection**

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December the collection amounted to €1097

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.

**Parish Christmas Cards**

The Parish Christmas Cards and Mass Bouquets are now available at the Parish Centre.

**St Vincent De Paul Christmas Collection**

The Society of St Vincent De Paul Christmas Collection will be taken up after all Masses this weekend 7th and 8th December. Your donations can give families some breathing space to either pay bills or keep their homes warm.

You will be reaching out to a neighbour in need. We thank you for your kind donations, because with your assistance we can support people in our parish.

If you are in need of help please contact our conference at 086 0721598.

**Christmas Market at Grennan Mill Thomastown**

Grennan Mill students will be hosting a Craft Market in the Mill on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> Dec, 12-6pm, selling unique handmade art, crafts and baked goods. Please support them and join them for some Christmas shopping, a festive raffle and a warm cuppa.

**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)

**Christmas Concert at St. Canice's**

Join **The Kilkenny Choir** for a Classical Christmas, a mix of popular composers and traditional carols for all the family to enjoy, on **Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> 2023** at 4.30pm in St. Canice's Catholic Church. The choir will be conducted by Patrick Rafter and accompanied by professional musicians. Tickets €20 on Eventbrite or at the door, U18s free.

**Diocese of Ossory Advent 2024**

**Towards a Theology of Hope** Most Reverend Niall Coll, Bishop of Ossory - an evening exploring the hope our faith brings; Wednesday, 11th December, St Kieran's College, 7.00pm

**Taizé Prayer** - a time of Hope An evening of Taizé Prayer with the teenagers of our Diocese St Mary's Cathedral, Friday, 13th December at 7.00pm

**Advent Godly Play** - a journey of Hope Ms Gemma Mulligan and Ms Marie Tallent - A morning for young people, those attending our primary schools to reflect through Godly Play, the hope-filled message of Advent and Christmas. St Mary's Cathedral Chapter House, Saturday 14th December, 10.30am.

**The Bible - a message of Hope** Rev Dr Sean Maher, a priest of the Diocese of Kildare & Leighlin - an evening exploring the hope filled message of the Scriptures; St Kieran's College, Tuesday, 17th December; 7.00pm

**Evening Retreat** - forgiveness our Hope Very Rev. Ray Dempsey and the City Priests lead a short evening Retreat and an opportunity for reconciliation. St Patrick's Parish Church, Wednesday, 18th December at 7.00pm

**A Story of Hope - Diocesan Carol Service** An evening of prayer, reflection, music and song. Join us for our Carol Service in St Mary's Cathedral, Sun.22nd Dec at 7.30pm

**Prepare a Way**

One of my colleagues reminded me of a beautiful app. on my phone – **Sacred Space** – which is offered by the Irish Jesuits to help us in our daily prayer. You simply go into the App Store and search for **Sacred Space** daily prayer. I am enjoying the **Sacred Space Advent Retreat** 2024. “Let us begin our Advent journey together, praying each day with Scripture and in the Presence of the One for whom we are waiting. Advent is an opportunity to spend time quietly resting in God's loving arms and ponder the wonder and mystery of Jesus. It is a perfect time to renew our faith, hope and love, reflect on our relationships with ourselves, others and God, and focus on what matters most in life. May this Advent retreat bless each one of you who prays with it and remind you that you are part of the **Sacred Space** family, united in prayer with brothers and sisters all over the world. Let us remember all those suffering most deeply across our planet at this time, especially those in areas of conflict and war, and offer up our prayers for them.”

I am delighted to recommend this lovely facility and I hope you enjoy it.

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