

**ST CANICE'S PARISH**  
**Sunday 15/12/2024**

**Praying for those who have died**

**Recently Deceased**

Jim Lowry, Irishtown and Greenhill  
Tommy Quinn, Graiguenamangh and formerly Larchfield  
Mary Kiely, Bishop Birch Place

**Anniversaries**

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  
**Mon 9.30am Liturgy of the Word and Communion**  
Tues 9.30am Tommy and Eily Gunning  
**Wed 9.30am No Mass - St. Canice's Co-Ed School Christmas Carol Concert**  
Thurs 9.30am Deceased Members of the McGree and Phelan Families  
Fri 9.30am Larry Masterson

**Please Note**

**There will be no Mass or Liturgy on Wed 18<sup>th</sup> December due to St. Canice's Co-Ed School Carol Service in the Church.**

**We also remember** William, Ellen and Liam Bergin, Ann Hurley, Margaret Jackman, Paddy and Maureen O'Brien

**Next Weekend**

Sat 7.30pm Michael, Elizabeth and Marian Clifford  
Sun 10am Christy Walsh, Patrick Young  
Sun 11.30am Paddy and Greg Moynihan, Ted Carroll

**Sunday Collection**

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December the collection amounted to €1018  
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.

**Christmas Envelopes**

The Christmas Envelopes are available at the Parish Centre for collection by the distributors. Thank you for your continued support.

**South Kilkenny Historical Society** Lá an Dreoilín (Wren Day) event

Thursday, December 26<sup>th</sup> (St. Stephen's Day) at Mullinavat Parish Hall and Church Car Park at 11am Lá an Dreoilín, in Ireland, centres around the tradition of capturing a wren, which is said to bring luck. People march dressed in garbs made of straw, including headwear that is woven into a bell shape, playing drums and traditional music, and singing.

Following on last year's very successful event, participants are asked to make costumes and a prize will be given for the best costume. People of all ages are asked to participate in the event and participants are not restricted to 'boys' - for this event the term 'boys' means any gender and any age! Participation is not restricted to those who have costumes and/or can sing or play a musical instrument - people are asked to participate in whatever way they can, or are comfortable doing and everyone is welcome to join in on the fun.

**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

**Penitential Service for the City Parishes**

A penitential Service for the City Parishes will be held in St. Patrick's Church on Wed 18<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm.

**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.

**Afternoon Tea Dance**

St Canice's Neighbourhood Hall invites you to our Winter Afternoon Tea Dance on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2 – 4.30 pm Music by Johnny Scully RSVP please to Jenny on 087 954 6368 [jenny.cooke@frmcgrathcentre.ie](mailto:jenny.cooke@frmcgrathcentre.ie) Afternoon Tea dances in the Neighbourhood Hall for the senior members of the community. A Raffle will be held at each event.

**Diocese of Ossory Advent 2024**

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, 17<sup>th</sup> 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, 18<sup>th</sup> 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.22<sup>nd</sup> Dec at 7.30pm

**Annual Carols at the Cathedral**

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

**St Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund Draw**

The next draw will be on Wed 18<sup>th</sup> December. Tickets available at the Parish Centre

**Fr. Jim 087 2609545 / 056 7721534 Parish Centre 056 7721533**

**Secretary: Ms Mgt Logue – Sacristan: Ailish Brennan c/o Parish Centre**

**Safeguarding Reps: Caroline Cummins and Edmond Nolan c/o The Parish Centre**