

ST CANICE'S PARISH
Sunday 26th May 2024

Praying for those who have died

Recently Deceased

Imelda Heffernan, Parnell St, Pinecrest, Bishop's Hill and Troyscourt
Eileen Reade, St. Fiacre's Place

Anniversaries

Sat 7.30pm Des and Brenda Crowley, Tom Cunniffe
Sun 10am Thomas and Martin Flynn
Sun 11.30am Martin Hayes (Months Mind)
Mon 9.30am Liturgy of the Word and Communion
Wed 9.30am Brian and Margaret Kennedy
Fri. 9.30am Willie and Lillah Foley

We also remember

Sonny Craddock, Denis Jackman, Jimmy McElroy, Michael Mullins, Angela Quigley

Next Weekend

Sun 10am Sam Oakes, Martin Morrissey, Billy Oakes and Mary Lalor
Sun 11.30am Sinead O'Sullivan, Kimberley McFarlane

Sunday Collection

Sunday 19th May the collection amounted to €567

Thank you for your generosity. We also have the Donate button on the website for those of you who wish to contribute online.

Corpus Christi Procession 2024

On the weekend of the 2nd June we will celebrate the **Feast of Corpus Christi**. This year we are going to move the celebration of the 5.30 p.m. Mass from St Mary's Cathedral to the grounds of St Kieran's College. Hopefully, the weather will oblige, and the Mass will be on the front lawn with a Corpus Christi Procession afterwards in the grounds of the College.

St. Canice's Bicentenary Art Project Competition (closing date extended)

Primary and Secondary School Students are invited to do a project on the stained glass windows in our church. Pick any one of the 20 windows and write about it. Group or individual entries are welcome. **The closing date has been extended to Wednesday, May 29th** Projects may be left at the Parish Centre or at your school. There will be prizes for the best entries in each category.

Visiting Orchestra Concert

There will be a concert in St. Mary's Cathedral on Sat 8th June at 7.30pm featuring New Albany High School Orchestra under the Direction of Erica Donahoe and Stephanie Dinsmore. Donations accepted to support ongoing renovations.

Our Choirs

Next weekend will see the church choirs singing for the last time before their Summer Break. On Sunday the choir will sing at the 11.30am Family Mass instead of the usual 10am. We thank our choirs for their dedication and for enhancing our liturgies.

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Secretary: Ms Mgt Logue – Sacristan: Ailish Brennan c/o Parish Centre
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Bicentenary Celebrations 31st May – June 2nd 2024

A Concert on Fri. 31st May at 7:30pm to celebrate the Bicentenary of St. Canice's Church will be held in the Church. Featuring St. Canice's Jazz Band, Paddy Neary, The Unity Singers, Sospiro Male Voice Choir, St. Canice's Folk Choir, Kerala (Malayalam) Choir, Toluwani Akaehomen, Friends & Ukrainian Choir, Michael McDonnell with Martin Coughlan & Denis Lafont, Billy & Caoimhe Carrigan, Paddy Cleere, Seathrún O'Casáide. M.C. on the night will be Gerry Moran.

Sat. 1st June at 7.30pm Mass of Thanksgiving,

Followed by Refreshments in the Neighbourhood Hall

Sun 2nd June 11.30am Family Mass. All are welcome to join our celebrations.

What a week of it!

1. On Wednesday I was privileged to attend the "Congo Day" at James Stephens Barracks, organized by IUNVA - the Irish United Nations Veterans Association. The Congo Veterans with their families were invited to share their memories and view the display of uniforms/photos/memorabilia. The Congo veterans were presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for their contribution to world peace. The Certificate reads "For *service between 1960 and 1964 with the United Nations during what was the first armed peace support mission undertaken by the Defence Forces. The courage, fortitude, soldierly conduct and sacrifices by personnel brought great credit to Ireland and the Defence Forces and contributed to the effective fulfillment of the U.N. Security Council Mandates. This certificate is issued in recognition of dedicated service and contribution made during a complex and dangerous mission in the cause of world peace.*"

Names like Patrice Lumumba and Mobutu, and places like Katanga, Leopoldville, Kivu and Kasai used feature in our news bulletins. I remember the sad news of the Niemba ambush on the 8th Nov 1960 where 9 soldiers were killed by Baluba tribesmen, including Lt. Kevin Gleeson who was from Borris, and Cpl. Liam Kelly from Thomastown. We prayed for all the dead including Cpl. John Power, father of Seán from Thomas Square, who died in the Congo. Due to inclement weather the ceremonies were held indoors. Lt. Col. Rob Kearney and Maj. Gen. (Ret.) Kieran Brennan officiated. The Pipe Band led everyone to the Memorial Garden for the unveiling of the Congo Cross and the Wreath Laying. I was thrilled to have been invited. We celebrated Mass to remember the dead and to pray for the veterans and those serving in UN Missions today. The time keeping and military precision impressed me greatly!

2. On Monday we celebrated Leaving Cert Graduation Mass with the teachers and students of Loreto, and on Thursday with CBS Kilkenny. Both celebrations were held at St. Mary's Cathedral. The music and singing on both occasions was awesome. We will keep the students in our prayers as they prepare for the exams.

3. Concert – we are looking forward to the Bicentenary Concert in St. Canice's on Fri next at 7.30pm. Mr. Gerry Moran has kindly agreed to be M.C. On Sat. night we celebrate the Mass of Thanksgiving at 7.30pm We will bless and Anoint the Icon of St. Canice written by the hand of Soizick Lesaux from Brittany, (a friend of Fr. Jim) on a piece of bog oak. It depicts St. Canice with the Gospels and people being saved from the perilous seas. St. Canice knew how to make the best of a situation. His good humour and readiness to help won him many friends and helpers in preaching the Good News. We can ask him to show us how to be as good and cheerful a friend as he was. Canice died in 603

(source: Catholic Ireland.net)

On Sunday we will have the Family Mass at 11.30am. All are welcome. - **Fr. Jim**