

ST CANICE'S PARISH
Sunday 16th June 2024

Praying for those who have died

Recently Deceased

Peter O' Dwyer, Old Callan Rd.
Phil Comerford, Radestown North,

Anniversaries

Sat 7.30pm
Sun 10am Imelda Heffernan (Months Mind) and Joe Heffernan (Anniv)
Sun 11.30am Jim Maher, Brigid Kelly (Months Mind)

Mon 9.30am Liturgy of the Word with Communion

Thurs 9.30am Joseph Matthew

We also remember

Liam Keogh, Mary Walsh

Next Weekend

Sat 7.30pm
Sun 10am Paul Reade
Sun 11.30am

Sunday Collection

Sunday 9th June the collection amounted to €1087

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

Day for Life Sunday is celebrated annually with a special message by the Catholic Church across Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales. It is a day specifically dedicated to raising awareness and reflecting on the deep value and meaning of human life at every stage, and in every condition. On Sunday 16 June, the Church will mark Day for Life 2024 with a message on the theme: *The Lord is my shepherd - Compassion and Hope at the End of Life*. This year's message reminds us that Jesus did not send the sick away; rather He showed that life always has dignity and that there is no such a thing as a useless life. Catholics are called to defend this gift of life to its natural end and to protect vulnerable citizens from a culture that could pressure them into assisted suicide. In this way, we are encouraged to support people with the companionship of a listening ear, appropriate treatment, and the best of care, so that their last days can be times of grace, intimacy and love. The Day for Life message is available on <https://councilforlife.ie/day-for-life-2024/>

The Ceto Choir from Connecticut USA will join the Kilkenny Gospel Choir for an outreach concert in the Black Abbey Church on Saturday, June 22nd at 7.30 pm. An in-house collection will be taken up for the South East Radiotherapy Trust (SERT) - Providing free and confidential transport for cancer patients who require radiotherapy living in the South East. All Welcome

Cemetery Masses

St. Kieran's Cemetery Mass Friday, 28th June at 7.30pm
Thornback Cemetery Mass Friday 5th July 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 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)

Designer Minds STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Maths) Summer Camps start soon in Kilkenny. For all boys & girls going into 1st to 6th Class this September. All details and online registration: www.designerminds.ie Give your child the opportunity to explore, create, and innovate in a fun and supportive environment this summer!"

Little things mean a lot

Having read the readings for this weekend earlier in the week and having reflected on the seed, especially the mustard seed, I have been on the lookout for little things in my daily life. It is amazing how important and significant they are. Seán the gardener sowed grass seeds on a plot in the garden recently cleared of weeds.

The rain and the sunshine are doing their bit and I am observing to see if growth is happening. Like "the watched pot never boils" we have to be patient. It's wonderful to think that the Kingdom of God is among us in the little things of life.

One morning, tourists came to the Parish Office searching for their roots. I was working on filling out Marriage papers discreetly in the background with one ear cocked. The couple came with some dates and relevant data and in no time Caroline and Margaret had them in touch with their ancestors! Just like that! There was great excitement at reaching the goal of a long search over the years.

Then in their euphoria they offered to pay my two colleagues for their trouble and I was impressed by the girls' friendly and appreciative refusal to take any fee. Courtesy, kindness and a welcoming spirit is invaluable. Money can't buy treasures like friendship.

While visiting patients at Drakelands I was observing the gentle care being shown to the residents assembling for their dinner.

More little things going on quietly in the background. A kind word, a smile, a gentle touch all mount up to making life more enjoyable and meaningful.

Using many parables like these, Jesus spoke to his disciples and he further explained things when they were alone.

May we appreciate the little things we observe in our daily lives and be fascinated in their beauty by pondering in the quiet. Remember that God revealed himself to Elijah in a subtle and humble way, "in the sound of a gentle breeze" or "as a sound of sheer silence." (1 Kings 19, 9, 11).

Yes, little things mean a lot! – **Fr Jim**

Happy Father's Day!

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