

**ST CANICE'S PARISH**  
**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

**Praying for those who have died**

**Recently Deceased**

Jimmy Long, Connolly St  
Paddy Morrissey, Rioch Court  
Phil Larkin, Upper Patrick St  
David Ryan, Lord Edward St.  
Ann Gavin, Mayo (Sister of John Gunn)

**Anniversaries**

Sat 7.30pm Paddy and Maura Dore, Patrick Kennedy (**Months Mind**)

Sun 10am Billy Walsh, Gary Deevy, Kevin Dowling, Brian O'Shea

Sun 11.30am Carmel Maher, Tommy Hickey

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

Tues 9.30am Marie and Edward Kerwick

Wed 9.30am Tom Phelan

Thurs 9.30am Special Intention

Fri 9.30am Elizabeth Byrne and Kitty Gleeson

**We also remember** Catherine and Michael Delaney, Margaret and Patrick Doran,  
Larry and Mary Dowling, Peg Grace, Billy Hickey, Joseph Roberts.

**Next Weekend**

Sat 7.30pm Tomás Hackett, John and Josephine Phelan and their daughter Joan

Sun 10am Mary Leahy, Jim and Bess Woodcock, Jimmy Haide

Sun 11.30am Jim Lowry (Months Mind) Majella Meany (Anniv)

**Sunday Collection**

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January the collection amounted to €1397

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.

**St. Vincent De Paul Collection**

We want to say thank you for your generous donations to our Christmas appeal in Dec. You kindly donated €3,435. Your generosity was much appreciated by our parish clients who received help. Our next collection will be taken up after all Masses this weekend 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> Jan

**Sisters of St. John of God Spring Conference**

Ballyvaloo on Friday February 14<sup>th</sup> Cost €30 (includes lunch)

Pembroke Hotel, Kilkenny on Saturday February 15<sup>th</sup> Cost €20 Includes Tea/Coffee From 10.00am to 4:30pm Speaker Dr. Grainne Doherty Please book your place before Feb 11<sup>th</sup>.

**South Kilkenny Historical Society Lecture**

Title: Some Interesting South Kilkenny Lives Speaker: Donal Cadogan. Date: Friday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025 Time: 8pm Venue: Mullinavat Parish Hall (opposite St. Beacon's Church)

**Kilquan Drama Group present** "Stop it Nurse" by Sam Cree - *Directed by Benny Mills.*

Comedy in Three Acts in Coon Hall (Eir-Code R93 EC89).

Play will be Performed on 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2025, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2025 at 8.00 pm. Doors Open at 7.00 pm. Admission €10.

**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)**

**Afternoon Tea Dance**

St Canice's Neighbourhood Hall invites you to our New Year Afternoon Tea Dance on Wednesday 22nd Jan from 2 – 4.30 pm. Music by Sean Shortis  
RSVP please to Jenny on 087 954 6368 [jenny.cooke@fmcgrathcentre.ie](mailto:jenny.cooke@fmcgrathcentre.ie)  
Afternoon Tea dances in the Neighbourhood Hall for the senior members of the community. A Raffle will be held at each event.

**The Alliance Française in Kilkenny** are starting their French classes again, with enrolment on Tuesday 21 January from 7.00 pm in the Club House Hotel (where the classes will be run). So, if you are a beginner and want to know what do you say after you say "Bonjour", or you want to revive your school French, or get better value from your French holiday or are good at French but just need a chance to practice it and build on that, well, there are classes for all levels. There are also classes for Leaving and Junior Cert students. The teachers are native French but very patient with the struggling Irish. And you get an appreciation of French culture in the Cultural Evenings each month, and you can watch a carefully chosen French film each month in the Watergate Theatre. So discover some Joie de Vive at the Alliance Française. See [www.afkilkenny.org](http://www.afkilkenny.org) for more details.

**Catholic Schools Week 2025** will be celebrated from Sunday, 19 January, to Saturday, 25 January, with the theme of Catholic Schools: Alive in Christ. We pray for and support our local Catholic schools so that, together with us, the parish community, they will be alive with the joy and hope that is Christ. Jesus Christ calls us together as a living faith community so that our schools, parish and families may support and animate one another.

**Grounded!**

If you have noticed the pastor has been suffering a nasty chest infection which is seemingly doing the rounds. Unfortunately I was unable to join my colleagues for the Diocesan priests' retreat in Ballyvaloo, Wexford. Instead I have been grounded!

We are delighted to offer our Congratulations to the Prior and Dominican Community who are celebrating the 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Black Abbey. Canon Carrigan writes in his History of the Diocese of Ossory: "St. Dominic was called to his eternal reward, at the age of 51, on the 6<sup>th</sup> August 1221. At the termination of the General Chapter of his Order, held in Bologna, in the early part of the same year, he sent, with the consent of the Supreme Pontiff, his children into Scotland, Ireland, Scandinavia and Greenland, to preach the Gospel, to bring infidels to the Catholic Faith through the Sacrament of Baptism, and to lead sinners to Christ by Penance: all which things they effected to the great benefit of the souls committed to their care."

After the convents of Dublin and Drogheda the next Dominican House in this country was the Monasthrr dhu, Abbatia Nigra, or Black Abbey, Kilkenny, founded in honour of the One and Undivided Trinity, by William Marshall, the younger, Earl of Pembroke, in 1225.

Let us give thanks for all the faithful Dominicans who have served our people down through turbulent and painful times in this beautiful church. Let us rejoice and be glad. – **Fr. Jim**