

PARISH OF FINGLAS

CHURCH of St. Canice and St. Margaret



3rd Sunday of Advent



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GAUDETE SUNDAY

Traditionally, this Sunday is called Gaudete Sunday meaning "a day for rejoicing". Advent is half over and the day of the Lord's coming is nearer. The lighting of the pink candle takes place this weekend.

SOCIETY of ST. VINCENT de PAUL

Annual Christmas Appeal

St. Canice's and St. Margaret's Church

For many the picture of poverty is real: At Christmas it is especially real for those families who try so hard to make it a special time . At Christmas we should never forget that our love should extend in a practical way to the poor. Jesus was born not in a palace or a semi-detached house but in a stable. He came in poverty. As a child he had no fixed abode. On one occasion he drew attention to his poverty,

"the birds of the air have nests but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head".

He deliberately identified with the poor. At Christmas we are a large family. If we merely look after our friends we are missing part of the message. We should reach out to these people by making a generous donation to St. Vincent de Paul. Make no mistake about it when we reach out to the poor we embrace Christ.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul appeal to your generosity this weekend

This special annual collection will replace the usual Share collection. Help to make Christmas a happy time for families in need.

Thank you so much for your continued support and kindness during the past year.

Grateful thanks to everyone who contributed to the Annual Crosscare Food Appeal which took place this past week. All food parcels were collected by Crosscare and will be distributed to needy families in the Diocese.

Death of Fr Colm Kenny, Co-Parish Priest, Our Lady of Victories, Ballymun Road

It was with shock and disbelief that we learned on Tuesday evening of the death of Fr Colm Kenny who was a faithful curate here in St Canice's from 2005 till his promotion to Our Lady of Victories, Ballymun Road in 2011. Colm was diagnosed with leukaemia recently and had bravely faced intense medical treatment. He did not want people to fuss over him and wanted his suffering to be as private as possible.

Colm was a gifted preacher with a keen mind and a great sense of fair play. He was famous for his care of his two Siberian Husky dogs which he walked around the parish every day. He was widely known as the "Priest with the dogs".

I remember his farewell party very well. He didn't want any fuss and had to be persuaded to appear in the school hall for his party. He spoke about the number of Baptisms, Weddings, and Funerals he presided over, and it was an impressive number. He touched many peoples' lives. After the party he admitted that he was glad it had happened and was very grateful to the people of St Canice's for their love and affection.

He was very definite in his decisions and you knew exactly where you stood with him. If he stood on anyone's toes he was the first to realise and acknowledge his mistake. He was responsible for some very good changes in the parish. He modernised the Parish Office and installed the Disabled Toilet. He looked after the parish finances and made sure we got the best return for our all our initiatives. I can see him standing at the gates of Heaven and not taking NO for an answer. Heaven will know when he arrives and will give him a Céad Míle Fáilte.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh tú a Choilm, a shagairt, a chara! Suaimhneas síoraí do d'anam uasal.

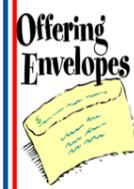
Saturday Dec 10TH	7pm	Anniversaries; Mary Riggs: Months Mind Christy Pentony
Sunday Dec. 11th	9am 10.30am	Anniversaries: Esther & Christy Mc Mahon & Deceased family members Anniversaries; Minnie Curran; Pat Clarke; Christopher & Josephine Brogan.
Sun Dec. 11th	12pm	Anniversaries: Billy Leonard, Paddy Clifford; Jonathan O Reilly; Desmond Lawlor; Amelia Mc Donagh; Mary Corcoran; Chris Considine; deceased members of the Corcoran Family; Hubert Richardson; Jack Lawless; Tom Leech
Mon Dec. 12th	10am	10am Meave Mc Govern R.I.P. Tuesday Dec. 13th No Intention
Wed Dec. 14th	10am	Anniversary No Intention Thursday Dec. 15th 10am: Michael Kelly
Friday Dec. 16th	10am	Anniversary Jack Clonan Saturday 17th 10am Kathleen Coffey

Planned Giving
Envelope Collection for the week of 4th December was €1816.00.

Thank you for your continued support to your Parish

Parish Christmas Card and Dues Envelope

The Parish Card / Dues envelope is presently being delivered to all registered parishioners. The Christmas Card contains the times of the Christmas Parish celebrations and should be placed in your home where it will be an easy reference for all the family. The Dues envelope may be prepared and returned the usual way. There are still some areas needing attention—if you can spare an hour this week to help with delivery please call into the Parish Office.



New Planned Giving Envelope (Family offering) Please Note: **New Planned Giving Family Offering sets of envelopes (colour orange) are also ready for distribution along with the Christmas Card to registered parishioners. We would ask all registered parishioners to commence using the new sets on the first Sunday in **January**. Thank you to all who finance our parish. Currently 513 out of an approximate 4.500 homes generously support our Parish through the Family Offering Envelope and standing order. Without you our church would not be able to remain open and welcoming to those who seek the Lord.

*ST. CANICES PARISH CHRISTMAS CAROL Service

A Christmas Carol Service will be held in St. Canices Church today Sunday commencing at 4pm. It is a good way to prepare for Christmas. All invited .. Refreshments will be served after the Carol Service



CHRISTMAS NOVENA

Christmas Novena commences on Friday 16th December at 10am and will continue for 9 days concluding at the 9pm Christmas Vigil Mass on Christmas Eve.



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Meave Mc Govern
May They Rest in Peace

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