



PARISH OF FINGLAS



Churches of St. Canice and St. Margaret

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The Priests of the Parish
Fr. Pádraig: Fr. Mick: Fr. Gabriel and Fr. John
join together in wishing each of you a Peaceful and
Happy New Year



Joy is a gift from God May it be His Gift to you As we begin a New Year



FRIDAY next is the Feast of the Epiphany.

Mass times are as follows: Thursday evening vigil Mass at 7pm. FRIDAY 10am. The Church will close at 11am. The **EPIPHANY** is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Saviour of the World. The great feast of **EPIPHANY** celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the wise men (magi) from the east, together with His Baptism in the Jordan and the wedding feast at Cana in Galilee.

Another Angle

The Christmas clean up continues—lights come down, trees will be thrown out. Petite sized clothes will be exchanged for more realistic sizes. Soon life will be normal again. December generosity becomes January's payments. For one last moment the magic is still in the air. The story of Christmas is very important. Christ was born so that the world could see, feel, hear and fully know that Emmanuel, God, is with us. We do not need to go it alone.

The Wise men found God, quest is complete.
May you find Him this year

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

— Thank you to all who participated in our Christmas Celebrations: to our Sacristans Paul and Luke; the Eucharistic ministers, Altar servers; Readers, Collectors & Counters, our organist Nuala, the Choir and the Folk Group and especially to Santa who made a special appearance on Christmas eve.

New Planned Giving Envelope (Family offering) Please Note: **

New Planned Giving Family Offering sets of envelopes (colour orange) have been delivered to all REGISTERED parishioners. We would ask all registered parishioners to use the new sets of envelopes. Thank you to all those who finance our parish. Without you our church would not be able to remain open and welcoming to those who seek the Lord. If you are not a registered member and would like to register please call to the Parish Office Mon—Fri 10.30-12noon.

Planned Giving

Envelope Collection for the week of 18th December was €1635.30. Thank you for your continued support to your Parish



The Popes Intentions for JANUARY :

That all Christians may be faithful to the Lord's teaching by striving with prayer and fraternal charity to restore ecclesial communion and by collaborating to meet the challenges facing humanity



Recently Deceased

You prayers are asked for

Sharon Cullen : Joan Mc Grath

Kathleen Dunne: Joseph Bourke

May They Rest in Peace

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Saturday Dec 31st	7pm	Anniversaries; The Winston, Jennings and Mc Cormack Families	
Sunday January 1st	9am 10.30am	Anniversaries: Anniversaries; Patrick Mc Keown; Carmel Coyle: Maura Sattell; Marie Casserley	
Sun Dec. 11th	12pm	Anniversaries: Gavin Claxton; Darren Duggan: Solan Family: Eva Kearney: Loughman & Mc Hugh Families: Joe & Tom Kavanagh; Shyanne Byrne; McNamara, Richardson and Kavanagh Families: Peter Richardson; SPECIAL INTENTION: Irene & Nora Kearney: Birthday Remembrance: Noeleen Mahon	
Mon Jan 2nd	10am	10am Jimmy Kane: Paddy Murray	Tuesday Jan 3rd
Wed Jan 4th	10am	Jean O Broin Anniversary	Thursday Jan 5th 10am: VIGIL Mass 7pm
Friday Jan 6th HOLYDAY Feast of the Epiphany	10am	Anniversary Kath Cooper Rec Dec.	Saturday 7th 10am

PASTORAL REVIEW OF 2016 – THE SACRAMENTS

Baptisms (100 in 2016) – the Gateway to Eternal Life when people join the parish community which meets every Sunday for Mass. All candidates had two meetings with the priest and the Baptism Team.

Confirmations (76 in 2016) – Ceremony of Light and Confirmation was celebrated for 6th Class in both schools. Ghlac daltaí Gaelscoil Uí Earcáin Searmanas an tSolais sa scoil agus an Cóineartú i Séipéal Muire na mBuanna.

Mass/Eucharist/Holy Communion - The centre of our parish is the weekly gathering of the community of believers each Sunday to celebrate our faith as Jesus invited us to do in memory of Him.

The **Ministers of the Word** proclaim the Mass readings.

Free copies of St. Luke's Gospel were given out at Mass in January to encourage people to get to know Jesus in His Word.

Ministers of Holy Communion distribute the Body and Blood of Christ. Their new leader is Valerie Murphy. A Renewal Day in November led by Fr Donal Neary SJ was well received. The Sacred vessels are cleaned and polished by Mary and Frances.

Music Groups – Parish Choir sing each Sunday at 1030am Mass and practise one day a week. **The Folk Group** sings each Sunday at 12 Mass and also rehearse one evening each week

Mass Servers serve at the altar. Éamonn Brennan has served for 21 years. We thank him for his dedication. A number of new servers joined us. We welcome more new servers in 2017

The Sacristans Paul & Luke work hard behind the scenes to facilitate our celebrations. Tony Smullen stepped in to the breach on a number of occasions. St Margaret's is well served by Willie and Nicky

The Syro-Malabar Rite Mass is celebrated on the 4th Sunday of each month – In April the Feast of Christ the King and Our Lady was marked by a colourful procession.

The Church Cleaners meet every Monday after 10am Mass. Many visitors to the church are taken by its beauty. It's important that our church is kept up to the highest standards.

The Flower Team meet Thursday afternoon to prepare the floral displays which exude beauty.

The Hospitality Group host a friendly cup of tea most Thursdays immediately after 10am Mass. All are welcome to take part.

The Church Grounds are kept by Paddy, John and Don, along with Declan Cowley.

Penance/Confession/.Reconciliation – Times of Confession are on Saturday from 1030am till 11am and 630pm till 655pm and any time on request. First Confessions were celebrated prior to 1st Holy Communion. Bhí ard-chaighdeán le feiceáil i gceiliúradh na Céad Fhaoistine as Gaeilge. All catholics should avail of this great sacrament at Christmas and Easter.

Sacrament of the Sick – Many of our parishioners were visited in Hospital, and on First Fridays in their own home. The priests will be glad to visit any sick person on request. Please contact them.

Marriage/Weddings/ Matrimony (13 in 2016) – Couples intending to marry in the Church need to contact the Parish Office giving at least 3 months notice (6 months for foreign weddings). The priest will fill out the Pre Nuptial Enquiry Form needed for wherever you intend to get married.

Funerals (100 in 2016)– Death is an important part of our life experience in St Canice's. Each death has a sad story of loss. We lost a young girl Keva Walsh in February. Two particularly sad deaths were those of young children – Sienna Joyce and “Batman” Ben Foster. The parish schools were very good in their support. We lost some great parishioners in Myriam Geoghegan, Hugh Mc Nulty, Carmel Doyle, Annie Sludds, Teresa Sherlock, Anita Smith, Joe Lewis and Mick O'Grady, Teresa Boyne, and Kathleen Mc Ivor, to mention but a few. Fr Colm Kenney's recent death was a shock to us all. Finglas Cemetery Mass was celebrated in July. Thanks to the Lynch Family and Dublin City Council November Mass for the Year's deceased was a team effort thanks to the work done by the volunteers and the Funeral Team. The souls of those on the November List for the Dead are remembered in Mass every 1st Friday. Thanks also to all our Funeral Undertakers for their work.