



PARISH OF FINGLAS

CHURCH of St. Canice and St. Margaret



CHRISTMAS DAY

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CALENDAR FOR THE COMING WEEK St. Canices Church

Sunday Dec 25th Christmas Day: 9am—10.30— 12noon

Monday Dec 26th: Saturday 31st: 10am.

There is no EUCHARISTIC ADORATION THIS WEEK. THE CHURCH WILL CLOSE EACH MORNING AFTER THE 10am MASS.

Saturday 31st December Vigil Mass 7pm

The Priests of the Parish

Fr. Pádraig, Fr. Mick,
Fr. John and Fr. Gabriel
join in wishing each and
everyone a

Happy and Peaceful Christmas

God of every nation and people,

From the beginning of creation

you have made known your love through
the gift of your Son who bears the name

Emmanuel "GOD WITH US"

Thank You

A big thank you to everyone who worked to get our Church ready for Christmas. To all who cleaned and dusted the Church, who did the linen, brasses, flowers, Christmas tree and Crib and all the other decorations. Well done!!!

Many others have equally contributed to the smooth running of St. Canice's Church at this time.....Eucharistic ministers, Altar servers; Readers, Collectors & Counters, , our organist Nuala, the Choir and the Folk Group There are many more who work throughout the year, the Parish Communication Team; the Baptismal Team, The Active Age Club; the Legion of Mary and the Junior Legion of Mary; The Parish Finance Committee, the Pastoral Council and the men who keep the Church grounds clean. All this work is done on a voluntary basis and the entire parish appreciates your hard work.

Recently Deceased

You prayers are asked for

Raymond Tiernan

Richard Dunne

Mona Hickey



PASTORAL REVIEW OF 2016 - Part One

2016 - YEAR OF MERCY - Pope Francis designated 2016 as a Year of Mercy requesting that each person to try and show mercy of God to others. God has mercy on us. We need to show mercy to others

2016 -100th Anniversary of 1916 – On Sunday November 29th 2015 a prayer of blessing was given by Fr Ó Cochláin and Rev Oxley (Church of Ireland) during the raising of our national flag at the Mc Kee monument in the village.

PRAYER & SPIRITUALITY –The year was marked with special Solemnity on the following occasions

Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas Day), February 2nd, 10am Mass Ceremony to bless candles and a short candlelight Procession around the church to celebrate the Light of Christ
St Blaise, February 3rd, many people, before and after Mass, had their throats blessed

Ash Wednesday, Large numbers attended the 7.25am, 10am, and 7.30pm Masses to receive the blessed ashes. Parish schools came to the church during the morning

Novena of Grace, 10am Mass daily, 4th – 12th March, led by Fr Kevin O'Rourke, a Jesuit, was well supported, with plenty of time for individual Confession each day

Lá 'le Pádraig, 9am Mass, in Irish (as Gaeilge) with traditional Irish music. Readings and shamrock were provided by East Finglas 59th Scouts, under Valerie Murphy. They attend Mass in St Canice's monthly, before parading to the Den.

Palm Sunday (The solemn beginning of Holy Week) Palms were blessed at 10.20am, with a Procession waving the blessed palms and singing with the choir. During the week people brought non-perishable food for the Heart to Hand charity helping people here in Ireland and abroad.

Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper at 8pm, with music by the Folk Group. Peoples' feet were washed by the main celebrant. A solemn procession with the Blessed Sacrament went to the Altar of Repose where many people prayed for an hour to mark the betrayal and death of Jesus.

Good Friday – Morning Prayer at 10am. 50 people attended the Children's Stations of the Cross. A large gathering from the 3 Finglas parishes prayed at the large Crucifixion Shrine on Main Street. At 3pm we celebrated the solemn Passion of the Lord, with each person kissing the Cross. Evening Stations were held for adults

Holy Saturday/Easter Sunday Confessions from 10.30 till 12.30, followed Morning Prayer at 10am. The church was cleaned. The all-important Easter Vigil at 9pm saw the Easter Candle blessed from the Easter Fire, signifying Jesus' resurrection from the Dead. The Choir provided beautiful sacred music

Sacred Heart Novena (9 days of Prayer) May 26th till June 3rd ended with a solemn Act of Consecration of those present around the Sacred Heart Shrine. It was special this year because of the Year of Mercy
Fatima Apostolate – held their Night Vigil for June in our parish. Fr Piaras Mac Lochlainn, formerly of Finglas West, was main celebrant
Novena (9 days prayer) for Our Lady's Birthday, September 8th, was well supported and the Choir again sang each day to the accompaniment of Nuala Moran, Parish Organist.

Scripture Prayer Group guided by Fr Jim Noonan, a Carmelite, meets during Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter, to prayerfully explore the Mass Readings of the next Sunday.

Rosary after Mass, Every weekday is prayed publicly. It is much appreciated by people listening to the parish radio and on the parish website

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, people spend time praying in the presence of the Lord, on Fridays from 9am to 1pm, and 2pm to 4pm, and on Wednesdays at the same time with an added session from 7pm to 9pm. We need volunteers to fill vacant slots in the adoration.

Pathways Programme, from September to June, one evening weekly, enables ordinary people to get a deeper appreciation of Jesus and how to live and celebrate your faith. If you'd like to take part please contact the Parish Office

Legion of Mary meets weekly on Thursday in No2 Grove Road, at 11am. It models itself on Mary's visitation of Elizabeth when she brought Jesus to her. Would you like to help Mary?

St Francis Prayer Group meets monthly, on Wednesday afternoons, in the Prayer Room of the church. They would like more people to join them in his beautiful work

Divine Will Prayer Group is a new group of people supporting each other by doing as the Our Father says "Thy will be done....." More details to follow in 2017.

Pilgrimages – give time to God and to deepen spiritual life. Lourdes, Fatima, Medugorje and the Holy Land are popular destinations. Our parish had pilgrimages to the Irish shrines of Knock and Lough Derg during 2016

Church Banners outside (courtesy of Joe Tracey), and inside the church help us to concentrate on the different feasts throughout the year.

Parish Shop – run by dedicated team of volunteers, provides Religious Books, Medals, Cards, and Objects. Please take a little time to see what's available.

Christmas Carol Service. The schools, the Church Of Ireland community, our own Parish Choir and the Finglas Concert Band provided a wonderful Christmas atmosphere of good spirit in anticipation of Jesus' coming. Volunteers helped with the Catering, moving of Chairs, Singing in the Choirs ably assisted by teachers Ms Cuthbert and Ms Rati-gan from the BNS, parents from Gaelscoil Uí Earcáin, and Fr Mick and Nuala. Happy Christmas!! Nollaig Shona!!

Merry Christmas
Nollaig Shona
Buon Natale
Feliz Navidad Maligayang Pasko
Wesolych Świąt Linksmų Kalėdų
'barka dà Kirsimati';
Frohe Weihnachten

WELCOME A special welcome to all visitors to St. Canice's Church this Christmas time. We wish you a Happy Christmas with family and friends.

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