

CALLAN PARISH NEWSLETTER

Recent death: Frances (Fanny) Brennan, nee Doheny, Collins Park & Mount Carmel Bungalows – funeral on Tues. last.

Rosary & Prayers for the Dead during November: Each Sunday of November 3 pm in Kilbride. All are welcome.

Readers: 6.30 p.m. Marie Murphy; 8.30 a.m. Lisa O'Neill ; 11.00 a.m. Ailis Carey.

Westcourt News: The Monthly Mass in Blessed Edmund Rice Chapel on Mon. 13 Nov, 7.30 p.m. for the intercession of Bl. Edmund in our lives and ultimately his canonisation. The liturgy is being organised by Callan Co-Op.. All are welcome to pray for the Holy Souls.

November the Month of the Holy Souls: Some people like to do something special for the Holy Souls e.g. abstain from alcoholic drink; make a special effort to get to Mass at the weekends or even during the week also; visit the church or cemetery and say some prayers of their choice e.g. Our Father, Hail Mary & Glory be to the Father; a decade of the Rosary or 5 decades. In the past these practices were referred to as gaining indulgences on behalf of our loved ones. 500 years ago (4 Oct. 1517) a young Augustinian Friar called Martin Luther caused a bit of stir in the Church when he questioned the practice of indulgences of his day and enunciated his famous 95 Theses which set in train the Protestant Reformation. 'Indulgences' were being offered for sale to help fund the re-building of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome (the present basilica). Today the Church understands indulgences as our way of helping our loved ones in and through our prayers and Masses to attain that state of eternal peace and happiness in that all of us long for.

You will be receiving the **November Offering Envelopes** shortly together with enclosed list on which to write the names of your loved ones that you wish to have included in the special **Octave of**

November Masses for your Dead during the second half of November. The lists of names of your loved ones will be placed on the altar during the month of November. Extra sheets are available in each of the churches.

Callan Golf Club Ecumenical Service of Remembrance for all deceased members and especially for those who died during past year – **Frid. 10 Nov. 2017, 7.30 p.m. in Gold Club.** All are welcome.

Special Remembrance Masses for all who died during past year: weekend of 11/12 Nov. We will be remembering in a special way all who have gone from us during this past year as well as all who are dear to us. See the list below. Families, relatives and friends are invited to take part in this special Nov. Commemoration. The names of those who died since 1st Nov. 2016 will be called out and family member / relative or friend is invited to come forward and present a lighted candle with the name of the loved one inscribed upon it. The candles are left on the table in front of the altar to be lit each day during the **latter half of Nov. when the special Novena of Masses for all your loved ones will be offered.** If a person does not have a suitable candle, one can be obtained from the L'Arche Workshop on Green Lane and if a person wishes to present a candle for a loved one who died more than a year ago please feel free to do so. Everyone is welcome to our special remembrance Masses in November in the same way as all are welcome to our cemetery Masses during the summer.

The special Mass in Callan will be Sat. 11th Nov. 6.30 p.m.; in Coolagh 7.30 p.m. & Newtown Sun. 12th Nov. 9.30 a.m..

List of those who died since Nov. 1st 2016: Sarah Cuffe, Camphill, Ballytobin & Bray; Val O'Brien, U.K and Callan; Paddy Moore, Prologue; Angela Hennessy, Bridge St.; Colm McGrath, Westcourt; Kenny Bergin Scaugh; Sr. Noirín de Buitléir, Convent of Mercy; Claire Costigan nee Reid, Westcourt; Mort Leahy, Mill St.; Ann Dargan New Line; Ann Doyle, Rice Park; Ann Gibbons, Lucan & Ibiza, Spain; Paddy Condon, Abhainn Ri & Kilbricken;

Seanie Fitzpatrick, Collins Park; Hanna Ruth, Avonree; John Butler, The Minauns; Larry O'Brien, Mallardstown; Michael Power, Kyle, Coolagh; Anthony Fitzgerald, Bauntha; Noel Fitzgerald, London & Collins Park; Eva Stanton nee Connors, Coventry; Nell Corrigan, Garryricken; Kathleen Barry, The Meadows; Veronica Murphy, Collins Park; Seamus Byrne, Knockbutton; Jim Galvin, Scaugh; Ann O'Shea nee Bergin, Kilree & Mill St.; Bridget Brennan, Tullamaine; Brigid Cronin nee Cahill, Garryricken; Tommy Lonergan, Screhen; Kathleen Fitzpatrick, Collins Park; Niall Byrne, Clonmel Rd.; Patti Stapleton, Clonmel Rd.; Frances (Fanny) Brennan, Collins Park.

Firewood for sale: hardwood / softwood, trailer loads, bags, top quality. Free delivery **Phone Ger 086-8334151**

Coming soon: New Presider's Chair for parish church: Some months ago we installed a brand new ambo or table of the Word i.e. the marble stand from which the liturgy of the Word is proclaimed. It was designed and executed in Molloy's Workshop, West St., re-using some of the marble salvaged from the section of altar rails removed some years ago in order to facilitate greater access to the sanctuary area and allow the richly decorative mosaic floor to be seen and aesthetically savoured. A matching ambo has now been executed by the same craftsman and will soon make its appearance. It too makes utilizes the small cylindrical pillars salvaged from the altar rails. Both of them, the new ambo and chair, will greatly enhance the splendour and decor of the sanctuary. The constraints of space in the sanctuary area makes the task all the more difficult. Finally the baptismal font completes the sanctuary furnishings. It once stood in the exterior porch but was put into storage when work on the church began back in the early 2000s. It now fulfills a very important function and fits very well into the re-ordered sanctuary environment. My predecessor and former Latin teacher Fr. Kennedy moved the main altar out from the back wall in the mid 1970s so that the priest would be facing the people when celebrating Mass as required by the new liturgy of the Second Vatican Council. He added an ambo at the time which was also required by the new liturgy. It remained in use until earlier this year. Initially the plan

was to upgrade this ambo but soon it became apparent that it was easier to create a new one making use of the salvaged marble.

New amplification system: We are taking the opportunity also of upgrading the sound and amplification system. The old amplification system that has been modified and changed many times over the past 40-50 years has served us well even if it gave up between the 8.30 a.m. Mass and the 11.00 a.m. on Christmas morning 2010 (the year of the heavy frost and snow) when Bishop Freeman was about to celebrate Mass live on KCLR. Thanks to the ingenuity of the KCRL sound man Pat Maher from Slade plan B was invoked and everything was able to go ahead as normal. The old amplifier was repaired at a cost of €60 and hasn't blinked since. The time has now come to replace it with a newer model providing more microphone points and hopefully an improved overall quality of sound. The necessary new wiring has been in place for the past 12 years since the church was re-wired. We hope to have the new system up and running before Christmas. It will also improve the quality of transmission on our parish radio which is so much appreciated by the elderly and housebound. The new sound system will cost in the region of **€2,500**. If there is somebody out there who would like to sponsor the new system in full or in part I would be happy to hear from them!

A word of thanks to all who have supported our church renovation work over the years. We look forward to your continued support and collaboration.