

CALLAN PARISH NEWSLETTER

Recently deceased: Paddy Moore, Prologue – funeral on Tues. last;

Alice O’Keeffe, Thomastown - mother of Margaret Power, Kilbricken – funeral in Thomastown on Tues. last.

Angela Hennessy, Bridge St. – removal from Killarney, Co. Kerry this Sunday for funeral Mass in Callan at 1 p.m. followed by burial in Kilbride.

Readers: 8.30 a.m. Patti McGuire; 8.30 a.m. Tommy Quinlan; 11.00 a.m. First Communion Parents

Eucharistic Ministers: 6.30 Molly Foley & Bernie Butler; 11.00 a.m. Margaret Nolan, Mary McGrath & Geraldine Collins

Forty Hours Adoration: Diocese of Ossory St. Joseph’s Young Priests Society has organised **Forty Hours Adoration** for the **Feast of Christ the King** which will take place in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, St. Mary’s Cathedral, Kilkenny, (use Black Mill Street entrance) from 10 am – 10 pm on this Thur, Friday & and Sat. and

on Sunday from 12.30 pm to 4.30 pm. This will be followed at 5.30 pm by a concelebrated Mass of Thanksgiving to honour our recently retired Bishop Séamus Freeman, SAC., for his nine years of service in the Diocese as our bishop. After the

celebration of the Eucharist Bishop Séamus SAC will close the Holy Door of Mercy in the Cathedral, bringing to a close the Jubilee Year of Mercy. Refreshments for all will be served in the Presentation Primary School hall afterwards. All are welcome

30 Year Re-union for Leaving Class of 1986 of St. Brigid’s College: Sat. 26 Nov. 2016: the re-union will begin with Mass in the Convent Chapel at 3.30 p.m. followed by light refreshments and an opportunity to meet our former teachers and have a guided tour of the new school building. This will be followed by dinner at 7.30 p.m. in Hotel Kilkenny.

St. Vincent de Paul – Callan Conference would like to say a sincere word of thanks to all who supported them over the past year. It goes without saying that many people depend on your generosity to make ends meet. We hope that you will continue to support this local charity. Here there are no salaries to be paid and no lavish lifestyles bringing the organisation into disrepute as has been the case

C.S. Lewis on Bereavement: The Belfast born author C. S. Lewis lost his wife through cancer in 1960. After her death he wrote a small but profound book on his experience of bereavement. Here are a few quotes that I’m sure we can all readily identify with.

‘No one ever told me that grief felt so much like fear’.

‘Her (my wife’s) absence is like the sky spread over everything’.

'I see people as they approach me trying to make up their minds whether they'll 'say something about it' or not. I hate if they do, and if they don't'.

Trying to make sense out of it all: 'We were promised sufferings. They were part of the programme. We were even told 'blessed are they that mourn, they shall be comforted'. I accept it. I've got nothing that I hadn't bargained for. Of course it is different when the thing happens to oneself, not to others, and in reality, not just in imagination'

Coolagh Card Games for Christmas hams & hampers – beginning in Coolagh Hall, Thur. Nov. 24th. All are welcome. If you're not a card person you might like to support our draw.

Kilbride Cemetery Rosary during November: Rosary & Prayers in Kilbride each Sunday at 3 p.m. during the month of November.

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

TEACH TOM is hosting an initiative this year for the homeless of Kilkenny and Dublin. We are asking people to donate a complete shoebox, or individual items that can be used to put into a shoebox. They can mark the shoebox Male/Female and they can be dropped into Teac Tom, 15 Ormonde Road. Other drop off points are Market cross, and Supermacs. Items to be included are: Sock, hats, scarves, gloves, toiletries (no aerosols or mouthwash) and

sweets. Final day for collection of items/boxes is Thursday 15th December as we will distribute to the organisations involved. I would very much appreciate if you would include this notice in your parish newsletters. For further information contact Angela Hayes at 087-6566377

The School of the Holy Spirit will hold their **Annual Coffee Morning on Sunday 27th November 11am to 1pm** in The School of the Holy Spirit, Seville Lodge, Callan Road. Home baking, Book Stall, Christmas Hampers and an amazing raffle. Contact Therese Buckley 0879040208.

Some sayings / aphorisms:

“A man should keep his faith in good repair because he never knows the day when he'll have to make that unexpected journey”.

“Jealousy makes us smaller in the hearts of our friends, weaker in the eyes of our adversaries and defenseless in the hands of our enemies”

“People are running around in circles trying to make ends meet”.

“They say ignorance is bliss; if so why aren't a lot more people happy”.

“A woman's work that is never done is getting her husband to help”.