

CALLAN PARISH NEWSLETTER

Ministers of the Eucharist: 6.30 p.m. Breda Butler & Patricia Corcoran; 11.00 a.m. Mary McGrath & Mary Horgan.

Ministers of the Word: 6.30 p.m. Fire & Rescue People; Tommy Quinlan; 11.00 a.m. First Communion Parents.

Anniversary this weekend - Canon John Brennan, P. P. Callan (1985-'91) – 2005 aged 90.

Coming up next Sat. at the 6.30 p.m. Mass: special celebration for serving, retired and deceased members of the Fire & Rescue Services in Co. Kilkenny. The Fire & Rescue Services in addition to their duties pertaining to fire and road traffic collisions are also available to visit the elderly in their homes and advise them on fire safety precautions in the home – proper ventilation, smoke and carbon monoxide alarms etc.. As the winter begins to close in and the need for heating and fires is upon us, it is good to ensure that we are safe in our homes at night. This service is free of charge and the local fire brigade people would only be too glad to help out in any way they can. Refreshments will be served afterwards in Callan Fire Station. All are welcome.

Mount Carmel Golf Classic: Mount Carmel B.O.M. & Staff & Residents would like to say a sincere word of thanks to all who supported their recent golf classic at Callan Golf Club. It was very well organised and supported. They would like to thank Callan Golf Club for organising the event, the many people and businesses who provided sponsorship and prizes, the participants (41 teams of 4 played in the competition) and the Good Lord for the very pleasant weather conditions. **The winning team with 105 Pts. – Sean Waltzer, Kevin Waltzer, Sean Waltzer (Jnr.) & Joe Pollard. The**

raffle results: Tractor load of firewood: Cathal O'Reilly; Lunch for 2 in Hotel KK : Keith, Kinsella, Carlow; €65 Callan Dental Voucher: Nigel Dagg; €50 photographic voucher (Ignatius O'Neill) : Rick Burke; bottle of red & white wine: William Maher

World Meeting of Families, 20-26 August 2018: Preparations for the World Meeting of Families which is now less than a year away are continuing. Its format will be something similar to the Eucharistic Congress 2012 and for the most part will take place in the RDS Dublin. It will consist of a series of workshops and talks given by renowned speakers, lay and clerical. The organisers are currently recruiting volunteers for the event. If you would like to become a helper / volunteer please consult WMF2017 website for on-line guidance and E-Vetting etc.. This latter procedure is now greatly simplified and can be completed in a matter of days. Pope Francis is expected to attend the Meeting 25/26 August 2017 and lead the final Mass. The venue for this event hasn't yet been decided. Our 2nd Collection this Sunday is to help defray the cost of staging this event. Please contribute as best you can.

Official Family Prayer for World Meeting of Families 2018: God our Father, we are brothers and sisters in Jesus your Son, one family in the spirit of your love. Bless us with the Joy of love. Make us patient and kind, gentle and generous, welcoming to those in need. Help us to live your forgiveness and peace. Protect all families with your loving care, especially those for whom we now pray. Increase our faith, strengthen our hope, keep us safe in your love. Make us always grateful for the gift of life that we share. This we ask through Christ Our Lord, Amen. Mary, mother and guide pray for us, Saint Joseph, father and protector, pray for us; saints Joachim and Anne pray for us; saints Louis Zelig Martin, pray for us.

Coming up: Mission Sunday, 23rd Oct. – 2nd Collection this weekend is for the Missions: In recent years Callan parishioners have been most generous in supporting the Missions - **€ 1,000 – 1,100 each year.** We appeal to you to continue in this generous spirit of reaching out to the poorest of the poor. Nationally the Mission Collection realises €1.75m, with only a minimal amount being gobbled up by administration.

Callan's strong connections with the Missions: Callan has a long and proud tradition of supporting the Missions. It is blessed with two of its sons still actively serving the Missionary Church - **Fr. Philip O'Halloran, Mill Hill Missionary, who has recently been appointed the new Regional Superior of Mill Hill, Ireland.**

Fr. Jim Greene, White Father of Africa is presently stationed in Jerusalem. I first met him in Malawi, East Africa in March 1990 where he was then working in a remote, rural parish. To these we might add **Fr. Jim O' Halloran**, a member of the Salesian Order, and a native of Scaugh. He is now retired and living in Dublin, having served in many different mission fields throughout his life.

There is scarcely a family in Ireland that does not have a relative or neighbour who served in some mission field at some time and is now retired e.g. **Sr. Rita Lynch, MMM**, Abbey View, Callan. She spent 36 years of her life working as a nurse in Tanzania and Malawi, two of the poorest countries in the world. On Mission Sunday we salute the heroic work of our brothers and sisters.

How is Mission Sunday Collection is actually spent? It goes towards supporting 1,069 dioceses in 157 countries where the Church is in its infancy and is too poor to be able to support itself. The funds accruing from our Mission Sunday Collection go towards the building of churches, schools, orphanages, health clinics and

dispensaries. This collection is taken up in every Catholic diocese throughout the world on this day. A significant amount of the money raised goes towards the education of priests in different African countries and Religious Sisters. The Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith, located in Rome, distributes the funds directly to the each diocese depending on needs. Some funding goes towards school fees and the provision of transport for priests and sisters. Otherwise they would not be able to carry out their work. All expenditure is carefully monitored and controlled by retired missionaries. The one thing we can be absolutely assured of is that whatever we give will go towards a good cause – including feeding the hungry and clothing the naked. Let us try to be as generous as possible.

Callan Altar Society & Mission Outreach Draw Results 2017: The organisers of the above would like to say a sincere word of thanks to all who supported their recent draw. The draw took place at Sunday night bingo in the parish hall on Sunday night last 8th October and the following won prizes in the raffle: **€200:** Biddy McKenna, Windgap; **€100:** King Family, Coolaghmore; Food Hamper : Ettie Power, Prologue: wine & cheese basket : Bradshaw Brothers, Mt. Carmel Bungalow; Bottle of Brandy : Jimmy Bradshaw, Westcourt; Box of biscuits: Rachel Murray, Kilarney.

Camp Hill community Kyle is holding its annual Craft Fair on Sunday 22 October 2017, 1pm – 5 p.m.. All the usual attractions and crafts on display – pottery, weavery, baskets, bric-a-brac & books; tea room with hot food and cakes, health foods products & fresh vegetables from Kyle Garden. Wheel of fortune, kids' fancy hallowe'en dress competitions, music and raffles to beat the band. Come along and enjoy the fun. A great day out for the whole family is in store.