

CALLAN PARISH NEWSLETTER

Readers: 6.30 p.m. Lizzy Keher 8.30 a.m. Paddy McGuire; 11.00 a.m. Olive Power

Recent deaths: Fr. Joe Campion SAC & C.C. Castlecomer: A native of Erril, Co. Laois, Fr. Joe was a member of the Pallottine Fathers (same Order as Bishop Freeman). Having served as a missionary for 40 years in Argentina during a period of intense political instability and martial law he returned home to Ireland and worked as an assistant priest first in Freshford and later in Castlecomer until present. His funeral took place in Castlecomer on this past Friday.

Fr. Brian Coffey, MHF: Fr. Brian, a native of Beaufort, Co. Kerry. Fr. Brian served for many years as a missionary in the Congo before returning to the Mill Hill House, Waterford Rd., Kilkenny. There he served a term as superior before moving to the Mill Hill House in New York. For the past 20 years Brian has worked as a hospital chaplain in a large hospital in New York. His funeral will take place in New York with a special memorial Mass in his home parish in Kerry at a later date.

Feast of All Saints, 1st November: Wednesday next is the Feast of All Saints, a holy day of obligation. Vigil Mass for holy day Tues. 6.30 p.m. (no morning Mass on Tuesday); Wed., holy day 8.30 a.m. & 11.00 a.m..

Commemoration of All Souls: Thur. next is All Souls Day. Mass 10.00 a.m..

November the Month of the Holy Souls: Wed., Nov. 2nd is the Commemoration of All Souls – that special day when we remember our loved ones – those who have meant so much to us, Mass 10.00 a.m. for All Souls on Nov. 2nd. 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.

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..

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

Church clarifies its policy on burial of ashes: In 1963 the Church relaxed its opposition to cremation. Since then various practices with regard to disposing of ashes have grown up – most buried it in the family grave, some divided it up among family members, some scattered it at a location dear to the deceased, some kept it in the home, others even had it inserted into mementos or items of Jewellery to be worn by loved ones etc.. Pope Francis has given his approval to policy requiring it to be buried in consecrated ground. This alone is consistent with Christian belief in death and resurrection. Alternative practices suggest “pantheism, naturalism, nihilism” – all of which deny the God that Christians believe in i.e. one God in three persons. The dignity of the person requires that we show respect both in life and in death. People frequently bring home from foreign parts human ashes to be interred in the family grave and have it accompanied by a funeral or memorial Mass. This is perfectly normal. The said document does not at all exclude delayed interment of ashes.

Mount Carmel October Draw Results: €200 Tom Collins c/o Callan P.O.; **€100** Patrick & Angela Prendergast, Tullamaine; Mary Hennessy, Kyle; **€30 each:** Kitty Stapleton, Ballymack; Mary Horgan, Folksrath; Tessie Bergin, Collins Park; Dan O'Neill, Minauns; Kitty Brady, Kilkenny; Maisie Condon, Clonmel Rd.; Martha Madigan, Kilbricken; Ruth, Claire, James Somers-Saunders, Mantingstown; John O'Shea, Butlerswood; Teresa Dawson, Mill St..

Halloween Party @ KCAT this Saturday evening.

Winter-time begins this weekend. All clocks go back one hour – an extra hour in bed on Sunday morning.

Confirmation 2018: Due to the increasing class sizes in Bunscoil McCauley-Rice it has become necessary to celebrate Confirmation each year for 6th Class. Each 6th class year now has 50-60 pupils and it is no longer feasible to operate on a two-year-cycle as has been the case for the past 20 years or more. In consultation with the school authorities and those directly involved in the preparation and celebration etc. we have penciled in **April 29, 2018** for Confirmations next year. May I stress that this date is provisional and dependent upon a new bishop not being in place by that time. He may have other ideas, but if we have agreed on a particular date in advance it is unlikely that he would want to change it. There is still no indication as to when we might have a new bishop – some say before Christmas, others say before Pope Francis comes for the World Meeting of Families in August 2018.