

Church of the Immaculate Conception Castlecomer

20th July 2025

Parish Newsletter

16TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR



+ BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO DIE IN THE LORD +

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Terry, McCaughey (Née Coogan), Monaghan and Castlecomer

ANNIVERSARIES SAT 19TH/SUN 20TH :

11am: Pat O'Meara, Hillside View
Seanie O'Meara, Maryville

ANNIVERSARIES:

Kathleen Joyce, Aughamucky; Jim Byrne, Kiltown.

ANNIVERSARIES SAT 26TH?SUN 27TH:

Sat 26th, 7pm Liam Walsh, Marymount
John Brennan Roe, Hillside View.

Sun 27th 11am Sean Phelan, Smithstown

John & Nancy Keating, Aughamucky.

Teddy & Eamonn Brennan, 4 Hillside View.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesday (7pm-9pm)
Wednesday and Saturday after morning mass.

Prayer for Protection

Almighty God,
Father of mercies
God of all comfort,
come to my help
and deliver me from this difficulty
that besets me.
I believe Lord,
that all trials of life
are under Your care
and that all things
work for the good of
those who love You.
Take away from me fear,
anxiety and distress.
The future I put into Thy hands,
O Lord. Amen

MASS THIS COMING WEEK:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 9am
Saturday, 10am.

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THE PARISH OFFICE:

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WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION:

Week Ending July 13th: €1,935.00

Sincere thanks to all who contribute to parish funds and to the clergy fund. *Mile Buiochais.*

Please note that when a funeral mass is celebrated on Sunday at 11am the anniversaries can either be included at that Mass or transferred to another date. Please leave a phone number when requesting an anniversary mass to enable contact from the office if and when necessary.

MINISTRIES IN OUR PARISH:

Ministers of Word:

7pm: Mary Buggy
8am: Maria Keyes
11am: George Mealy

Ministers of Eucharist

Mon – Sat Angela Byrne
Sat 7pm: Ingrid Brennan
Sun 8am Noreen Curry
Sun 11am Angela Molloy

Parish & Diocesan Safeguarding

Diocesan Liaison Person: Ailish Higgins
Contact: dlp@ossory.ie or 085 802 1633

Parish Safeguarding Reps:

Eilish Dunne & Ger Comerford
Contact: Parish Email or 085 827 8729

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office, based in the Parish Church, is open on Wednesday and Friday mornings, 9.30am – 12.30pm. Please drop in, call or email to book anniversaries or other enquiries re parish business.

CANONISATION OF BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS

The Canonisation of Blessed Carlo Acutis will take place on September 7th. Bishop Coll will join us for the 11am mass. A special reliquary has been commissioned to enable us to display the relic of Blessed Carlo in the parish church. If you would like to assist financially with this display cabinet, please use the envelopes available at the back of the church. It is intended to have the relic in the church during school holidays – the relic is ordinarily placed in the oratory in the Community School.

STATUE OF THE SACRED HEART

Bishop Coll welcomes the Blessed Statue of the Sacred Heart to the Diocese of Ossory. In this Jubilee Year of Hope 2025, the Pilgrim Statue of the Sacred Heart, blessed by Pope Francis, as it continues its pilgrimage throughout Ireland, will visit the Diocese of Ossory in July and August. Bishop Coll extends an invitation to all to join with him in the celebration of a Mass of Welcome, on Sunday, 20th July 2025 at 5.30 p.m. in St Mary's Cathedral. During its visit to Ossory the Statue will rest in the Churches of the Sacred Heart in the parishes of Clogh and Ferrybank.

THE CREED - at the heart of the Church's faith

The Creed that we say at mass most Sundays is 1700 years old this year. It was written at the Council of Nicaea which took place in the city of Nicaea – 130km southeast of Istanbul – in 325 AD in the city of Nicaea.

What happened in Nicaea?

More than 300 bishops gathered to finalise a text which hoped to settle disputes that had arisen from heresy in previous years. This Council, known as the Council of Nicaea, is still accepted by the Catholic Church, the Eastern Orthodox Churches and many Protestant denominations today.

Who called the Council?

Emperor Constantine – a convert to Christianity – called the bishops to meet and settle disputes that was causing great disunity within the church.

More next week....

SPIRITIAN'S MISSION APPEAL

Annually parishes in every diocese are invited to support the Priests and Sisters who work on the Missions. This year the Spiritans (formerly The Holy Ghost Missionaries) are visiting the Diocese of Ossory. We welcome this weekend Fr Amandus Kapele to our parish. A member of the Spiritans (formerly the Holy Ghost Missionaries) Fr Amandus will speak on the missionary work of the Spiritans and invite us to help this work through our prayers and contributions.

The Spiritans were founded in Parish in 1703, dedicated to the Holy Spirit, their members primarily worked in mission territories. Today the Spiritans work in 56 countries throughout the world – the Irish members work in fifteen of them.

Many of the members are now semi-retired but the order continues its involvement in education and have direct responsibility for four parishes in the Archdiocese of Dublin and assisting in other parishes.

KILKENNY STROKE SUPPORT GROUP

Kilkenny Stroke Support Group invite stroke survivors and carers to join us for coffee, chat & information, at The Clubhouse Hotel Kilkenny, next Wednesday July 23rd, 2.30/4pm. Call/text Lynda 087-781 4697.

COIS NORE CANCER SUPPORT SERVICE

Join Cois Nore on Sunday the 3rd of August for a fun Run/Walk 5K start time 9.30 am. Venue generously provided by Castlecomer Discovery Park. Registration on the day from 8.45am. Registration fee 20 euro (10 euro under 16's). Followed at the finish line with refreshments and a celebration of Cois Nore's Outreach Service 1 year anniversary in Castlecomer. Your support would be appreciated.

MASS AT BALLINALACKEN CROSS

Mass will be celebrated at the Grotto of Our Lady Queen of Peace Ballinalacken Cross (R32W665) on the 3rd of August at 3pm to celebrate the 25th year of the statue. All welcome.