

# church of The Immaculate Conception Castlecomer



PARISH NEWSLETTER

12th July 2020



## Blessed Are Those Who Die In The Lord

### Months Mind

John (Jack) Balkin (Sun. 11.00am.)  
Love Lane.

### Anniversaries

Nora Lyons & Lyons Family  
(Thurs. 9.00am.) Love Lane.  
James (Jim) Byrne (Sat. 10.00am.)  
Kiltown.  
Mary Ryan Aughamuckey.

### Financial Matters

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic no manual collection of offerings will take place at Mass. Please deposit all monies and envelopes in the boxes around the Church. The Ushers will guide you. Thank you for your continued support.

### Weekly Envelope/Church Collection

Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> July - €2,830.00  
Sincere thanks.

Adoration & Prayer in Parish Church;  
Every Tuesday from 7.00pm – 9.00pm.  
Rosary recited at 8pm, Divine Mercy  
Chaplet at 8.45pm. All attendees are  
requested to observe social distance and to  
sanitise seats before locking church.

*Thank you.*

Senior Help Line - Is a confidential  
listening service for older people for the  
price of a local call anywhere in Ireland –  
LoCall 1850 440 444

## Readers for next Weekend

Vigil Mass 7.00pm. Mrs. Eithne McKenna.  
Sunday 8.00am. Mrs. Margaret McGrath.  
11.00am. Mr. Fonsie Mealy.

### Priests on duty:

Fr. Michael Ryan Tel: 4441262 - 086 3693863  
Fr. Ian Doyle Tel: 087 9669223  
Secretary: Tel: 056-4441969  
Parish Webpage: [castlecomerparish.ie](http://castlecomerparish.ie)  
Parish Email: [castlecomer@ossory.ie](mailto:castlecomer@ossory.ie)

### Eucharistic Ministers' Rota

9.00am. Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – 10.00am. Saturday 18<sup>th</sup>  
Ms Teresa Hetherington.  
7.00pm. Mass Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July  
Ms Cora Coogan. Ms Frances Dargan.  
8.00am. Mass Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July  
Ms Margaret O'Neill, Mr John Greer.  
11.00am. Mass Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July  
Ms Teresa Hetherington, Ms Ingrid Brennan.

St. Mary's Cathedral Bookshop & Gift Shop  
The Shop reopened on Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> July.  
Open on Wednesday, Thursday, and Fridays  
from 9.00am. – 5.00pm.

### Parish Office

Parish Office will be open on Monday &  
Friday 9:30am – 1:30pm. Only one person  
in the Parish Office at a time. Please use  
hand sanitiser in lobby area, and maintain  
social distance in the office. Thank you.

Attending Masses during coronavirus pandemic:

Parishioners are asked to sanitise their hands on entry and exit of church: follow the guidance of Ushers for seating and presenting to receive Holy Communion: Please use boxes around the church for envelopes/collections.

CCTV in operation on church property for your safety and security. Please contact Garda (Castlecomer) if you see anything suspicious.

### *A Prayer in the Time of the Coronavirus*

*Almighty and All-loving God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
we pray to you through Christ the Healer  
for those who suffer from the  
Coronavirus Covid-19  
in Ireland and across the world.*

*We pray too for all who reach out to  
those who mourn the loss  
of each and every person who has died as  
a result of contracting the disease.  
Give wisdom to policymakers,  
skill to healthcare professionals and  
researchers, comfort to everyone in  
distress and a sense of calm to us all in  
these days of uncertainty and distress.*

*This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ  
our Lord who showed compassion to the  
outcast, acceptance to the rejected  
and love to those to whom no love was  
shown. Amen.*

*Archbishop Michael Jackson  
Dublin & Glendalough  
Church of Ireland*

### Mid-Summer Magic

*All roads lead to Castlecomer Craft Yard  
Open studios/exhibitions, street food &  
craft! Make a date and join in the  
celebration of community spirit and  
great food on Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> July from  
12 noon to 4.00pm.*

## Urgent Appeal

Many of the 'cleaners' in the parish church are in their 'golden years', and have served our community for so many years. We thank them for their 'quiet' and regular service. Your parish church needs more people to assist in this important community service. Please, please, can a number of 'younger' parishioners assist in this matter? Speak to Sacristan, a priest, or contact parish office. Our parish church can only remain open if it is regularly cleaned.

### *Together in Faith*

*And only where  
God is seen  
does life truly begin.*

*Only when we meet  
the living God in Christ  
do we know what life is.*

*We are not some casual  
and meaningless  
product of evolution.  
Each of us is the result  
of a thought of God.*

*Each of us is willed,  
each of us is loved,  
each of us is necessary.*

*There is nothing more beautiful  
than to be surprised by the  
Gospel, by the encounter with Christ.  
There is nothing more beautiful than to  
know Him and to speak to others  
of our friendship with Him.*

*Pope Benedict XVI  
(April 24<sup>th</sup> 2005)*

### *Thought for the Day*

*'Lord, help me to hear your voice and to  
seek to remain always in your presence.'*