

Church of The Immaculate Conception Castlecomer

PARISH NEWSLETTER

19th July 2020



Blessed Are Those Who Die In The Lord

Anniversaries

Karen & Claire Jones (Thurs. 9.00am.)
9 Marymount/Firoda Lower.
Sean Phelan (Sat. 10.00am.) Smithstown.
Patrick Moran Aughamuckey.
Elizabeth Moran Aughamuckey.
Kathleen Joyce 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, 12th July - €1,530.00
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.

Thought for the Day

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

Lotto Jackpot €12,400.00
Draw - Monday at 9.30pm.
(Avalon House Hotel)

Readers for next Weekend

Vigil Mass 7.00pm. Ms. Majella Fenlon.
Sunday 8.00am. Mr. Donall Dunne.
11.00am. Mr. John Kelly.

Priests on duty:

Fr. Michael Ryan Tel: 4441262 - 086 3693863
Fr. Ian Doyle Tel: 087 9669223
Secretary: Tel: 056-4441969
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Eucharistic Ministers' Rota

9.00am. Monday 20th – 10.00am. Saturday 25th
Mr. John Kelly.
7.00pm. Mass Saturday 25th July
Maria Dunne, Annmarie Dunne.
8.00am. Mass Sunday 26th July
Maria Dunne.
11.00am. Mass Sunday 26th July
Angela Molloy, Breda Reilly.

St. Mary's Cathedral Bookshop & Gift Shop

The Shop reopened on Wednesday, 1st 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.

6,666 Abortions in Ireland in 2019

In 2018, the last year before our own law was introduced, about 2,900 Irish women had a termination in Britain. Pro-choice campaigners estimate that another 1,000 to 2,000 were taking the abortion pill having bought it illegally online.

That puts the total number of Irish abortions at between 4,000 and 5,000. Either of those figures mean we have had a very big jump in the number of terminations in the first year of operation of the new law.

In fact, you have to add on 375 abortions to the 6,666 Irish women who had abortions in Ireland because 375 still went to England for a termination despite our new law. That brings the total to 7,041.

Response of Catholic Bishops Conference

Responding to the report the Irish Catholic Bishops Conference said: The vast majority of babies who were aborted in Ireland last year, 6,542 of them, are euphemistically described as having been 'terminated' in 'early pregnancy'.

"While we never got to know them personally, each one was a unique and precious human being. It was not their fault that their conception was inconvenient or untimely, or the result of sexual assault or that their parents lacked the support that would have helped them embrace life."

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Respecting Church Grounds and Cemetery

Please do respect the Church Grounds and Cemetery. Please do not throw rubbish on the ground. Dogs should never be let run free in Church Grounds or Cemetery. Parishioners constantly complain about damage done to family graves by dogs. Your co-operation is greatly appreciated.

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.

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.

A Reflection for this day

I pray that these difficult times will teach us that health is more important than wealth, that the people we love are more precious than the things we have, that the little things, are truly the big things, that life can be better when it's simpler, and most importantly that love holds us together and it's the only thing that truly matters.

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