Church of The Immaculate Conception Castlecomer



PARISH NEWSLETTER

23rd August 2020



Blessed Are Those Who Die In The Lord

Anniversaries

Anne Farrell (Sat. 7.00pm) Love Lane. Rose Holden (Sun. 11.00am.)

8 Love Lane.

Bridget & Thomas (Tom) Coady

(Mon. 9.00am.) Skehana.

Mary Brennan (Fri. 9.00am.) Mayhora. John (Johnny) Kavanagh (Sat. 10.00am.)

Byrnesgrove.

Christopher (Kit) Weldon 6 Marymount. Annie Jovce 43 Kilkenny St.

Tom Shalloe (Snr.) & Tom Shalloe (Jnr.)

2 Ballyragget Road.

Teresa Wallace Market St. Thomas (Todd) & Patrick (Paddy) Dunne

Jenkinstown Park.

Alice Kennedy Skehana.

Saturday, 29th August

Month's Mind

Elizabeth (Betty) Campion (Sat. 10.00am.) Ballyragget Road.

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Annie (Nano) Brennan (née O'Shea) (Sat. 7.00pm.) Mayhora.

Sunday, 30th August at 11.00am.

Margaret (Peg) Ryan 39 Maryville.

Weekly Envelope/ Holyday **Church Collection**

Sunday, 16th August - €1,920.00 Sincere thanks.

Readers for next Weekend

Vigil Mass 7.00pm. Ms. Majella Fenlon. Sunday 8.00am. Mrs. Brigid Coady. 11.00am. Mr. Fonsie Mealy.

Priests on duty:

Fr. Michael Ryan Tel: 4441262 - 086 3693863 Fr. Ian Dovle Tel: 087 9669223

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Eucharistic Ministers' Rota

9.00am. Monday 24th - 10.00am. Fri. 28th

Angela Byrne.

Saturday 29th August

10.00am. Angela Byrne.

7.00pm. Mass Saturday 29th August

Louise Walsh & Annette Coogan.

8.00am. Mass Sunday 30th August

John Greer & Lalaine Brennan.

11.00am. Mass Sunday 30th August

Teresa Hetherington & Ingrid Brennan

Making a Donation to our Parish on Line

In the event of anyone wishing to make a Donation to our Parish Funds you can safely do so on the Ossory Website ttps://Ossorv.ie/castlecomer/

This new system is now up and running.

Lotto Jackpot €13,400.00 Draw - Monday at 9.30pm. **Avalon House Hotel**

Preparations for Celebration of Confirmation

Pupils preparing to celebrate their Confirmation on Friday, 18th September 2020 at 4.00pm. and 7.00pm are invited to a time of preparation in Boy's National School on Wednesday, 26th August – from 7.00pm. - 8.00pm. A similar evening of preparation will be held on the following Wednesday, 2nd September at the same time. One Parent/Guardian to come with pupil.

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.

Parish Webpage

The Parish Webpage has changed - more user friendly with regular updates. The address is castlecomerparish.ie. Things you can do: look up current and previous newsletters; see the Mass Readings of the Day and the following weekend; up-todate parish news; and the anniversaries of the dead of the parish (a work in progress); opportunity to make donations to the parish via diocesan page. And of course, ability to link into church web cam. So many more opportunities for the future.

Parish Office

Will be open on Monday & Friday from 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.

A Reflection on Priesthood (Pope Francis)

A good priest, therefore, is first of all a man with his own humanity, who knows his own history, with its riches and its wounds, who has learned to make peace with this, achieving the fundamental serenity proper to one of the Lord's disciples ... Our humanity is the "earthen vessel" in which we conserve God's treasure, a vessel we must take care of, so as to transmit well its precious contents He is the "high priest," at the same time close to God and close to man; he is the "servant", who washes the feet and makes himself close to the weakest; he is the "good shepherd", who always cares for his flock...

Prayer for Vocations

Loving God, You have promised never to leave vour flock unattended. Send us good and holy priests who will desire to give their lives totally in your service. Give to those whom you are calling into ministry the courage to say yes. We ask this through the intercession of St. John Vianney, Patron Saint of priests, in the name of Christ our Lord. Amen

A Reflection for today

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.