

Church of The Immaculate Conception Castlecomer

Parish Newsletter
Sunday 21st February 2021

Blessed Are Those Who Die In The Lord

Died Recently

Marguerite Owens
Rathgar, Dublin/Maryville.

Anniversaries

Kathleen O'Neill (Sun. 11.00am.)
16 Maryville.
Bridget (Bridie) McDonald
(Mon. 9.00am.) Donaguile.
Thomas, Annie & Sean Brennan
(Tues. 9.00am.) Upper Coolbawn.
Helen Cummins (Wed. 9.00am.)
9 Maryville.
Sally Hetherington (Fri. 9.00am.)
6 Barrack St.
Canon John Lalor P.P. Camross.
Michael Kealy Yellow Road.
Gary, Joan, Gary Jnr. &
Michael O'Dowd 14 Ballyhemmon.
William Moran Ardra.
Tommy (Nacky) Brennan
33 Kilkenny St./Leytonstone, London.
Thomas Brennan Upper Coolbawn.
Mary Phelan Love Lane.

Sunday, 28th February - 11.00am.

David Boland – Hill House, Cloneen
Crettyard/Drumgoole.

**Trocáire Family Fast Boxes
Available in Church Porch.**

Weekly Envelope/Church Collection

Sunday, 14th February - €520.00
Sincere thanks.

Readers for Next Weekend

Sunday 11.00am. Mrs. Eithne McKenna.

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A Prayer for Lent

*“Loving Jesus,
As I place on my forehead the sign
of your saving cross
You say to me, repent and believe in the Gospel.
Walking into Lent
My heart is set on you.
May my fasting fill me with hunger for you,
May my prayer draw me deeper
into your presence.
May my acts of charity bring your love to
my home and community.
Lord of life,
Grant that by turning back to you
in these forty days
I will re-awaken the joy of my Easter faith;
For you raise me up from fear and despair
And call me to hope and trust in God who
is with me always.
With you, I will rise again.
Amen”.*

Donation for Church Bell

We wish to acknowledge with sincere
thanks a recent donation of €300.00 from
a Parishioner.

Pastoral Letter Lent 2021 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Bishop Denis Nulty

This is my first opportunity to write to you as your Apostolic Administrator. As a neighbour and friend, beside you in the Diocese of Kildare & Leighlin, I am humbled by this appointment by Pope Francis and I look forward to walking with you as you await the appointment of the next Bishop of Ossory. The first Church season we walk through together is Lent. Ash Wednesday is a day of huge significance for us as members of the Christian community. On that day we begin our journey of Lent, forty days of turning back to God, forty days of re-examining our lives through the lens of our faith, forty days of pushing the reset button on how we live in relationship with God, with one another and with ourselves.

Theme: Lent reminds us the Lord is always with us.

Lent is never about adding to the difficulty of what we are experiencing – far from it. Rather, Lent presents us with the most powerful reminder that, in the face of the turmoil and pain, the tremendous suffering of this world, the Lord is with us. By His Cross we have been healed, by His Cross we have been saved and by His Cross we have hope.

The risen Lord walks with us and calls us to rediscover and share with others the grace and joy of life lived with Him.

This Lent I invite you to really think about what meaningful choices you might make around prayer, fasting and charity. Let them be choices that allow God and others into your life. Let them be choices that will deepen the hope and strength that comes from our faith alone, a hope and strength that we are called to share in solidarity with the whole world in this time of pandemic.

This Weekend Lenten Stations 2021

This is one of six collections during the year for the Priests of the Parish. Please use envelope from box of envelopes supplied. Envelopes may be dropped into Box in Church Porch or Parochial House. Sincere thanks to all those who contribute so faithfully every year.

At Noon (Monday – Friday)

A group of parishioners come together in the Church to pray the Angelus and Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy. You are welcome to join with them. You may also join them on the Parish Radio and Webcam.

Every Sunday Afternoon

A group of parishioners will pray the Rosary and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3.00pm. People may also join them through the Parish Radio and Webcam.

Adoration & Prayer in Parish Church

Every Tuesday evening from 7.00pm – 9.00pm. Rosary recited at 8.00pm. All attendees are requested to observe social distance and to sanitise seats before locking Church. **Thank you.**

Parish Office

Open on Monday and 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.**

The Parish Newsletter

Will be printed as usual and will be available in boxes at the entrance to Church. Anniversary Masses & Months Mind Masses will be celebrated as usual. People can follow Mass on parish Radio & Webcam.