

church of The Immaculate Conception Castlecomer

Parish Newsletter
Sunday 28th February 2021

Blessed Are Those Who Die In The Lord

Died Recently

Sheila Comerford (née Kenny)
4 Kilkenny Road.
Alan Kenny 64 Oakhill.
Margaret Brennan Donaguile/London.

Anniversaries

David Boland (Sun. 11.00am.)
Hill House, Cloneen,
Crettyard/Drumgoole
Mary O'Neill (Tues. 9.00am.)
16 Maryville/England.
Thomas Kennedy (Wed. 9.00am.)
Mayhora.
John & Margaret Cadigan (Thurs. 9.00am.)
Uskerty.
Joseph (Joe) & Ann Brennan
(Fri. 9.00am.) 7 Maryville.
Gerard (Ger) Walsh (Sat. 10.00am.)
8 Kiltown.
William Moran Ardra.
Patrick & Helen Loughlin Ardra.
Martin O'Neill 7 Kiltown.
Daniel & Chrissie Fitzpatrick Dysart.
Julia McSweeney 42 Maryville.
Richard Dowd, Elizabeth (Lizzy) Dowd
& Tommy Dowd Upperrhills.

Sunday, 7th March - 11.00am.

Lucy Mealy (née Coleman)
Beechfield House, Clogh Road.

Trocáire Family Fast Boxes
Available in Church Porch.

Readers for Next Weekend

Sunday 11.00am. Mr. John Kelly.

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A Christian Response to Knife Crime

Dangerous road

Speaking at Mass in the Church of the Holy Spirit in Ballymun, Archbishop Farrell said a person who carries a knife is “travelling down a dangerous road full of risks.”

“Sooner or later, it will be used in a malicious way which puts yourself and others in the way of serious injury or death. This is not the way to construct a world that is safe – safe for ourselves, safe for our children, and safe for the vulnerable, be they young or old, friend or stranger” he said.

“Knife crime and violence, which is self-destructive, must always be condemned.” Let us not forget that our Lord knew first-hand what violence could do – and never succumbed to it himself.” He added that there is a spiritual issue, in which there is a “loss of empathy towards other human beings.”

Empathy

“The truth of who we are – is at stake. Genuine empathy is the entry point into the commandment to love your neighbour and to live in peace. If the problem of violence in our country is to be overcome, we need a spiritual and moral conversion.”

Prayer to St. Joseph in Difficult Times

*Great Saint Joseph,
throughout your life
you were a man of boundless hope.
In the midst of all the difficulties
you encountered –
the painful circumstances
surrounding the birth of Jesus,
the flight into Egypt –
your only source of strength
was your unwavering hope in
the goodness, the power
and the faithfulness of God.*

*Today we come before you
full of confidence.
Since you are so close to God,
please unite our prayer to yours.
Ask your son to sustain us during
the trials we are now facing.*

*Help us to move beyond our suffering
by sharing with us that same
strength that sustained you
through your own trials.
May hope be for us,
as it was for you,
a light in the darkness and a guide
along the way
every day of our life,
Amen*

Kilkenny Bereavement Support

This is a voluntary organisation that offers free listening service to bereaved people of all ages. Since the arrival of Covid19, we have not been able to offer face to face meetings. We continue to support the bereaved by phone or by Zoom. People can discuss their preferred option with their bereavement support volunteer. To make an appointment, please phone 056-7756538 or email: director@kilkennybereavementsupport.com.

Weekly Envelope/Church Collection

Sunday, 21st February - €1375.00.
Sincere thanks.

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.