

# church of The Immaculate Conception Castlecomer

## Parish Newsletter Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2021

### Blessed Are Those Who Die In The Lord

#### Died Recently

Séamus O'Connor, Principal  
Castlecomer Community School,  
5 Ayrfield, Granges Road, Kilkenny.

#### Anniversaries

Lucy Mealy (née Coleman)  
(Sun. 11.00am.)  
Beechfield House, Clogh Road.  
James Moran (Mon. 9.00am.)  
Cruttenclough.  
Martin Downey (Tues. 9.00am.)  
Tinalinton.  
Patrick (Paddy) Simms (Wed. 9.00am.)  
Chatsworth St.  
Molly & Ned Brennan (Thurs. 9.00am.)  
Knocknadogue.  
William (Willie) & Phyllis Ryan  
(Fri. 9.00am.) 1 Marymount.  
James (Jim) Agar Coon.  
Anthony (Tony) Barrett 11 Kilkenny Road.  
John Kelly  
Moneenroe/Warrenpoint Co. Down.

#### Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> March - 11.00am.

Mary O'Meara  
Chatsworth, Street.

#### Friends of Calcutta Clothes Collection Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Please leave bags of clothes, shoes etc.  
inside Church gate before 3.00pm.  
Your support will be greatly appreciated.

#### Readers for Next Weekend

Sunday 11.00am. Mr. Tom Teehan.

#### Priests on duty:

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*Today Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> March 2021  
Adoration of Blessed Sacrament  
in Church from 3.00pm. – 5.00pm.*

*Intention: Vocations to Priesthood and Religious  
Life especially for Diocese of Ossory.*

#### An Appreciation Séamus O'Connor, Principal Castlecomer Community School

The people of North Kilkenny were hugely saddened on Wednesday morning when news filtered through of the untimely death of Seamus O'Connor, Principal of Castlecomer Community School. Seamus arrived in Castlecomer in 1985 and took up a teaching post in the Presentation Convent. For the next 20 Years Seamus taught Geography and Irish with distinction to the pupils of the Convent and then the Community School. Mr. O'Connor is renowned for his love of his native tongue. School trips to the Gaeltacht's of West Kerry and Connemara have become the stuff of folklore. Another legacy left behind by Seamus were the Ceili Mors he organised every year in the school gymnasium, which were the beginning of many a romance.

Mr. O'Connor's love for Gaeilge was matched only by his passion for sport. He was a huge supporter of all sporting teams in the school

and was a renowned mentor on the sidelines of G.A.A. pitches the length and breadth of Leinster and beyond. His famous "C'mon Comer" roar is one so many will recall with affection. Nothing gave him more pride than a Castlecomer Community School team bringing home some silverware. That happened quite a bit under his tenure.

Mr. O'Connor's proudest achievement was when he was appointed Principal in 2005. He has served the school and community of North Kilkenny with absolute distinction over the past fifteen years. He is the longest serving Principal of the Community School and has overseen huge development, both educationally and physically, throughout this time.

Mr. O'Connor was a true champion of the local communities. He had a deep love for the area of North Kilkenny. He knew its' history, he knew its' values and he knew its' humour. He served as a mentor and friend to staff, parents and students. His dedication to the Community School was immense. In his 36 Years in Castlecomer he touched so many lives. We have lost one of life's great gentlemen.

Our deepest sympathies are extended to his darling wife Shelia, and three children Luke, Ciara & Annie. The town of Castlecomer was blessed when your husband and Dad arrived 36 Years ago. His legacy will endure.

Peter O'Donovan, Past Pupil and  
Colleague.

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

#### Donation for Church Bell

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

#### *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 – Saturday)

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.