

church of The Immaculate Conception Castlecomer

Parish Newsletter
Sunday 25th April 2021

Blessed Are Those Who Die In The Lord

Months Mind

(Sun. 11.00am.)

Alan Kenny – 64 Oakhill.

&

Sheila Comerford (née Kenny)

4 Kilkenny Road.

Anniversaries

Kitty Curry, 48 Maryville & Elizabeth
Curry, Chatsworth. (Mon. 9.00am.)

Michael & Teresa (Tess) Farrell

(Tues. 9.00am.) 7 Love Lane.

John O'Mara (Wed. 9.00am.)

Sampsonscourt, Ballinakill.

Daniel, Margaret & Patrick (Paddy) Dunne
(Sat. 10.00am.) Skehana.

Liam Dunne Yellow Road/Nottingham.

Claire Duffy 23A Kilkenny St.

Mary (Molly) Edward (Teddy) &

Martin Bradley Yellow Road.

Sunday, 2nd May - 11.00am.

Brendan Dowling

46 Poccoke Valley/21 Marymount.

Donation for Church

We wish to acknowledge with sincere thanks a recent donation of €3,000.00 from a Parishioner for Church maintenance.

Weekly Envelope/Church Collection

Sunday, 18th April - €510.00.

Sincere thanks.

Reader for Next Weekend

Sunday 11.00am. Mrs. Angela Molloy.

Priests on duty:

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Political leaders must be reminded that Church services are 'utterly essential'

Bishop McGuckian SJ

Bishop Alan McGuckian SJ of Raphoe, Donegal has issued a recent pastoral letter in which he criticised the branding of Church services by some as "non-essential".

The Bishop of Raphoe said, "It has been said by some persons in public service that "religion is non-essential", that gathering for Mass and other religious services is less important than shopping or physical exercise or many other things.

I know that some of you feel that, by cooperating as fully as we are with the Government, we are acquiescing in the falsehood that God and his service and our public witness to him are not essential.

Concluding his pastoral letter, Bishop McGuckian said, 'So many of us are longing for the day – let it be soon – when we can gather together to celebrate God's love especially in the Holy Mass. However, no matter what happens or when it happens. Let us turn to God with all our hearts.'

Please put Weekly Envelopes, Church Collections and donations to St. Anthony into the Safe beside the Baptismal Font

Sunday, 25th April 2021

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Day of Prayer for Vocations

This is Good Shepherd Sunday, a day of special prayer for vocations to the work of service in the Church.

Christ the good shepherd who has given his life for his sheep.

Salvation is to be found in no one else but him.

He is the one shepherd of one flock.

He has laid down his life that all might be saved.

Prayer for Vocations

Loving God,

You have promised never to leave your 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

St. Mary's Cathedral 2020-2021

In present circumstances it hasn't been possible to hold Monthly Draws. The organising Committee plan to hold the January, February, March, April and May draws on Wednesday 26th May 2021.

To all Promoters sincere thanks.

Parish Cemetery

An Garda Síochána request that they be contacted if any suspicious activity be observed, or graves or property be interfered with. They will be patrolling around the church grounds. CCTV is in place. Everyone's safety is paramount!

A Prayer for Diocese of Ossory

Loving Father,

Our Diocese is alive with those who care for others in the service of the Gospel; so many offer themselves, their talents and their time in Ossory.

As we await a new Bishop we pray that you will help find for us a man to lead with vision for our future, understanding for our present and compassion for our past.

Until then, may we work actively together to continue to realise not only your desire for us but also for your kingdom.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.

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.

Parish Office

Open on Monday and Friday in the coming week 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.**

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.**