

church of The Immaculate Conception Castlecomer



Parish Newsletter
Sunday 2nd May 2021

Blessed Are Those Who Die In The Lord

Died Recently

Kieran Brennan, Dundrum, Dublin
& Drumgoole, Castlecomer.
Canice (Ken) Doheny, Ballinalacken,
Ballinakill, Laoise.

Anniversaries

Brendan Dowling (Sun. 11.00am.)
46 Poccoke Valley/21 Marymount.
Anne McInerney (Mon. 10.00am.)
Ballyhemmon.
Bridie Brennan (Wed. 9.00am.)
Upper Coolbawn.
Kathleen O'Neill, Mary & Patrick (Paddy)
O'Neill (Thurs. 9.00am.)
Bray/48 Maryville.
Catherine (Kitty) Delaney (Fri. 9.00am.)
Mayhora.
Helena Downey (Sat. 10.00am.)
Tinalinton.
Carmel and Patrick Mealey Gorteen.
William (Bill) Lacy Loon.
Joe & Bridie Kealy Aughamuckey.
Thomas & Margaret Dowling
Monavea, Crettyard.
Pakie Kelly 52 Barrack St.
Michael Byrne & Elizabeth Byrne
38 Maryville.
Tom Byrne Sandyford, Dublin.

Sunday, 9th May - 11.00am.

Joseph (Joe) Breen
Knocknadogue.

Reader for Next Weekend

Sunday 11.00am. Mr. George Mealy.

Priests on duty:

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Monday, 3rd May (Public Holiday)
Mass and Novena Prayers at 10.00am.

The Month of May

Dedicated to the honour of Mary, Mother of God and the Human Family.

A Reflection by Pope Francis

Mary, the Mother who cared for Jesus, now cares with maternal affection and pain for this wounded world. Just as her pierced heart mourned the death of Jesus, so now she grieves for the sufferings of the crucified poor and for the creatures of this world laid waste by human power. Completely transfigured, she now lives with Jesus, and all creatures sing of her fairness. She is the Woman, 'clothed in the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars' (Rev 12:1). Carried up into heaven, she is the Mother and Queen of all creation. In her glorified body, together with the Risen Christ, part of creation has reached the fullness of its beauty. She treasures the entire life of Jesus in her heart (cf. Lk 2:19, 51), and now understands the meaning of all things. Hence, we can ask her to enable us to look at this world with eyes of wisdom.
Laudato Si' 241

Saturday, 1st May 2021

*Feast of St. Joseph the Worker
This feast was instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1955 to honour St. Joseph as Worker and Patron of Workers.
On this day many countries celebrate the dignity of human labour. Pope Francis has designated 2021 to be a year dedicated to the honour of St. Joseph.*

*Prayer to St. Joseph
(Patron Saint of Families)*

*God, our heavenly Father,
grant us the fortitude of Christ your Son to face the Covid-19 crisis with trust, patience and compassion.
Give us the grace of the Holy Spirit to free us from fear and look forward together to the future with healing and hope.*

Through the intercession of St. Joseph, the guardian of Jesus, and Mary his mother and mother of the Church, may we be guided through this time of peril.

*Preserve us in peace;
protect the vulnerable;
keep safe our health care workers and all who serve society, at home and abroad.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

Composed by Fr. Kevin O'Gorman SMA

Trocáire - Lenten Appeal 2021

€2,615.00 (in total) was donated this year in the Parish. Sincere thanks for your very generous response.

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

Preparing for public celebration of Mass

It is a great blessing that parishioners will be able to attend the public celebration of Mass. We are asking previous Ushers, and importantly new Ushers, to offer their service to the parish to enable parishioners to attend Mass. The ushers have responsibility to greet parishioners and visitors, assist with hand sanitizing, ensure face masks are worn, handout newsletter, and assist parishioners at distribution of Holy Communion, and sanitize benches after Mass. If you assisted as an usher previously, please can you contact parish Office to recommit, and if you can assist as a new usher please contact parish office to signal your service.

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 Tuesday 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.**