

# church of The Immaculate Conception Castlecomer

Parish Newsletter  
Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2021

## Blessed Are Those Who Die In The Lord

### Months Mind

Valerie Kelly Conway (Sat 7.00pm.)  
22 Lower Acorns.

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John Brennan (Sun. 11.00am.)  
Dairyfarm, Smithstown.

### Anniversaries

Catherine & Edward McDonald  
(Mon. 9.00am.) 34 Maryville & Coolbawn.  
Jack & Mary Ann Kavanagh  
(Tues. 9.00am.) Maryville.  
Mary & John Kelly (Wed. 9.00am.)

Ardra.

Mary Ryan (9.00am.Thurs.)

Aughamuckey.

Martin & Anne O'Grady (Sat. 10.00am.)

"Cill Abban", Kilkenny Road.

Kevin Egan Drakelands.

**Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> July at 7.00pm.**

### Months Mind

Helen (Nellie) Foley – Donaguile.

### Congratulations

The Board of Management of Castlecomer Community School has appointed Patrick Murphy acting Principal of the School. Since the death of the Principal Seamus O'Connor to be Principal of the School. We wish him every good wish in his new position with its many responsibilities.

### Readers for next Weekend

**Vigil Mass** 7.00pm. Mrs. Brigid Coady.  
8.00am. Mr. Dick Mullins.  
11.00am. Mrs. Margaret Kavanagh.

### Priests on duty:

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### Eucharistic Ministers for next Weekend

**9.00am. Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> July to Friday 9<sup>th</sup>**  
John Kelly.

**10.00am. Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> July**

John Kelly.

**7.00pm. Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> July – Annette Coogan.**

**8.00am. Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> July - Lalaine Brennan.**

**11.00am. Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> July Maria Dunne.**

### The New Section in Parish Cemetery

Parishioners are welcome to put a kerb around the graves they have purchased. Originally it was hoped to have this section free of all kerbs. May we remind parishioners who still owe money for the graves they have been allotted to complete payments as soon as possible.

**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.**

*Pope to grandparents –  
'You are needed'*

*Writing to his peers, Catholics who have reached a venerable age like he has, Pope Francis told older Catholics that God is close to them and still has plans for their lives. "I was called to become the Bishop of Rome when I had reached, so to speak, retirement age, and thought I would not be doing anything new," said the Pope, who is 84 now and was elected when he was 76. "The Lord is always – always – close to us. He is close to us with new possibilities, new ideas, new consolations, but always close to us. You know that the Lord is eternal; he never, ever goes into retirement," the Pope wrote in his message for the Church's first celebration of the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly.*

*The message was released at the Vatican on Tuesday in anticipation of the celebration on July 25<sup>th</sup>, the Sunday closest to the feast of St. Joachim and St. Anne, Jesus' grandparents. "Think about it: what is our vocation today, at our age? To preserve our roots, to pass on the Faith to the young and to care for the little ones," he wrote. "Never forget this." "There is no retirement age from the work of proclaiming the Gospel and handing down traditions to your grandchildren. You just need to set out and undertake something new." The Irish Catholic Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> June 2021.*

### 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.

**'Always Say No to Illegal Drugs'  
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### Prayer for the Irish Republic (Prayed at Centenary Commemoration of Coolbawn Ambush 18<sup>th</sup> June 2021)

O God, who arrange all things according to a wonderful design, graciously receive the prayers we pour out to you for our country the Republic of Ireland, that through the wisdom of its leaders and the integrity of its citizens, Harmony and justice may be assured  
And lasting prosperity come with peace.

We remember all people that share this island, that all shall work for harmony and peace. May our divisions be healed, our memories be healed, may our children live in good neighbourliness and care for the marginalised and less fortunate in our communities. We ask this in the name of the most holy and blessed Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. God forever and ever. Amen  
Mary, Queen of Ireland, pray for us.  
All Saints of Ireland, pray for us.

### Congratulations

We wish to congratulate Pierce Dargan, Ballycomey, on his recent appointment as Principal in Presentation Secondary School, Castleisland, Co. Kerry.

### 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.**

### 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.

### Weekly Envelope/Church Collection

Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> June - €1,620. 00.

Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> June - €1,520. 00.

**Sincere thanks.**