

church of The Immaculate Conception Castlecomer

Parish Newsletter
Sunday 5th September 2021

Blessed Are Those Who Die In The Lord

Died Recently

Julie Comerford (née Coogan)
The Old Rectory, The Square.
Michael (Mick) Lawless
9 High St., Ballyragget.
Nora O'Neill Augharue, Bilboa, Carlow.

Anniversaries

Martin Kelly (Sun. 11.00am.)
Hillside View.
Jim Shortall (Mon. 9.00am.) Yellow Road.
Elizabeth (Lizzie) Hetherington
(Fri. 9.00am.) 6 Barrack St.
Joseph (Joe) O' Shea (Sat. 10.00am.)
Dysart.
Norah Dunne Skehana.
William Shore Firoda.
Gerard (Ger), Daphne, Terry &
John Moran Marymount.
James, Margaret, & Thomas McHale
Mayo.
Alice Kennedy Skehana.

Saturday, 11th September at 7.00pm.

Gerard McDonald - 34 Maryville.

Weekly Envelope/Church Collection

Sunday, 22nd August - €1,635.00.

Sunday, 29th August - €1,270.00.

Sincere thanks.

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Readers for next Weekend

Vigil Mass 7.00pm. Mrs. Eithne McKenna.
8.00am. Mrs. Margaret McGrath.
11.00am. Mr. John Kelly.

Eucharistic Ministers for next Weekend

9.00am. Monday, 6th Sept to Friday 10th

John Kelly.

10.00am. Saturday, 11th September

John Kelly.

7.00pm. Saturday, 11th September

Sheila Lawlor.

8.00am. Sunday, 12th September

Noreen Curry.

11.00am. Sunday, 12th September

Angela Molloy.

A Prayer for 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.

An Invitation from Bishop Denis Nulty Apostolic Administrator, Ossory

Speaking at Mass in the Capuchin Friary recently I spoke to the reality we are all facing - that of a slow return to public worship. Parishes are wondering how it is that we can welcome people back. The solution is not, in my opinion, to reintroduce the obligation. That would be a missed opportunity. It's a return to understanding our Baptismal calling and the responsibility that comes out of that calling. Teaching people, reminding people, re-educating people as to why Sunday is so special that they will want to go to Mass, rather than feel compelled to attend Mass, is key. A Sunday without giving God time is a Sunday less well spent; it is a Sunday yet again where we have failed to take possession of the land, the space, the holy ground that God is offering us - to recall a wonderful line from the first reading of yesterday's Mass.

To help in this process I am inviting all our parishes to reflect in the month of September on how the parish can be supported to be more welcoming to those who are slower to return to regular worship - our brothers, our sisters, our sons, our daughters, our grandchildren, our friends.

I want to invite people to write to me or email me their thoughts, their ideas.

A resource supporting this invitation is attached to this letter and will also be made available on the Diocesan Website. Might I ask you to draw attention to this next weekend, and in the weeks ahead.

Responses can be forwarded by post to Bishop Denis Nulty, Apostolic Administrator, Ossory Diocesan Offices, James St., Kilkenny.

or Email: bishop@ossory.ie

New Draw in Aid of St. Mary's Cathedral Restoration

€60,000.00 in Prizes

12 Monthly Draws

September 2021 – August 2022

Subscription €10.00 per month.

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Draw will be held at 8.00pm. on last Wednesday of each month in the Chapter Room, St. Mary's Cathedral. All are welcome to attend. First Draw on Wednesday, 29th September 2021 at 8.00pm.

Tickets available from

*Ms. Maureen Kelly, 25 Kilkenny St.,
Ms. Annette Kennedy in Parish Office.*

The Season of Creation

Pope Francis has established 1st September as an annual World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. The Season of Creation is marked throughout the Christian world from 1st September to 4th October - The Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi - as a time to celebrate the joy of creation as well as being a time to encourage initiatives which help protect our natural environment.

As Pope Francis reminds us "the global Christian family is called to awaken to the urgent need to heal our relationships with creation and with each other and to encourage our parish communities to do the same, "for we know that things can change!" "Laudato Si', 13.

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. You can also join them through the Parish Radio and Webcam.