

# church of The Immaculate Conception Castlecomer

## Parish Newsletter Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2021

### Blessed Are Those Who Die In The Lord

### Anniversaries

Eileen Brennan (Sat. 7.00pm.) Bance.  
Donal McInerney (Sun. 11.00am.)

Ballyhemmon.

Frances Shore (Mon. 10.00am.) Kiltown.

Michael & James (Jimmy) Brennan

Smithstown. & Sheila & Joseph Rochford

Feakle/Smithstown. (Wed. 9.00am.)

Laurence (Larry) Holohan & John &

Annie Holohan (Thurs. 9.00am.)

Skehana.

Eileen Galea (née Leahy) (Fri. 9.00am.)

London/ Maryville.

Patrick (Pat) Kealy (Sat. 10.00am.)

20 Maryville/London.

Maurice Ryan Aughamuckey/Kilkenny.

Thomas (Tom) McSweeney

Maryville/London.

Martin & Mary O'Shea 17 Barrack St.

Mary Ann (Moll) O'Shea 17 Barrack St.

Michael O'Shea 17 Barrack St.

Kate Walsh 17 Barrack St.

Michael Brennan Smithstown Cross.

### Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> October at 7.00pm.

Barney Young (Sat. 7.00pm.)

41 Hillside View.

### Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup> October at 11.00am.

Lionel Steen – The Square.

### Weekly Envelope/Church Collection

Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> October - €1,110. 00.

Sincere thanks.

### Priests on duty:

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### Readers for next Weekend

Vigil Mass 7.00pm. Mrs. Eithne McKenna.

8.00am. Mr. Dick Mullins.

11.00am. Mrs. Angela Molloy.

### Eucharistic Ministers for next Weekend

10.00am. Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> October

Teresa Hetherington.

9.00am. Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> Oct to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> Oct.

Teresa Hetherington.

10.00am. Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> October

Teresa Hetherington.

7.00pm. Saturday, 31<sup>st</sup> October

John Holohan.

8.00am. Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> November

Margaret O'Neill.

11.00am. Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> November

Jeanette Harding.

### Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> October 2021

(Public Holiday)

Mass at 10.00am. with Novena Prayers

### Parish Office

Open on Wednesday & 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.

Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Mission Sunday

*This weekend parishes in over 120 countries will celebrate World Mission Sunday. World Mission Sunday is a direct appeal from Pope Francis. He is asking all of us to give what we can so that overseas missionaries can reach and care for suffering men, women and children.*

*There are envelopes at the end of the Church for your donations. Donations may be given to Sacristan, dropped into Parochial House or put into Collection Box at Church Door next weekend.*

*Sincere thanks for your support.*

### The November Offerings

*The November Offerings will be taken up next weekend. This one of the six collections for the upkeep of the Priests of the Parish during the year. Please use the envelope supplied.*

*Thank you.*

*Fr. Ryan and Fr. Doyle will each offer a Novena of Masses for all the faithful departed and in particular for relatives and friends of all Parishioners.*

### Comer Bingo is Back

Bingo will resume in the Community Hall, Castlecomer on Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> October with a new starting time of 8.00pm. Following government guidelines, the current restriction on only allowing those fully vaccinated against Covid-19 to attend indoor venues will remain. All patrons must have proof of vaccination Covid 19 pass (vaccine or recovery certificate) and wear a mask for the duration of the bingo. Social distancing will apply.

**Every Sunday Afternoon** A group of parishioners will pray the Rosary and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3.00pm.

### Report on Maintenance Work on Church Michael O'Boyle, Architect

The current works on the exterior of the church comprise the careful removal of cement mortar pointing on a section of the south facade where there have been persistent problems with dampness within the fabric of the wall. The church has been well-maintained, having undergone a programme of comprehensive conservation-led repair and restoration in 2003-04. The interior was re-painted and other repairs were carried out in 2019. About six months after this re-painting, a recurrence of staining of the paintwork was noted on the west side of the nave. This appears to be due to the build-up of moisture within the wall, which was re-pointed in a cement mortar more than fifty years ago. The build-up of moisture is higher in this location than elsewhere within the external walls, as it is exposed to the prevailing wind and rain from the south-west. Small cracks in the hard cement mortar have allowed driving rain to seep into the walls. This moisture is unable to evaporate through the non-vapour permeable cement. The current work will resolve this issue by replacing the external cement mortar with a traditional vapour permeable lime mortar. The repairs are being carried out by a stone mason with conservation experience under the direction of our conservation architect, Michael O'Boyle. Full scaffolding has been erected to the relevant section of the façade.

The works have been part-funded by a grant of €8,500 from Kilkenny County Council, under the Built Heritage Investment Scheme. The current works are seen as a pilot project and it is intended to apply for further grant aid to replace the cement mortar on other parts of the external façade in future years.

### 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 Webcam.