

Church of The Immaculate Conception Castlecomer

Parish Newsletter
Sunday 28th November 2021

Blessed Are Those Who Die In The Lord

Died Recently

Thomas (Tom) Daly Muckalee.

Anniversaries

William (Willie) Coogan (Sat. 7.00pm.)
'Andorra', Kilkenny Road.
Helen Mulcahy (Sun. 11.00am.)
Yellow Road.

Ellen Coogan (Mon. 9.00am.)
Lower Yellow Road.

Edward (Ned) Brennan (Wed. 9.00am.)
28 Maryville.

Richard (Dick) & Anne Holohan
(Sat. 10.00am.) 28 Marymount.

Mark Kennedy Mayhora.
Patrick Byrne Firoda.
Molly Byrne Maryville.

Saturday, 4th December at 7.00pm.

Anne O'Neill - 11 Hillside View.

Sunday, 5th December at 11.00am.

Thomas (Tom) & Mary Morrissey
13 Hillside View.

Making a Donation to our Parish on Line

- In the event of anyone wishing to make a Donation to our Parish Funds you can safely do so on the Ossory Website - [tps://Ossory.ie/castlecomer/](https://Ossory.ie/castlecomer/)

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.

Priests on duty:

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Readers for next Weekend

Vigil Mass 7.00pm. Mrs. Brigid Coady.
8.00am. Ms. Maria Reyes.
11.00am. Mr. George Mealy.

Eucharistic Ministers for next Week

9.00am. Monday, 29th - Friday 3rd

Maria Reyes.

10.00am. Saturday, 4th December

Maria Reyes.

7.00pm. Saturday, 4th December

Annette Coogan.

8.00am. Sunday, 5th December

Lalaine Brennan.

11.00am. Sunday, 5th December

John Kelly.

Book Launch

A book launch of the biography of Nixie Boran by his daughter Anne Boran will take place in Moneenroe Hall on Saturday, 4th December at 7.30pm. All are warmly invited and COVID restrictions will be strictly adhered to. The title of the book is Challenge to Power: Nixie Boran, freedom and the Castlecomer coal miners.

Weekly Envelope/Church Collection

Sunday, 21st November - €755. 00.

Sincere thanks.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Christmas Appeal 2021

The Castlecomer Branch of the Society ask for your support in the coming weeks to meet the needs of the many people whom they hope to provide with vouchers, coal, oil etc., this Christmas.

Please put your donation in an envelope (Marked Society of St. Vincent de Paul) and drop into box at front door or Maryville door.

Your generous support will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Prayer for the Middle East

**Almighty Father,
The Cradle of Christianity –
The birthplace of Christ, your Son –
Is now overshadowed by suffering.
Persecuted but never forgotten,
Your children carry His cross,
Clinging to the Faith
Their forefathers held so dear.
Grant us light and strength
To help them in their hour of need,
And console them with the
Resurrection hope of Christ, Our Lord,
Amen.**

This Weekend

Annual Church door Collection to provide for the care of the retired priests of the Diocese. Please place donations in Box at Church door.

Thank you for your generous support.

Friday, 3rd December (First Friday)

Fr. Ian Doyle will visit the sick and those confined to their homes today.

Fr. Michael Ryan will do so on Friday, 17th December. Should a member of your family or a neighbour wish us to visit them with the Blessed Sacrament please do make contact with us. Thank you.

A Reflection for Advent

The Advent season, then, helps us to bear in mind our ultimate, destiny.

It causes us to call to mind that, God-willing, we will at the end of our earthly lives be in union with our Lord for eternity.

God came into the world to redeem the entire human race, but he

will also come again as he promised us.

To think about the Second Coming as we prepare to remember his First Coming brings everything full circle.

Christ came into the world so that sin would have no reign over us.

And when he returns again at the end of the world, he will bring all those that follow him into heaven, where only his love reigns supreme and where the effects of sin will be non-existent.

This is what the season of Advent looks forward to in the truest sense.

In the first Advent, God became man.

But in the second Advent, when our Lord reunites our souls with our bodies, we as men will become like God. Truly, we must always ponder these two types of 'advents', especially at this time of the year.

**St. Bernard of Clairvaux
Fourth Sermon for Advent**

Parish Office

Open on Monday & 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.

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.