

Church of The Immaculate Conception Castlecomer

Parish Newsletter

Sunday 12th December 2021

Blessed Are Those Who Die In The Lord

Died Recently

Kathleen Ring (née Brophy) Clashduff.

Month's Mind

John Greer (Sat. 7.00pm.) Donaguile.

Anniversaries

Anastasia Mealy (Sun. 11.00am.)
46 Kilkenny St.

Kathleen Kelly (Mon. 9.00am.)
Kilkenny St.

Dan, Joe & Kay Brennan (Tues. 9.00am.)
Manchester/Moneenroe.

Katie Moran (Wed. 9.00am)
Cruttenclough.

Ann Walshe (Thurs. 9.00am.)
Donougmore, Ballyragget.

Patrick & Elizabeth Purcell (Fri. 9.00am.)
Chapel Lane, Moneenroe.

Joseph (Joe) Farrell (Sat. 10.00am.)
Smithstown.

Maureen Brennan Stephens Hillside View.

Frank & Joan Rainsford Love Lane.

Thomas (Tommy) & Patricia (Pat) O'Neill
Ballyhemmon.

Owen McEntee Conahy.

Michael Dwyer Ballyhemmon House.

John Devlin 1 Florence Terrace.

Saturday, 18th at 7.00pm.

Jim & Annie O'Neill - 3 Donaguile
& Doug Merritt - North Carolina.

Sunday, 19th December at 11.00am.

John Healy - 18 Donaguile Heights.

Priests on duty:

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Readers for next Weekend

Vigil Mass 7.00pm. Mrs. Brigid Coady.
8.00am. Mr. Donall Dunne.
11.00am. Mrs. Sheila Pedini.

9.00am. Monday, 13th - Friday 17th

John Kelly.

10.00am. Saturday, 18th December

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7.00pm. Saturday, 18th December

Sheila Lawlor.

8.00am. Sunday, 19th December

Lalaine Brennan.

11.00am. Sunday, 19th December

Angela Molloy.

Weekly Envelope/Church Collection

Sunday, 5th December - €1,090. 00.

Sincere thanks.

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.

Deenside - on Sale in local shops and Post Office from this weekend.

Bishop's Pastoral Letter for Lent

Advent is one of the shorter seasons in our Church calendar. It begins a new cycle of liturgy each year. I sometimes think the Church has struggled to convey the meaning of Advent – Lent is very much defined by fasting and abstinence, Eastertide by the empty tomb and the joy of resurrection and the Sacred Triduum by the different Passion narratives. Advent stands alone, 'a waiting game' in many respects, waiting to look upon Him who offers us hope, reassurance and joy. Perhaps these pandemic times, with ever new variants and increasing COVID case numbers, it may seem we are still journeying through a very long Advent indeed. So often we have applauded our frontline workers, and all of us in many respects can lay some legitimate claim to serving on that frontline. Perhaps a certain fatigue or understandable tiredness has settled in around our need to take personal responsibility and play our part in protecting the most vulnerable and those we love from the effects of this virus. Journeys can tire us, can make us a little tetchy. For people of faith, Advent is a journey firstly into a new Church year. We will begin again to read the Gospel of St Luke for Year C of the lectionary. I always like reading Luke. The one who was a medic, understood the pain and suffering that always preceded the healing and the miracle. Maybe Luke's Gospel will speak more to our time, to our lives as we continue our journey through the pandemic and all the other challenges weigh heavy on our lives. For us our Advent also has a very clear end point as we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Saviour at Bethlehem. He never leaves us. And throughout our pandemic journey He has always been by our side. Perhaps some of us had to use 'FaceTime' more to keep in contact with our loved ones in recent times. Advent offers us a journey that leads to

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our loved ones in recent times.

Advent offers us a journey that leads to 'Face Time' with the Christ child lying in a manger. And we all know that is only the beginning of our many encounters in this new Church year with the face of Christ.

Blessings on all as we begin our Advent journey.

+Denis Nulty

Apostolic Administrator of Ossory

Carol Service

Castlecomer Community School will hold a Carol Service in Parish Church on Tuesday, 14th December at 12 noon. All are welcome

Friday, 17th December

Fr. Michael Ryan will visit the sick and those confined to their homes on Friday.

Saturday, 18th December 2021

Fr. Ryan, Fr. Doyle & Fr. Shore will be present in Church from 10.30am. – 12noon for those who wish to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance or wish to share some personal matter and seek a blessing. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed during this time.

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.

Monday, 20th December 2021

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