

church of The Immaculate Conception Castlecomer

Parish Newsletter

Sunday 23rd January 2022

Blessed Are Those Who Die In The Lord

Anniversaries

Rita Smith & Johnny Smith
(Sat. 7.00pm.) Golf Club/Bowden's Court.
Patrick (Paddy) Coogan (Sun. 11.00am.)
Smithstown.

Michael Tyrrell (Mon. 9.00am.)
Ballyragget Road.

Justin Ring (Tues. 9.00am.) Barrack St.
Tom Reddy & Elizabeth O'Gorman
(Wed. 9.00am.) Crettyard/The Square.
Gladys Ryan (Thurs. 9.00am.)

1 Donaguile.

Sally Young (Fri. 9.00am.)
41 Hillside View.

Richard & Kate Brennan (Sat. 10.00am.)
Smithstown.

James Kenny Barrack St.
Terence Dunne Skehana.

Michael Kavanagh Byrnesgrove.
John & Annie Brennan Rathgarra.

Katie Hubbard Marymount/Loon.

Saturday, 29th January at 7.00pm.

Month's Mind

Michael Owens – Kilkenny St.

Sunday, 30th January at 11.00am

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Kay (Caitlin) Conway (née Keogh)
St. Margaret's, Mayhora.

Recent Donation

We wish to acknowledge with thanks a recent donation of €5,000.00 for Parish from John & Jean Brennan U.S.A.

Priests on duty:

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Readers for next Weekend

Vigil Mass 7.00pm. Mrs. Maureen Holohan.
8.00am. Mr. Dick Mullins.
11.00am. Mr. John Kelly.

Eucharistic Ministers for next Week

Mon. 24th - Fri. 28th at 9.00am.

Maria Reyes.

Sat. 29th Jan. at 10.00am.

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7.00pm. Saturday, 29th January

Louise Walsh.

8.00am. Sunday, 30th January

Margaret O'Neill.

11.00am. Sunday, 30th January

Jeanette Harding.

Parish Office

Open on Monday and 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.

Weekly Envelope

Sunday, 16th January - €1,535. 00.

Sincere thanks.

Prayer for Teachers

(Dedicated in particular to the
Memory of Ashling Murphy R.I.P.)

Lord Jesus,

Guide us in our work so that
the young people before us may
grow to become all that you
have called them to be.

May our teaching encourage them
to embrace life in all its
beauty and mystery.

May our patience with them allow them to
learn from their mistakes.

May our listening to them help them
to respect themselves and others.

Through the gift of your Spirit
inspire us to love what we do,
to be a support to one another and
to never give up on a child in our care.

Every Day at Noon (Monday – Friday)

A group of parishioners come together in the Church to pray the Angelus and Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy. All welcome to join with them. You may also join them on the Parish Radio and Webcam.

Adoration & Prayer in Parish Church

Every Tuesday evening from 7.00pm – 9.00pm. Rosary recited at 8.00pm, Divine Mercy Chaplet at 8.45pm. Please observe social distance and to sanitise seats before locking Church. **Thank you.**

Firoda School Enrolment

Enrolments are now being taken for the school year 2022/2023. If you have a child or know of anyone who has a child intending to enrol in our school for the coming year, the final date for enrolments is 18th February 2022. Applications Forms are available on the school website or the school can be contacted by email info@firodaschool.ie or by phone on 087-9050605 or 056 4441384.

A Reflection for Today

The Cross

The Cross is a sign of the deepest love in the universe.

The four winds of heaven meet there.

This is where the Tree of Life is replanted; it provides blessed fruit.

The Cross follows us from birth, to death into eternity.

Through baptism we are marked with the Sign of Life.

The breaking of the bread shows us how life should be.

Rowan Williams

Retired Archbishop of Canterbury.

Refugees

From “no hands but yours” – Fr. Kevin Doherty Co-Founder Refugee Trust.

Many people think of refugees as people with empty stomachs, but that may well be the easiest of their suffering. They have lost everything, including their past, their future hopes and dreams. They suffer from the greatest poverty of all, their insecurity.

They don't know where they will be tomorrow, where they will get food for their families. They are at the mercy of others, totally dependent on them for everything they get. They are prisoners, and the women are often the victims of rape and violence. They can't go back, they can't go forward, they are in a limbo of non-existence.

Book of Leviticus 19:33:34

If foreigners live in your land, do not harm them. You must count them as fellow citizens and love them as yourselves. For you too were once foreigners in a foreign land.

I was asked...

“I was asked why I did not give a rod with which to fish, in the hands of the poor, rather than the fish itself as this makes them remain poor. So I told them: The people whom we pick up are not able to stand, then I shall send them to you, and you can give them the rod.”

Mother Teresa