

# church of The Immaculate Conception Castlecomer

## Parish Newsletter

Sunday 9th January 2022

### Blessed Are Those Who Die In The Lord

#### Died Recently

Michael Brennan Manchester/Maryville.  
James Buckley Chatsworth/Marymount.  
Denis O'Brien 5 Beechcourt.

#### Anniversaries

Tommy Coogan (7.00pm.) The Square.  
Thomas & Margaret Conroy  
(Mon. 9.00am.) 11 Maryville.  
Patsy & Eileen Shiel (Tues. 10.00am.)  
Deerpark.

Patrick (Paddy) Kenny (Sat. 10.00am.)  
Barrack St.  
Eddie Kelly 52 Barrack St.  
Mary Darcy Knockroe, Jenkinstown.  
Edward (Eddie) Joyce Kilkenny St.  
Annie Brennan Upper Coolbawn.  
Mark Heffernan The Square/Ardra.  
Michael Dowling 6 Donaguile.  
Lily Horgan (née Dowling)

Tallaght/Donaguile.  
Catherine Horgan (née Dowling)  
Tallaght/Donaguile.

Gaven Horgan Naas, Co. Kildare.  
Colette Barrett Donaguile.  
Seamus (Builder) Walsh 2 Marymount.

**Saturday, 15th January at 7.00pm.**

#### Months Mind

Kathleen Ring (née Brophy) - Clashduff.

**Sunday, 16th January at 11.00am.**

Séan Ryan – Upper Yellow Road.

#### Priests on duty:

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#### Readers for next Weekend

**Vigil Mass** 7.00pm. Mrs. Eithne McKenna.  
8.00am. Ms. Maria Reyes.  
11.00am. Mr. Fonsie Mealy.

#### Eucharistic Ministers for next Week

**Mon. 10th - Fri. 14th at 9.00am.**

John Kelly.

**Sat. 15th Jan. at 10.00am.**

John Kelly.

**7.00pm. Saturday, 15th January**

Cora Coogan.

**8.00am. Sunday, 16th January**

Noreen Curry.

**11.00am. Sunday, 16th January**

Ingrid Brennan.

#### St. Brigid's Cross 2022

Due to present circumstances St. Brigid's Cross will not be available to people this year. We regret this very much but we know you will understand the situation.

#### Every Sunday Afternoon

A group of parishioners will pray the Rosary and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3.00pm. People may also join them through the Parish Radio and Webcam.

*The Baptism of the Lord  
Sunday, 9th January 2022*

*Jesus is anointed with the Spirit and his power. He is proclaimed Messiah. He now goes about doing good, working the signs that make him known as the Servant of God. He is the one who brings good news to the poor and tells of salvation. Through our Baptism each one of us is ordered to the life of Christ – Priest, Prophet and King – and the Father looks on us with favour.*

*Quote from recent interview with Archbishop Dermot Farrell – Dublin  
Q: What words of wisdom or encouragement would you give to a man considering a vocation to the priesthood today?*

*Vocation is a gift from God. Priesthood is not a job. If we only see the priesthood as an occupation, then it is only a matter of a short time before we lose sight of the heart of the ministry and of our love for God who makes himself known to us in Christ through the Holy Spirit.*

*The environment of faith and prayer is important, but more importantly is personal prayer and discernment. In other words, priority must be given to the spiritual life. It is essential to be a man of prayer and have the ability to relate to people.*

*It is also important for a young man considering the priesthood to be involved in the pastoral and liturgical ministries of his parish. I have no doubt that young men are receiving the call from God to be a priest, but what may be lacking is the tentative commitment on the part of the recipient being called, to assent to this call and keep it alive in an unfavourable socio-cultural environment.*

#### Weekly Envelope

Sunday, 2nd January - €1,075. 00.

**Sincere thanks.**

#### A Prayer for Ossory

*Loving Father,  
Our Diocese is alive with those who care for others in the service of the Gospel; so many others; so many offer themselves, their talents and their time in Ossory.*

*Our Parishes are places of welcome for all; our schools, communities, groups and homes, work to bring the Christian message of hope alive so that it is felt by those who need it most.*

*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 the intercession of St. Kieran and through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.*

#### The Irish Catholic

This is the only weekly Catholic newspaper in Ireland. On sale in O'Rourke's Price: 2.50. If you wish to keep up to date with all matters in relation to the Catholic Church in Ireland and worldwide then you should purchase it every week.

#### 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.

#### 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. You are welcome to join with them. You may also join them on the Parish Radio and Webcam.