



church of The Immaculate Conception Castlecomer



Parish Newsletter
Sunday 29th January 2022

Blessed Are Those Who Die In The Lord

Recently Deceased:

Liam Coogan, Lower Yellow Road
Anthony(Tony) Murphy, 59,Oakhill

Month's Mind:

Michael Owens, Kilkenny St. Sat. 7pm
Kay (Caitlin) Conway (nee McKeogh)
"St. Margarets",Mayhora Sun. 11 am.

Anniversaries

Abraham & Maureen Dowling,
Chatsworth St., Ardra & Carlow Tue. 9 a.m..
Paddy Lyons, Firoda, Wed. 9 a.m.
Buckley Family, Loon, Thurs. 9 a.m.
James Downey, Tinalinton, Fri. 9 a.m.
Patrick Byrne, Barrack Hill Sat. 10 a.m..
Bernadette & Denis (Dinny) Nolan,
1,Kilkenny Rd
Kathleen Nolan, 5, Kilkenny Rd
Vincent Nolan, 20, Kilkenny Rd
Katie & Edward Comerford, Ardra
Bridget Kenny, 3, Barrack Street

Saturday, 5th February at 7.00pm.

Edward (Eddie) Holohan, Donaguile.

Sunday, 6th February ,at 11.00am Helen Lynch, Kilkenny Road

Parish Office

Open on Wed. 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 - €940. 00.
Sincere thanks.

Priests on duty:

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Readers for next Weekend

Vigil Mass 7.00pm. Mrs. Eithne McKenna
8.00am. Mrs. Margaret McGrath.
11.00am. Mrs. Sheila Pedini

Eucharistic Ministers for next Week

Mon. 31st - Fri. 4th at 9.00am.

Chrissie Brooks

Sat. 5th. at 10.00am.

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7.00pm. Saturday, 5th February

Frances Dargan

8.00am. Sunday, 6th February

Noreen Curry

11.00am. Sunday, 6th February

Ingrid Brennan

The New Section in Parish Cemetery

Parishioners are welcome to put a kerb around
the graves they have purchased. Originally it was
hoped to have this section free of all kerbs but
this practice wasn't possible to implement this
policy. May we remind parishioners who still
owe money for the graves they have been allotted
to complete payments as soon as possible. Thank
you.

Wednesday 2nd February, 2022

Feast of Presentation of the Lord in the
Temple MASS at 9 a.m.

Evening Mass at 7.30 p.m.

Candle will be blessed during this Mass
and the Blessing of St. Blaise will be given
after Mass. (gifts of candles for use in the
Church during the year very welcome)

Thursday 3rd February, 2022

Feast of St. Blaise (Bishop & Martyr)

Mass and Blessing of Throats during 9
a.m. Mass

St. Blaise died in 315 Bishop of Sebaste
and Martyred in Armenia. Tradition states
that he was a doctor before becoming a
Priest and Bishop. Since the eight century
he has been venerated as patron of those
who suffer from disease of the throat.

*Prayer: 'Through the intercession of
St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr may the
Lord preserve you from every disease
of the throat and every other illness'*

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**

VISITATION OF THE SICK

Please note that on Friday 4th February,
2022 Fr. Ryan and Fr. Ian will visit the
sick and housebound

RETURN OF COLLECTION BAGS DURING MASS

Next weekend it is planned to return to the
practice of **using Collection Bags** at the
Offertory of Mass. As we do not have any
named people to do so we will be relying on
people to volunteer during Mass. It is
advisable that the bag would not be passed
around but that the Volunteer would hold the
bag and ask people to put donations or
envelopes into the bag. Perhaps a number of
people who normally come to the same mass
every week would volunteer for this task.
Gloves in the Sacristy if people wish to use
them.

THE EVIL OF DRUG ADDICTION

Some years ago one of four Jesuits opened a new
community in Moss Side in Manchester – famous
for being the drug capital of the north of England, it
has the poverty, the lawlessness, the prostitution,
the homelessness, the street crime and the casual
violence that goes along with drug trafficking all
over the world. They were given a disused flat in a
derelict block of flats. On the wall under the title
"My Life" were the saddest few lines he had even
read..

*'Heat the spoon,
Watch it melt,
Fill the syringe,
and stab yourself'*

He never met the person that wrote those words
but often prayed for them. Those are the words of
a true addict, someone who feels compelled several
times a day to do something to themselves that is
desperately harmful and will, in all probability, one
day bring about their end. Their entire life has
become constricted to a little pool of liquid
containing heroin and to those desperate little acts
of crime to get the money to buy themselves some
more heroin. Let us pray for them and pry for the
grace to accompany them and to help them

The Evil of Drug Addiction, by Fr. Paul O'Reilly S.J.
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