

church of The Immaculate Conception Castlecomer

Parish Newsletter Sunday 7th August 2022

Blessed Are Those Who Die In The Lord

Died Recently

Patrick (Pat) O'Meara 35 Hillside View.
Leo Mayo Bowden's Court &
Drumshambo, Co. Leitrim.

Month's Mind

James O'Neill (Sat. 7.00pm.)
11 Hillside View.

Anniversaries

Julie Comerford (Sun. 11.00am.)
The Old Rectory, The Square.
John (Jack) Barrett (Wed. 9.00am.)
11 Kilkenny Road.
Johnny Kavanagh (Sat. 10.00am.)
Byrnesgrove.
James Bradley & Brigid Bradley
Drumgoole.
Helen Brennan 3 Woodlands Grove.
David Coughlan 27 Hillside View.

Saturday, 13th August at 7.00pm.

Bridget O'Shea
Hillcrest, Donaguile.

Sunday, 14th August at 11.00am.

Sally Kelly
52 Kilkenny St./Freshford.

**Next Weekend
August Collection for
Society of St. Vincent de Paul**
Sincere thanks for your support.

Priests on duty:

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Eucharistic Ministers Rota

Mon. 8th Aug - Fri. 12th at 9.00am.

Maria Reyes.

10.00am. Saturday, 13th Aug

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7.00pm. Saturday, 13th Aug

Louise Walsh.

8.00am. Sunday, 14th Aug

Noreen Curry.

11.00am. Sunday, 14th Aug

Ingrid Brennan.

Readers for next Weekend

Vigil Mass – Saturday

7.00pm. Mrs. Maureen Holohan.

Sunday

8.00am. Mr. Tom Teehan.
11.00am. Mr. Fonsie Mealy.

Parish Office

Open on Monday and Friday in the coming week 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.**

Priests Celebrate their Jubilees

Sincere congratulations to the following Priests and every good wish and blessing. Please remember all priests in your prayers.

Golden Jubilarians

Fr. Dan Bollard, P.P. Thomastown.
Fr. Jim Murphy, P.P. St. Canice's.

40th Anniversary

Fr. Lorcan Moran, C.C. St. Johns.

30th Anniversary

Fr. Patrick Carey,
Chaplain, St. Luke's Hospital.

25th Anniversary

Fr. Liam Taylor P.P. Ballycallan.
Fr. Ray Dempsey, C.C. St. John's.

Ossory Priests Society

Please remember Diocese of Ossory Priests in your Will

The Ossory Priests Society is a registered charity within the Diocese of Ossory structure. It is responsible for supporting Priests in their retirement and ensuring that the Priests of the Diocese are adequately provided for in relation to illness and healthcare costs. A gift/bequest is a wonderful way to express your gratitude to the Priests of the Diocese for their lifetime of service. The gift you give to the Ossory Priests Society will establish a lasting legacy of love and thanks to the Priests.

If you have any questions or wish to consider a gift/bequest, your solicitor can advise you, or alternatively you can phone Declan McCann, Chairman, Ossory Priests Society at 086/7722201.

IF YOU HAVE A SAFEGUARDING CONCERN CONTACT

Diocesan Designated Liaison Person,
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OUR PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES ARE: Ailish Dunne & Ger Comerford.

Report on Work carried out on Church 2021 & 2022.

2021 Removal of existing pointing and repointing in lime base mortar. Work carried out by Tallis & Company Limited under the direction of Michael O'Boyle., Architect. Cost €23,796.28 (including Vat €2,830.28) €8,500.00 Grant from Kilkenny County Council under Built Heritage Investment Scheme. **2022** Second Phase of this work carried out recently by Tallis & Company Limited A Drone inspection of roof was followed by repair of missing slates and secured the attic hatch to prevent pigeons getting in between ceiling and slates.

Cost 26,502.25 work including Vat €3,152.25 €6,083.75 Grant from Kilkenny County.

2023 – Phase 3 The Architect will now prepare a report on work to be done on limestone front façade and necessary repairs and painting to walls around the Organ.

Bank Statement

5th August 2022 €52,005.28 some recent cheques have not yet been cashed.

Prayer is the Key for Gilbert O'Sullivan

Irish – born singer-songwriter Gilbert O'Sullivan has revealed that his Catholic Faith has been a constant support in his life. The writer of the hit *Alone Again* – which spent six months as number one in the US charts – said that Mass is still a vital part of the practice of his faith.

“Because I like doing it (going to Mass). I'm Catholic, and a regular churchgoer. Why do I like church? I always say to people ‘it's the only place you go where there is no first class or business class – you can sit anywhere’. That's a good thing,” Mr. O'Sullivan (75) told BBC *Sunday Morning Live*. He also said that prayer has helped him through life.

“My mother died in 2017, and I talk to her regularly. I say prayers to my mother and relatives – prayer is important to me. I believe in the power of prayer, I really do. It doesn't cure everything, but it's helpful” he said.