

# Church of The Immaculate Conception Castlecomer

## PARISH NEWSLETTER

18th September 2022

### Blessed Are Those Who Die In The Lord

#### Month's Mind

John Rothwell (Sat. 7.00pm.)  
Firoda & Drimnagh, Dublin.

#### Anniversaries

William (Bill) Sherwood (Sun. 11.00am.)  
13 Love Lane.

Maureen Green (Tues. 9.00am.)  
The Square.

Lillian Lawlor (Thurs. 9.00am.)  
Kilkenny St.

Ned & Molly Brennan (Fri. 9.00am.)  
Knocknadogue.

Ina Kelly (Sat. 10.00am.) Ardra.  
Patrick (Paddy) Dunphy 32 Kilkenny St.

Audrey Murray Firoda.

Annie Boran Donaguile.

Mary & Tom Balkin Love Lane.

Joseph Phelan Mayhora.

James (Jimmy) Joyce Aughamuckey.

Isabella Dix Conway Devon, England.

#### Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00pm.

James (Jim) O'Neill - 33 Maryville.  
& all deceased members of O'Neill  
& Jones families.

#### Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> September at 11.00am.

Malachy Tynan  
Bowden's Court/24 Church Ave.

#### Cois Nore Cancer Support Centre

Are holding an information evening about  
their services in the Enterprise Centre on  
Tuesday, 27th September at 7.00pm.

### Readers for next Weekend

**Vigil Mass** 7.00pm. Mr. Martin Walsh.  
**Sunday** 8.00am. Ms. Maria Reyes.  
11.00am. Mr. Fonsie Mealy.

#### Priests on duty:

**Fr. Michael Ryan** Tel: 4441262 - 086 3693863  
**Fr. Ian Doyle** Tel: 087 9669223  
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#### Eucharistic Ministers' Rota

##### 9.00am. Monday 19<sup>th</sup>– Fri. 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept.

Teresa Hetherington.

##### 10.00am. Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September

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##### 7.00pm. Mass Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September

Catherine Greer.

##### 8.00am. Mass Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September

Noreen Curry.

##### 11.00am. Mass Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September

Aileen Ferris.

#### New Eucharistic Ministers Needed

A programme of preparation for new Eucharistic  
Ministers is being organised at Diocesan level.  
Should you wish to become a Eucharistic  
Minister please give your name to Catherine  
Kelly (087 2533384), Fr. Ryan, Fr. Ian.  
***Sincere thanks to all those who are in this  
Ministry at present in our Parish.***

#### Donation for Church

We wish to acknowledge with sincere thanks a  
recent donation of €500.00 from a Parishioner.

### Queen Elizabeth 11 (R.I.P.)

Extract from her Christmas Day message  
2021.

Although it's a time of great happiness and  
good cheer for many, Christmas can be hard  
for those who have lost loved ones. This  
year, especially, I understand why.

But for me, in the months since  
the death of my beloved Philip, I have  
drawn great comfort from the warmth and  
affection of the many tributes to his life and  
work.

I am sure someone somewhere  
today will remark that Christmas is a time  
for children. It's an engaging truth, but only  
half the story. Perhaps it's truer to say that  
Christmas can speak to the child within us  
all. Adults, when weighed down with  
worries, sometimes fail to see the joy in  
simple things, where children do not.  
They teach us all a lesson - just as the  
Christmas story does - that in the birth of a  
child, there is a new dawn with endless  
potential.

It is this simplicity of the  
Christmas story that makes it so universally  
appealing: simple happenings that formed  
the starting point of the life of Jesus — a  
man whose teachings have been handed  
down from generation to generation, and  
have been the bedrock of my faith. His birth  
marked a new beginning. As the carol says,  
"The hopes and fears of all the years are  
met in thee tonight".

I wish you all a very happy Christmas.

#### Hospitality Committee

Hospitality Committee (funerals & other  
events) looking for more volunteers men  
and women. If you are willing to help  
please contact Ms. Peggy Power on  
086 3937996.

*New Draw in Aid of  
St. Mary's Cathedral Restoration  
€60,000.00 in Prizes  
12 Monthly Draws  
September 2022 – August 2023  
Subscription €10.00 per month.*

*First Draw in Chapter House (beside the  
Cathedral) will be held at 8.00pm. on  
Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at 8.00pm.*

*Tickets available from*

*Ms. Maureen Kelly, 25 Kilkenny St.,  
Ms. Annette Kennedy in Parish Office.*

*Monday 9.30am. – 1.30pm.*

*Friday 9.30am. – 1.30pm.*

#### Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Mass for 1st Year Pupils in Community  
School at 12 noon. Please note: No 9.00am.  
Mass. All are welcome to join pupils and  
their parents for this Mass.

#### Altar Servers

Letters of invitation have been sent, via  
schools, to families asking if young people  
(having made their First Holy Communion)  
boys and girls wish to become Altar  
Servers. We have had two positive  
responses so far. Please encourage your  
children to undertake this ministry. Training  
is given, and a rota will be published.  
Contact a priest or Eoin Stowe. Thank you.

#### Clothing Collection

##### Venue: Boys' National School

Drop off Bags from 8.30am. – 4.00pm.  
from 26th September - 7<sup>th</sup> October.  
The following are welcome. Shoes,  
Clothing, Handbags, Belts, Towels,  
Blankets, Curtains and Soft Toys. The  
School appreciates your support and ask  
you spread the word to Sports Clubs etc.

#### Weekly Envelope

Sunday, 11th September - €1,560.00  
Sincere thanks.