

Church of The Immaculate Conception Castlecomer PARISH NEWSLETTER

11th December 2022

Blessed Are Those Who Die In The Lord

Died Recently

Geraldine Burke (née Hetherington)
Deen Cottage, Kilkenny Road.

Anniversaries

Kathleen Ring (Sat. 7.00pm.) Clashduff.
Jim & Annie O'Neill - 3 Donaguile &
Doug Merritt - North Carolina.

(Sun. 11.00am.)

Walter & Kathleen Kelly (Mon. 9.00am.)
Kilkenny St.

Tommy & Pat O'Neill (Wed. 9.00am.)
Ballyhemmon.

Katie Moran (Thurs. 9.00am)
Cruttenclough.

Ann Walshe (Fri. 9.00am.)
Donougmore, Ballyragget.

Paddy, Annie & Pakie Kelly
(Sat. 10.00am.) 52 Barrack St.

Patrick Byrne Firoda.
Thomas Owens Ryefield House.

Madie Spain Woodlands Grove.
George Lacy Firoda.

Michael (Sonny) O'Neill Maryville.

Saturday, 17th December at 7.00pm.

Michael Owens – Kilkenny St.

Sunday, 18th December at 11.00am.

John Healy - 18 Donaguile Heights.

Parish Office

Open on Monday & Friday from 9:30am –
1:30pm. Only one person in the Parish
Office at a time. Thank you.

Readers for next Weekend

Vigil Mass 7.00pm. Mrs. Eithne McKenna.
Sunday 8.00am. Mr. Dick Mullins.
11.00am. Mrs. Helena Dowd.

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 12th to Friday 16th Dec.

Maria Reyes.

10.00am Saturday 17th December

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7.00pm. Mass Saturday, 17th December

Catherine Greer.

8.00am. Mass Sunday 1th December

Noreen Curry.

11.00am. Mass Sunday 11th December

Angela Molloy.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Christmas Appeal 2022

*The Castlecomer Branch of the Society ask for
your support this weekend.*

*Your generous support will be greatly appreciated
particularly at this Christmas time when there
are so many families seeking help - with
vouchers, coal, oil etc.,
Sincere thanks.*

Collection for Retired Priests

€610.00 was donated last weekend. *Sincere
thanks for our generous support.*

Reflection: A Reflection on Readings in today's Mass

Isiah's wonderful vision sings of the
journey home to his enslaved people in
Babylon. The sacred highway is lined with
nature made new and luxuriant: nature itself
sings for joy! And as they travel, people are
given sight, hearing –speech – healing and
sing for joy!

The image of growth underlies the second
reading, as the farmer patiently awaits his
crop. Be patient! And John himself
continues to await the Messiah. He sends
messengers to ask Jesus, but Jesus points
them to the Kingdom and its fruits, and asks
them to make the identification for
themselves. Jesus' praise of John is
extraordinary: even more extraordinary is
his praise of the least in the kingdom of
heaven. What does this say about your
relationship with Jesus this Advent?
A great question to take to your prayer!

Children preparing for First Eucharist and Sacrament of Confirmation

Children preparing for Sacrament of
Confirmation are reminded of Special Mass
on Saturday, 10th December at 7.00pm.

Children preparing for First Eucharist

and their parents are reminded of Special
Celebration of Mass on Sunday, 11th
December at 11.00am.

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This much appreciated publication is now
on sale in the usual outlets in the town.
Sincere thanks to Editor Mrs. Margaret
McGrath and her team of helpers.

Christmas Wreaths/Swags/Sprays Table Centres & Grave Wreaths

Orders now taken. Please Contact:
Marian Fitzpatrick on 087-7616857.

Holycross National School Firoda

Will hold a "Christmas Community
Concert" on Friday, 16th December at
7.00pm in the Church of the Immaculate
Conception, Castlecomer. Music and
Christmas Carols on the night from,
Firoda School Junior and Senior Choirs,
Castlecomer Community School Choir,
Castlecomer Trad Group, Molly Coogan
and Lisa Wallace.

All are welcome! Donations on the night
will go towards the School Music Fund.

Saturday, 17th December 2022

*Fr. Ryan, Fr. Doyle & Fr. Shore will be
present in Church from 10.30am. –
12noon for those who wish to celebrate the
Sacrament of Penance or wish to share
some personal matter and seek a blessing.
The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed
during this time.*

A Prayer for our Bishop – Elect

Dear Lord,

*On January 22nd we will come together in
St. Mary's Cathedral for the ordination of
Fr. Niall Coll as
Bishop of Ossory.*

*In these weeks of preparation pour out
your Spirit upon him so that in his
ministry you may guide him;
in his care of us you may support him; and
that together we will realise the great hope
our faith brings.*

*St. Kieran, St. Canice, St. Fergal,
and all the saints of Ossory, protect him.
Amen.*

Weekly Envelope/Church Collection

Sunday, 27th November - €1,520. 00.
Sunday, 4th December - €1,615. 00.

Sincere thanks.