

# Church of The Immaculate Conception Castlecomer PARISH NEWSLETTER

4th December 2022

## Blessed Are Those Who Die In The Lord

### Died Recently

Bishop Martin Drennan Retired Bishop of Galway a Priest of Diocese of Ossory. A native of the Parish of Templeorum, Piltown.

Annie Herbert (nee Meally)  
27 Church Ave./The Brooke, Moneenroe.  
Noreen Smith (née Mulcahy) Oakhill.

### Anniversaries

Helen Mulcahy (Sat. 7.00pm.)  
Yellow Road.

Anne O'Neill (Sun. 11.00am.)  
11 Hillside View.

Danny O'Neill (Mon. 9.00am.)  
81 Kilkenny St.

Edward (Ned) Brennan (Tues. 9.00am.)  
Maryville.

Mary Dowd (Thurs. 11.00am.) Kiltown.

Joseph (Joe) Farrell (Sat. 10.00am.)  
Smithstown.

Elizabeth Mealey Gorteen.

John Crennan Knocknadogue.

Jack Crennan  
Knocknadogue/Templeogue, Dublin.

### Saturday, 10th December at 7.00pm.

Kathleen Ring – Clashduff.

### Sunday, 11th December at 11.00am.

Jim & Annie O'Neill - 3 Donaguile & Doug Merritt - North Carolina.

### Society of St. Vincent de Paul

#### Christmas Appeal 2022

Church Door Collection next weekend.

Your generous support is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

## Readers for next Weekend

Vigil Mass 7.00pm. Confirmation Children.  
Sunday 8.00am. Mr. Donall Dunne.  
11.00am. First Communion Children.

### Priests on duty:

Fr. Michael Ryan Tel: 4441262 - 086 3693863

Fr. Ian Doyle Tel: 087 9669223

Secretary: Tel: 056-4441969

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### Eucharistic Ministers' Rota

9.00am. Monday 5th to Wednesday 7th Dec.

Teresa Hetherington.

### Feast of Immaculate Conception

7.30pm. Vigil Mass Wednesday 7th Dec.

Eucharistic Minister from the Congregation.

8.00am Mass Thursday 8th December

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11.00am. Mass Thursday 8th December

Teresa Hetherington

9.00am Friday 9th December

Teresa Hetherington

10.00am Saturday 10th December

Teresa Hetherington

7.00pm. Mass Saturday, 10th December

Sheila Lawlor.

8.00am. Mass Sunday 11th December

Margaret O' Neill.

11.00am. Mass Sunday 11th December

Aileen Ferris.

First Confession & First Holy Communion  
Preparation Mass next Sunday at 11.00am.

Thursday, 8th December 2022

Feast of Immaculate Conception of  
Blessed Virgin Mary  
(Patron Feast of our Parish)

### Holyday of Obligation

Vigil Mass on Wednesday at 7.30pm.  
Thursday: Mass at 8.00am., 11.00am.

Happy Feastday to all Parishioners

Prayer to Our Blessed Mother

Take my hand O Blessed Mother,  
Hold me firmly lest I fall,  
I am nervous when I am walking,  
And to thee I humbly call.

Guide me over every crossing,  
Watch me when I am on my way,  
Let me know you are beside me,  
Listen to my frequent prayers.

Bring me to my destination,  
Safely every single day,  
Help me with my understanding,  
As the hours pass away.  
And when evening falls upon me,  
And I fear to be alone,  
Take my hand O Blessed Mother,  
And once again guide me home.  
Amen

Readers for  
Feast of Immaculate Conception  
Thursday, 8th December  
Vigil Mass Wednesday

7.30pm. Mrs. Maureen Holohan.  
Thursday 8.00am.  
Mr. Tom Teehan.  
11.00am. Mrs. Teresa Hetherington.

Christmas Wreaths/Swags/Sprays  
Table Centres & Grave Wreaths

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

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

New Sets of Envelopes for Church  
Weekly Collections and Collections for  
Priests of Parish for 2023

The envelopes will be ready in Parish  
Office/Parochial House from Thursday,  
1st December. We ask that the parishioners  
who normally deliver them in their area  
will be kind enough to do so again this  
year. Only with your support can we  
continue to carry out the next phase of  
repointing the Church and repair and  
repaint walls around the Organ Gallery.  
With sincerest thanks.

### A Reflection for Advent

The Advent season, then, helps us  
to bear in mind our ultimate, destiny.

It causes us to call to mind that,  
God-willing, we will at the end  
of our earthly lives be in union  
with our Lord for eternity.

God came into the world to redeem the  
entire human race, but he  
will also come again as he promised us.  
To think about the Second Coming as we  
prepare to remember his First Coming  
brings everything full circle.

Christ came into the world so that sin  
would have no reign over us.  
And when he returns again at the end of  
the world, he will bring all those that  
follow him into heaven, where only his  
love reigns supreme and where the effects  
of sin will be non-existent.

This is what the season of Advent looks  
forward to in the truest sense.  
In the first Advent, God became man.  
But in the second Advent, when our Lord  
reunites our souls with our bodies, we as  
men will become like God.  
St. Bernard of Clairvaux  
Fourth Sermon for Advent

### Deenside Magazine 2022

Deenside Magazine on sale at Church door  
this weekend. Donation €5.00.