

Blessed are those who Die in the Lord

Died Recently

Christine Carder (Patey) 17 Deerpark.
Sheila Dempsey (née Murphy) Killeshin, Carlow/Donaguile.
Noel Byrne The Prince.

Anniversaries

James & Margaret (Peg) Farrell
(Tues. 10.00am.) The Square.
Anastatia Mealy (Sat. 7pm.) 46 Kilkenny St.

Joe & Nellie McNulty Kilkenny St.
Angela Dillon The Corner House.
Kieran Brennan Ardra.
Tom Brennan Ardra
Joseph (Joe) Farrell Smithstown.
Mary Moran Ardra.
Mary Byrne Crosshill.
Patrick Shore Firoda.
Mary Dunphy 31 Kilkenny St.
Mary Booth Glenmullen.
Michael Kennedy Skehana.

Also all those laid to rest in Workhouse Graveyard.

Readers for next Weekend

Vigil Mass 7.00pm. Mr. Martin Walsh.
Sunday 8.00am. Mrs. Margaret McGrath.
11.00am. Mrs. Sheila Pedini.

Mass Times during the Week

Please check notice in porch or castlecomerparish.ie

Respiratory Virus Surge

Parishioners are reminded of the HSE recent advice for Respiratory Virus Surge. Please use hand sanitisers on entry and exit to church. Face coverings are recommended, but not compulsory. Please maintain social distance, the Gallery will be available for use for Christmas Masses to aide this. Maintain cough etiquette. Eucharistic Ministers please wash hands in sacristy before Mass, use hand sanitiser before and after distribution of Communion, and collect a face mask from Sacristy. The Sanctuary area is now

reserved for clergy and Altar Servers only. Thank you for your cooperation. Let's all stay as well as possible.

Music Equipment

The music equipment has been secured in a locked store. Any persons requesting the use of this equipment must speak with a member of the Folk Group. The parish clergy and sacristy team have no experience in setting up the equipment, and will only release the key to the secured store under the instruction of a Folk Group member. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Schedule of Masses for Christmas and New Year

Please check notice on porch door and/or castlecomerparish.ie for updates on Masses. Due to limited number of local priests and sickness our Mass schedule has had to be adjusted. Thank you for your constant support and understanding.



*We gather with family and friends
to celebrate Christmas, and although
as a church and a nation,
we are living through difficult times,
we pray that the child born in Bethlehem
will brighten our lives and give us hope,
as we face into the New Year.
Thank you for your support
throughout the year.*

*Fr. Michael Ryan
Fr. Ian Doyle*

True Christian Christmas

*Christmas isn't showy gifts
Or glittering decoration:
It's honouring our Saviour,
Jesus Christ
In humble adoration.*

*It's serving those less fortunate,
Meeting their needs before our own;
It's making sure at Christmas time
That no one is alone.*

*Our Saviour showed us how to live
With charity, faith and service.
It makes the holidays a joy,
More peaceful, and less nervous.*

*So let's remember Christmas is
About our Saviour's birth;
That's the way to happiness,
The way to peace on earth.*

By Joanna Fuchs

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

*The members of the Castlecomer Branch wish to thank most sincerely the people of the Parish for their very generous donations to their Christmas Church door Collection. Also sincere thanks for your continued support throughout the year.
Sincere thanks to all.*

Wellington Race 2023

Volunteers are needed to steward and collect on New Years Day. If you can help, please contact any Committee member on New Years Day, at 12noon. in the Community Hall to receive instructions.
This is a very Special Day in the Community so please do get involved.

The Parish Centre

Open on – Friday -10.00am. -4.00pm.

*All Items for Newsletter to be in before 11.00am.
on Friday.*