

# Church of The Immaculate Conception Castlecomer



1st January 2023



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## Readers for next Weekend

Vigil Mass 7.00pm. Mrs. Brigid Coady.  
Sunday 8.00am. Ms. Maria Reyes.  
11.00am. Mr. George Mealy.

## Eucharistic Ministers' Rota

9am. Tues. 3rd, Wed. 4th Thur. 5th Jan.  
John Kelly.

Vigil Mass Thursday, 5th January E.M.C.  
Feast of the Epiphany: 7.30pm. E.M.C.  
8.00am. Friday, E.M.C.  
11.00am. Friday, John Kelly.  
10.00am Saturday, 7th John Kelly.

7.00pm. Mass Saturday, 7th January  
John Holohan.

8.00am. Mass Sunday, 8th January  
Lalaine Brennan.

11.00am. Mass Sunday 8th January  
Jeanette Harding.

## Adoration & Prayer in Parish Church

Every Tuesday evening from 7.00pm – 9.00pm. Rosary recited at 8.00pm, Divine Mercy Chaplet at 8.45pm. All attendees are requested to observe social distance and to sanitise seats before locking Church.  
Thank you.

## Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord

Friday, 6th January 2023

Vigil Mass: Thursday at 7.30pm.

Mass at 8.00am. 11.00am.

## Reflection

*On this feast, we celebrate the great truth that Jesus Christ came to redeem all humanity: Gentile and Jew. The Magi were men of good will and seekers of the truth and were attracted by the light of Christ. Many today are just like them, people of goodwill, and seekers of the truth, attracted by the light of Christ. The Magi recognised Jesus as the Son of God, the King of Kings and they came to bow low and worship him.*

## Feast of Mary Holy Mother of God

(World Day of Prayer for Peace)  
(1st January 2023)

*Mary, Mother of God, at the message of the angel, the Virgin Mary received the Word of God in her heart and in her body, and gave life to the world. Hence she is acknowledged and honoured as being truly the Mother of God and Mother of the Redeemer, Jesus Christ our Saviour.*

*We encourage as many people as possible to come to the celebration of Mass today, to ask God's blessing on the whole World at this time and to place ourselves and our families under the protection of B.V.M. for the coming year.*

## Noon (Monday – Saturday)

A group of parishioners come together in the Church to pray the Angelus and Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy. You are welcome to join with them. You may also join them on the Parish Webcam.

## Prayer for New Year 2023

Dear God,

*Thank you that you make all things new. Thank you for all that you've allowed into our lives this past year, the good along with the hard things, which have reminded us how much we need you and rely on your presence filling us every single day. We pray for your Spirit to lead us each step of this New Year. We ask that you will guide our decisions and turn our hearts to deeply desire you above all else. We ask that you will open doors needing to be opened and close the ones needing to be shut tight. We ask that you would help us release our grip on the things to which you've said 'no,' 'not yet,' or 'wait.' We ask for help to pursue you first, above every dream and desire you've put within our hearts.*

## Today (Sunday)

*Adoration of Blessed Sacrament in Church from 3.00pm. -5.00pm. This first Sunday of the New Year we ask God's Blessing on the whole world as it continues to struggle to with impact of Covid 19.*

## Wellington Race 2023

If you can help, please contact any Committee member on New Year's Day, at 12noon. in the Community Hall to receive instructions.  
*This is a very Special Day in the Community so please do get involved.*

## Parish Office

*Open on Tuesday and Friday from 9:30am – 1:30pm. in the coming week.. Only one person in the Parish Office at a time. Thank you.*

## Weekly Envelope/Church Collection

Sunday, 18th December - €1,920.00.  
Sunday, 25th December - €3,770.00.

Sincere thanks

## Blessed Are Those Who Die In The Lord

## Died Recently

Margot McEaney (née Roche)  
10 Lacken Drive, Kilkenny.

## Anniversaries

Searlait Tywang & John Power  
(Wed. 9.00am.)  
Skehana/33 Hillside View.  
Maureen Dowling (nee Ryan)  
(Thurs. 09.00am.) Chatsworth St./Carlow.  
Eamon Curran Yellow Road.  
Ellen & Thomas Brennan 41 Kilkenny St.  
Margaret Conroy 11 Maryville.  
Mark Heffernan The Square/Ardra.  
Patrick (Pat) Byrne Higginstown, Clara.

## Saturday, 7th January at 7.00pm.

James (Jim) Maher Glenmullen.

## Months Mind

## Sunday, 8th January at 11.00am.

Noreen Smith (née Mulcahy) Oakhill.

## Mass Times during the Week

Mass will be celebrated at 09.00a.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday. Please note no Mass on Monday 2nd.

## Christmas Collection for Priests of the Parish

Contributions will be gratefully received this weekend. Sincere thanks to all who contribute so faithfully throughout the year.

*Please use envelope supplied*