

church of The Immaculate Conception Castlecomer

Parish Newsletter

Sunday 22nd January 2023

Blessed Are Those Who Die In The Lord

Died Recently

James (Curly) Brennan 47 Kilkenny St.
Richard (Dick) Sides
6 Ridge Road, Portlaoise.

Anniversaries

Paddy Coogan (Sat. 7.00pm.)
Smithstown Road.
Michael & Angela White (Sun. 11.00am.)
Knocknadogue.
Terence Dunne (Mon. 9.00am.) Skehana.
Michael Tyrrell (Tues. 9.00am.)
4 Ballyragget Road.
Pake & Margaret Farrell (Wed. 9.00am.)
Donaguile.
Michael & Maureen Ferris
(Thurs. 9.00am.) Ardra.
Justin Ring (Fri. 9.00am.) Barrack St.
George Kelly (Sat. 10.00am.) Ardra.
Matthew Phelan Mayhora.

Saturday, 28th January at 7.00pm.

Anthony (Tony) Murphy
59 Oakhill.

Sunday, 29th January at 11.00am

Months Mind

Noel Byrne - The Prince.

Making a Donation to our Parish on Line

In the event of anyone wishing to make a Donation to our Parish Funds you can safely do so on the Ossory Website –[tps://Ossory.ie/castlecomer/](https://Ossory.ie/castlecomer/)

Priests on duty:

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Readers for next Weekend

Vigil Mass 7.00pm. Mrs. Eithne McKenna.
8.00am. Mrs. Margaret McGrath.
11.00am. Mr. John Kelly.

Eucharistic Ministers for next Week

Mon. 23rd - Fri. 27th at 9.00am.

Chrissie Brooke.

Sat. 28th Jan. at 10.00am.

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7.00pm. Saturday, 28th January

Louise Walsh.

8.00am. Sunday, 29th January

Margaret O'Neill.

11.00am. Sunday, 29th January

Ingrid Brennan.

Sacramental Parental Preparation meetings for 2023:

Please note that these meetings have been cancelled due to shortage of priests and clergy illness. The Preparation Masses proceed as scheduled.

Parish Office

Open next Monday and Friday from 9:30am – 1:30pm. Only one person in the Parish Office at a time. Please use hand sanitiser in lobby area, and maintain social distance in the office. Thank you.

Today, Sunday January 2023

This afternoon at 3pm. in St. Mary's Cathedral, Father Niall Coll, a priest of the Diocese of Raphoe (County Donegal) will be ordained Bishop of Ossory in succession to Bishop Dermot Farrell who was transferred to the Archdiocese of Dublin by Pope Francis on 29th December 2020.

A Prayer for our New Bishop

*O God, by the gift of your grace alone, you call your servant and priest,
Niall Coll to serve the Church of Ossory.
Enable him to carry out worthily the office and ministry of Bishop.*

Grant that under your constant guidance he may lead by word and example the people entrusted to his care.

*We ask this through Christ Our Lord,
Amen.*

Ever thought about being a Priest?

Holy Spirit give me wisdom to discern the path of life you wish me to follow.

Help me to see clearly the things that matter and the things that don't.

Help me to use every gift I have, remembering that it is from you.

*Spirit of God give me a generous and open heart, making me an instrument of peace and love in whatever choice I make.
Amen.*

Every Day at Noon (Monday – Friday)

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 Radio and Webcam.

St. Brigid's Cross 2023

After an absence of three years it is hoped to have St. Brigid's Crosses available again this year. We need people to cut the Reeds and people to make them and others to have them available in Shops and at Church door. Aidan Shortall is co-ordinating the Project. Please contact him if you are able to be part of this undertaking 087-9012322. Many people look forward to having a blessed Cross in their homes.

Firoda School Enrolment

Enrolments are now being taken for the school year 2023/2024. If you have a child or know of anyone who has a child intending to enrol in our school for the coming year, the final date for enrolments is 24th February 2023. Applications Forms are available on the school website www.firodaschool.ie or the school can be contacted by email info@firodaschool.ie or by phone on 087-9050605 or 056 4441384.

Celebrating Catholic Schools Week 2023 22nd January – 29th January

Every Catholic School seeks to help students along their journey, nurturing their gifts and talents. Each student is a reflection of God with the potential to make society a kinder and more just place for all. The Church is currently in the process of Synodality, which literally means 'journeying together'. This means that Catholics are called to come together and discern what the Holy Spirit is calling the Church to do and to be. This Catholic Schools Week, we celebrate the unique contribution our schools make to the lives of our pupils, community and Church. As we journey together, may we always be inspired by the Holy Spirit to be all that God made us to be. May we talk together in faith and love.

Weekly Envelope

Sunday, 15th January - €1,955. 00.
Sincere thanks.