

church of The Immaculate Conception Castlecomer

Parish Newsletter

Sunday 8th January 2023

Blessed Are Those Who Die In The Lord

Died Recently

Anna Mae Treacy (née Berry)
Tourtane, Clogh, Castlecomer.
Michael Walsh Finchley, London.

Months Mind

Sunday, at 11.00am.

Noreen Smith (née Mulcahy) Oakhill.

Anniversaries

James (Jim) Maher (Sat. 7.00pm.)
Glenmullen.
James (Jesse) Nolan (Sun. 8.00am.)
31 Maryville.
Joe & Nellie McNulty (Mon. 9.00am.)
Kilkenny St.
Thomas & Margaret Connery
(Tues. 9.00am.) 11 Maryville.
John Comerford (Wed. 9.00am.)
The Square.
Michael Bourke (Sat. 10.00am.)
Kilkenny Road.
Paul Fitzgerald Drumgoole, London
& Dublin.
John O'Hanlon Maryville/London.
Eddie Kelly 52 Barrack St.
Mary Darcy Knockroe, Jenkinstown.
Donal & Nora Creedon Cork.
Rose Love Cloneen.
Tom Brennan Roe New Road, Moneenroe.
Patrick (Paddy) O'Neill 48 Maryville.
Annie Brennan Upper Coolbawn.
Michael Dowling 6 Donaguile.
Lily & Catherine Horgan (née Dowling)
Tallaght/Donaguile.
Gaven Horgan Naas, Co. Kildare.

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Readers for next Weekend

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

Eucharistic Ministers for next Week

Mon. 9th - Fri. 13th at 9.00am.

Teresa Hetherington.

Sat. 14th Jan. at 10.00am.

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7.00pm. Saturday, 14th January

Catherine Greer.

8.00am. Sunday, 15th January

Margaret O'Neill.

11.00am. Sunday, 15th January

Aileen Ferris.

Anniversaries Continued

Months Mind

10.00am. - Saturday, 14th January

Geraldine Burke (née Hetherington) also 1st
Anniversary of Geraldine's husband Michael
Deen Cottage, Kilkenny Road.

Patrick (Paddy) Kenny (Sat. 7.00pm.)
Barrack St.

Sunday, 15th January at 11.00am.

Séan Ryan – Upper Yellow Road.

The Baptism of the Lord

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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, today on this Sunday we mark the occasion of the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord which also marks the last day of the entire Christmas season in our liturgical calendar and year. It means that after the more than two weeks of celebrations since Christmas Day, beginning tomorrow, we shall enter into the Ordinary Time of the year. Of course traditionally Christmas is still being celebrated all the way up to the second day of February, the fortieth day since Christmas, marking a traditional forty days of Christmas season.

But this day marks that transition from our focus and emphasis on the birth of Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the world, and into His ministry and works in this world, with the moment of Baptism marking that significant new beginning and change. Jesus is anointed with the Spirit and his power. He is proclaimed Messiah. He now goes about doing good, working the signs that make him known as the Servant of God. He is the one who brings good news to the poor and tells of salvation. Through our Baptism each one of us is ordered to the life of Christ – Priest, Prophet and King – and the Father looks on us with favour.

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.

Weekly Envelope

Sunday, 1st January - €1,545. 00.

Sincere thanks.

New Year Prayer

God of this New Year,
we are walking into mystery.
We face the future, not knowing what the days
and months will bring us.
Fill us with hope and an abiding trust that you
dwell in us amidst our joys and sorrows. Thank
you for the treasure
of our faith life.

Thank you for the gift of being able
to rise each day with the assurance of that you
are always with us for you are the God who
sent your
Son, Jesus Christ to be our Saviour.
Amen

The Sunday Missalettes

We wish to encourage many more people to bring the Missalettes with them into the Church for the Celebration of Mass. In that way we believe people will be helped to participate better in Mass, read and listen to the Word of God and become more familiar with the revised Prayers.

The Irish Catholic

This is the only weekly Catholic newspaper in Ireland. On sale in O'Rourke's Price: €2.50. If you wish to keep up to date with all matters in relation to the Catholic Church in Ireland and worldwide then you should purchase it every week.

Parish Office

Open on 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.

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 –[https://Ossory.ie/
castlecomer/](https://Ossory.ie/castlecomer/)