

**Church of The Immaculate Conception Castlecomer**  
**PARISH NEWSLETTER**

19th February 2023

**Blessed Are Those Who Die In The Lord**

**Died Recently**

Sean Smith Ballyhemmon Upper.

**Anniversaries**

Bridie & Alec McDonald (Sat. 7.00pm.)  
Donaguile.

Eamonn Kelly (Sun. 11.00am.)  
Kilkenny St./Freshford.

Sheila Gleeson (Tues. 9.00am.)  
Ballyragget Road.

Edward (Ned) Hetherington &  
Sally Hetherington (Wed. 9.00am.)

6 Barrack St.  
Kathleen O'Neill (Thurs. 9.00am.)  
16 Maryville.

Michael & Winnie Dunne (Fri. 9.00am.)  
40 Maryville.

James O'Shea (Sat. 10.00am.)  
Hillcrest, Donaguile.

Mary Phelan Love Lane.

**Saturday, 25th February - 7.00pm.**

David Boland - Hill House,  
Cloneen, Crettyard/Drumgoole.

&

Alan Kenny - 64 Oakhill.

**Sunday, 26th February - 11.00am.**

Mary (Mai) Brennan  
Lower Yellow Road.

**Weekly Envelope/Church Collection**

Sunday, 12th February - €1,520.00  
Sincere thanks.

**Readers for next Weekend**

**Vigil Mass** 7.00pm. Confirmation Children.  
**Sunday** 8.00am. Mr. Dick Mullins.  
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

**Eucharistic Ministers for next Week**

**Mon. 20th to Friday 24th February at 9.00am.**

Chrissie Brooke.

**Sat. 25th February at 10.00am.**

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**7.00pm. Saturday, 25th February**

Catherine Greer.

**8.00am. Sunday, 19th February**

Lalaine Brennan.

**11.00am. Sunday, 19th February**

Ingrid Brennan.

**St. Brigid's Cross**

€2,460.00 was raised Church maintenance.  
This was a wonderful response. *Sincere thanks to all who made it possible.*

**Trocáire Lenten Appeal 2023**

Your donations this Lent will work hard in over 20 countries to help people build lasting, sustainable futures despite the odds they face. Thank you for the hope you bring. **Family Fast Boxes**

**Available in Church Porch.**

Wednesday, 22nd February 2023

**Ash Wednesday**  
**(Day of Fast and Abstinence)**

The Ashes will be blessed and distributed at 9.00am. Mass and again at 7.30pm. Mass.

Blessed Ashes will be available all day on table in front of the Altar.

**Prayer**

*'Lord clean and strengthen me  
in body, spirit and soul  
as I set out on my Lenten Pilgrimage.  
Bring me ever closer to the  
Father's heart.  
Amen*

**Next Weekend**

**Turkey/Syria**  
**Earthquake Relief**  
**Ossory Diocesan Church Door**  
**Collection for these worthy causes.**

**Lenten Stations 2023**

*This is one of six collections during the year for the Priests of the Parish. Please use envelope from box of envelopes supplied. Envelopes may be dropped into Box in Church Porch or Parochial House.*

*Sincere thanks to all those who contribute so faithfully every year.*

**Women's World Day of Prayer**

After being suspended during the Covid years, this very important annual event will now take place on Friday, 3rd March at 7.30 pm. in Saint Mary's Church.

This year the lovely programme of worship has been prepared by the ladies of Taiwan. Please come and bring your friends. **All warmly welcome.**

**A Prayer for Lent**

*"Loving Jesus,*

*As I place on my forehead the sign  
of your saving cross*

*You say to me, repent and believe  
in the Gospel.*

*Walking into Lent*

*My heart is set on you.*

*May my fasting fill me with hunger for  
you,*

*May my prayer draw me deeper  
into your presence.*

*May my acts of charity bring your love to  
my home and community.*

*Lord of life,*

*Grant that by turning back to you  
in these forty days*

*I will re-awaken the joy of my Easter faith;  
For you raise me up from fear and despair*

*And call me to hope and trust in God who  
is with me always.*

*With you, I will rise again.*

*Amen"*

**Firoda National School**

**On Friday, March 3rd**

*Firoda National School, Castlecomer will  
hold a "Fundraiser" night in*

*The Avalon House Hotel, Castlecomer.*

*Music on the night by "Olivia  
Douglas". Finger food will be served  
and there will also be a raffle on the  
night.*

*All are welcome!!*

*Tickets €30 each and are available now  
from the school. You can contact the*

*school on: 056 4441384 or*

*087 9050605 between 9am. and 4pm.*

*Monday - Friday.*

**Parish Office** Open next Monday and Friday from 9:30am - 1:30pm. Only one person in the Parish Office at a time.