Church of The Immaculate Conception Castlecomer

Parish Newsletter

Sunday 19th March 2023

Blessed Are Those Who Die In The Lord

Recently Deceased

Irene O'Shea (née Conway) Chatsworth St.

Month's Mind

Sean Smith (Sat. 7.00pm.)
Ballyhemmon Upper.

Month's Mind

Theo (Thomas) Finnegan (Sun. 11.00am.)
Kilkenny St.

Anniversaries

Glenn & Jack Brooke (Tues. 9.00am.)
Yorkshire.
Mary Hole (née Reeves) (Sat. 10.00am.)
Luton /Kilkenny St.
Jimmy & Margaret Farrell The Square.
Dora Brennan Coolbawn.
Michael Daly Fairymount.
James Brennan Rotherham/Moneenroe.
Mary Devlin Mount William.
Joe & Nellie Cahill & deceased members of the Cahill & Dooley families.
Firoda/Mayhora.

Saturday, 25th March - 7.00pm.

Larry Callery – Barrack Hill.

Sunday, 26th March - 11.00am.

Month's Mind

Bertha Swift (née Donoghue)
Hospital, Limerick/Kilkenny Road.

Readers for next Weekend

Vigil Mass 7.30pm. Mrs. Mary Buggy.
8.00am. Mr. Dick Mullins.
11.00am. Mr. George Mealy.

Eucharistic Ministers for next Week

9.00am. Monday, 20th to Friday, 24th March
Chrissie Brooke.
10.00am. Saturday, 25th March
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7.00pm. Saturday, 25th March
Catherine Greer.
8.00am. Sunday, 26th March
Margaret O' Neill.
11.00am Sunday, 26th March
Angela Molloy.

Mother's Day, 19th March 2023

In Memory of My Mother

by Patrick Kavanagh.

You will have the road gate open,
the front door ajar
The kettle boiling and a table set
By the window looking out at the sycamores -
And your loving heart lying in wait.

For me coming up among the poplar trees.
You'll know my breathing and my walk
And it will be a summer evening on those roads,
Lonely with leaves of thought.

We will be choked with the grief
of things growing,
The silence of dark-green air
Life too rich - the nettles, docks and thistles
All answering the prodigal's prayer.

You will know I am coming though
I send no word,
For you were lover who could tell
A man's thoughts - my thoughts –
though I hid them -
Through you I knew Woman and
did not fear her spell.

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

The parish are looking for volunteers for this important ministry within our faith community. Interested people should contact the parish office or speak to one of the priests. Those that commit to this ministry should reflect the wider community: male and female, younger and older, and also the ethnic make-up of your parish. Please do give this request your upmost consideration. Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist distribute the Eucharist at Mass, and/or also to the sick/ housebound. Training is provided by the diocese on-line. And can be completed at the individuals own pace. Current Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist are also asked to use this training programme as a refresher.
The parish office registers individuals on the programme and received feedback when the training is completed. A short training session is given, in the parish, for local practical training. For those with no access to the internet the parish office will facilitate training and re-training sessions.
Thank you for your consideration.

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

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A Reflection for Lent

(Fr. Jim O'Connor MHM.

St Augustine said that people search for God in all sorts of places while they are not aware of God with them and within them. When he became aware of God present in his own heart, he looked back with regret: "You (O God) were there before my eyes, but I had deserted even my own self and I did not find the God of my own heart. You were within me, while I was outside. You were with me but I was not with You." After many years of searching, he found rest at last in the one eternal God who had always been present deep in his heart.

We can also hear Augustine's plea to us: "come back to your heart; in your inner self God has made his home." Spending some quiet time in prayer each day during Lent can help us to do this.

We may wonder why it is that we cannot be more in touch with the presence of God in our hearts. This is the way one writer sees it: "We haven't looked at ourselves with the merciful and loving eyes of God" – A God who "is all tenderness and compassion, slow to anger and rich in mercy.

Diocese of Ossory
Lent 2023
Public Lecture
"Women in the Church:
Biblical Perspectives".
by
Professor Jessie Rodgers, Maynooth
in
St. Kieran's College
on Tuesday, 21st March at 7.30pm.
All are welcome.