

# church of The Immaculate Conception Castlecomer

Parish Newsletter  
Sunday 26th March 2023

## Blessed Are Those Who Die In The Lord

### Recently Deceased

Michael (Mick) Brennan (Roe)  
26 Maryville.  
Donaguile.  
Martin Trait

### Month's Mind

Bertha Swift (née O'Donoghue)  
(Sun. 11.00am.)  
Hospital/Limerick/Kilkenny Road.

### Anniversaries

Larry Callery (Sat. 7.00pm.) Barrack Hill.  
Michael & Eilish Teehan (Sat. 10.00am.)  
The Square.  
Liam & Ann Dowd. Ballylinnen.  
Bridget Crennan Knocknadogue.  
Catherine Lacy Firoda/Terenure.  
Leo & Breda Lynch Marymount.  
Florence Bowe Gathabawn/Cork.

### Saturday, 1st April - 7.00pm.

Rachel Mulcahy Brennan  
Smithstown.

### Sunday, 2nd April - 11.00am.

Gerry Dwyer – Market St.

### Friday, 31st March

**Fr. Ryan & Fr. Ian Doyle will visit the sick and those confined to their homes on this day.**

### Parish Office

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

### Priests on duty:

**Fr. Michael Ryan** Tel: 4441262 - 086 3693863  
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### Readers for next Weekend (Palm Sunday)

**Vigil Mass** 7.00pm. Mr. Martin Walsh.  
Gospel Mrs. Eithne McKenna  
Mrs. Maureen Holohan.  
**Sunday** 8.00am. Mrs. Margaret McGrath.  
Gospel Ms. Maria Reyes.  
Mr. Tom Teehan.  
11.00am. Children.

### Eucharistic Ministers for next Week

9.00am. Monday, 27th to Friday, 31st March  
John Kelly.  
10.00am. Saturday, 1st April.  
John Kelly.  
7.00pm. Saturday, 1st April.  
Catriona Brennan.  
8.00am. Sunday, 2nd April  
Noreen Curry.  
11.00am Sunday, 2nd April  
Jeanette Harding.

### Celebration of Sacrament of Penance Saturday, 1st April 2023 10.30am.-12noon.

*Fr. Ryan, Fr. Doyle & Fr. Shore will be present in Church for those who wish to celebrate the Sacrament of Confession in preparation for Easter.*

### 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 Priests of Parish Ms. Catherine Kelly the Co-ordinator of this Ministry (087-2533384).*

### Collection for Emigrants on St. Patrick's Day

€1,150.00 was donated for this worthy cause. Sincere thanks to all for such a generous response.

### Trocáire Lenten Campaign 2023

**Message from Bishops of Ireland 2023 Lenten Campaign: Bishops encouraged everyone to support Trocáire's 2023 Lenten Campaign that was launched on Ash Wednesday. Bishops said, "This year the Appeal focuses on the plight of more than eight million people in Somalia who are facing starvation. Three years of drought have seen crops and animals die and millions of families have had to leave their homes in search of food to survive. This Lenten season please consider a donation to this Appeal in families Trocáire Box"**

### Fassadinin History Society

Margaret O'Neill will give a talk on 'Castlecomer in the Papers 1900' on Thursday, 30th March, at 8.00 p.m. in the Meeting Room, Castlecomer Hall.  
Adm. €5.00

### 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.  
All welcome. You may also join them on the Parish Radio and Webcam.

### Fasting for Lent

### A Reflection by Pope Francis Do you want to fast this Lent?

Fast from hurting words and say kind words,  
Fast from anger and be filled with patience,  
Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope,  
Fast from worries and trust in God,  
Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity,  
Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy,  
Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others,  
Fast from grudges and be reconciled,  
Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

### Diocese of Ossory Lent 2023 Public Lecture

**Has Catholic Education a future in a Modern Ireland?**

by  
**Bishop Niall Coll  
and other Speakers  
in  
St. Kieran's College  
on Tuesday, 28th March at 7.30pm.  
All are welcome.  
See Poster in Church Porch.**

### Clothes Collection supporting Friends of Calcutta (CHY No; 13218)

Thursday, 30th March. All items of wearable clothing, footwear, curtains etc. welcome. Please leave in Church foyer at any stage that day up to end of collection at 4.00pm. Michael Hopkins 087-9073074 will be delighted to arrange a home collection if requested.

### Every Sunday Afternoon

A group of parishioners will pray the Rosary and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3.00pm. People may also join them through the Parish Radio and Webcam.