

Church of The Immaculate Conception Castlecomer
PARISH NEWSLETTER
5th March 2023

Blessed Are Those Who Die In The Lord

Month's Mind

Séan McSweeney (Sat. 7.00pm.)
Maryville.

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James (Curly) Brennan (Sun. 11.00am.)
47 Kilkenny St.

Anniversaries

Margaret Kavanagh (Mon. 9.00am.)
7 Marymount.

Anthony (Tony) Barrett (Tues. 9.00am.)
Kilkenny Road.

James Moran (Wed. 9.00am.)
Cruttenclough.

Ned & Molly Brennan (Thurs. 9.00am.)
Knocknadogue.

Thomas Kennedy (Fri. 9.00am.) Mayhora.
John & Mary Tynan (Sat. 10.00am.)

2 Florence Tce.
Coon.

Jim Agar
James Campion (Carman)

11 Chatsworth, Clogh.
John Kelly Warrenpoint/Moneenroe.

Ger (Gerard) Walsh and the Walsh Family
8 Kiltown.

Pake & Margaret Walker 13 Deerpark.
Thomas Brennan Upper Coolbawn.
William Brennan Coon West.

Trocaire 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.**

Readers for next Weekend

Vigil Mass 7.00pm. Mrs. Eithne McKenna.
Sunday 8.00am. Ms. Maria Reyes.
11.00am. Mrs. Teresa Hetherington.

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. 5th to Friday 10th March at 9.00am.

Teresa Hetherington.

Sat. 11th March at 10.00am.

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7.00pm. Saturday, 11th March

E. M. C.

8.00am. Sunday, 12th March

Noreen Curry.

11.00am. Sunday, 12th March

Aileen Ferris.

Anniversaries Continued

Saturday, 11th March - 7.00pm.

Lucy Mealy (née Coleman)
Beechfield House, Clogh Road.

Sunday, 12th March - 11.00am.

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Timothy (Tim) & Helen O'Mahony
Kilkenny St., Castlecomer/Bunclody, Wexford.

Church Door Collection - last Weekend

€3,710.00 was donated for relief of suffering in Turkey/Syria following Earthquake

Sincere thanks for such a very generous response.

Diocese of Ossory

Lent 2023

Public Lecture

St. Patrick – How would he speak to a Modern Ireland?

by

Reverend Dr. Billy Swan,

Diocese of Ferns

in

St. Kieran's College, Kilkenny,
on Tuesday, 7th March. at 7.30pm.

All are welcome.

St. Mary's Cathedral Chapter House

Bookshop is now open Monday to Friday
9.30am to 5.00pm.

We have a large selection of Confirmation
and Holy Communion Gifts,
Prayer and Mass Books,
also Rosaries, Crosses and Confirmation
and Communion Cards available.

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.

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

THE EVIL OF DRUG ADDICTION

Some years ago one of four Jesuits opened a new community in Moss Side in Manchester – famous for being the drug capital of the north of England, it has the poverty, the lawlessness, the prostitution, the homelessness, the street crime and the casual violence that goes along with drug trafficking all over the world. They were given a disused flat in a derelict block of flats. On the wall under the title “My Life” were the saddest few lines he had even read.

*‘Heat the spoon,
Watch it melt,
Fill the syringe,
and stab yourself’.*

He never met the person that wrote those words but often prayed for them. Those are the words of a true addict, someone who feels compelled several times a day to do something to themselves that is desperately harmful and will, in all probability, one day bring about their end. Their entire life has become constricted to a little pool of liquid containing heroin and to those desperate little acts of crime to get the money to buy themselves some more heroin. Let us pray for them and pray for the grace to accompany them and to help them.

The Evil of Drug Addiction, by Fr. Paul O'Reilly S.J. – Medical Doctor, running a clinic for the homeless in London. Ardu, HSE Substance Misuse Kickham Street, Kilkenny: 056 7784638.

Prayer Books for younger Children

A selection of prayer books for junior children in basket on table at the end of Church. Please return them after Mass.
Thank you.

Weekly Envelope/Church Collection

Sunday, 26th February - €2,030.00
Sincere thanks.