

# church of The Immaculate Conception Castlecomer



Parish Newsletter  
Sunday 30th April 2023

## Blessed Are Those Who Die In The Lord

### Recently Died

**Dr. Liam O’Gorman**, Carrick-on Shannon

**Fr. Sean Heslin**, Cocoa Beach, Florida, & Cloone Co. Leitrim

### Month’s Mind

**Sunday, 30th April at 11.00am.**

**Margaret (Peggy) Shortall**  
14 Marymount.

### Anniversaries

**Kieran Brennan** (Sat.29th April: 7.00pm.)  
Drumgoole/ Dundrum, Dublin.

**Sylvester Hennessy**, Smithstown (Mon 1st May: 10am)

**William Foster**, Kellyville, & Athy (Thurs 4th May: 10am)

**Julia and John Shore**, Firoda (Fri 5th May: 9am)

**Brendan Dowling**, Marymount, Pocke Valley (Sat 6th May: 10am)

**Liam Dunne**, Yellow Rd, & Nottingham

**Carmel & Patrick Mealy**, Gorteen

**Kate & Edward Comerford**, Ardra

### Anniversary Mass

**Anne McInerney**, Ballyhemmon. And,  
**Nellie Stone**, Skehana, (Sat 6th May at 7pm)

**Margaret Kennedy**, Mayhora, (Sun 7th May, at 11am.

### Castlecomer Community School Leavers Mass

10am on Thursday 4th May in the Parish Church. Readings, prayers and music led by Students. Therefore, there will be no 9am Mass on Thursday this week. All welcome to join in the School Leavers Mass at 10am.

### Priests on duty:

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### Readers for next Weekend

**Vigil Mass** 7.00pm. Mrs. Mary Buggy

8.00am. Mr. Tom Teehan

11.00am. Mr. Fonsie Mealy

### Eucharistic Ministers for next Week

**Monday** 1st May 10am: Chrissie Brooke.

**Tuesday** 2nd May – Friday 5th May 9am:  
Chrissie Brooke. (Excluding Thursday)

**Thursday** 4th May 10am: Chrissie Brooke

**Saturday** 6th May 10am: Chrissie Brooke

**Saturday** 6th May 7pm: E.M.C

**Sunday** 7th May 8am: Margret O’Neill

**Sunday** 7th May 11am: Aileen Ferris

### Visitation of the sick and the housebound

Frs. Michael and Ian will be attending to the sick and the housebound (First Friday Communion), on Friday 5th May.

### 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 to join with them. You may also join them on the Parish Radio and Webcam.

### Every Sunday Afternoon

A group of parishioners will pray the Rosary and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3.00pm. All welcome.

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## World Day of Prayer for Vocations (Take the Risk for Christ)

The Bishops of Ireland, have decided to organise a year to promote vocations to the Diocesan Priesthood on the Theme: ‘Take a risk for Christ’ ‘The year of Prayer’ begins today and will end on the 30th April 2024. To support this initiatives, the Bishops invite families and parishes to pray the well-known Prayer for Vocations composed by Saint Pope John XXIII:

### Prayer

*‘O Jesus, send labourers into your fields,  
which are awaiting holy apostles,  
saintly priests, heroic missionaries and  
dedicated sisters and brothers.  
Enkindle in the hearts of men and  
women the spark of a vocation.  
Grant that Christian families may desire  
to give to your Church helpers  
in the work of tomorrow.  
Amen.’*

Bishops prayed for vocations to the priesthood and discussed the need to encourage the priesthood as a vocation to help evangelise and serve the People of God in Ireland, proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ and minister the Sacraments. Bishops noted that feedback from newly ordained priests indicated that their vocation was greatly influenced by encouragement received from a priest who spoke to them about the priesthood.

### Cemetery Masses 2023

#### Holy Cross Cemetery

Mass on Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm.

#### Parish Cemetery

Friday, 7th July at 7.30pm.

(Please note time - 7.30pm.)

Sunday, 30th April  
Fourth Sunday of Easter

This is Good Shepherd Sunday, a day of special Prayers for Vocations to the work of service in the Church. There is an enduring command of Christ to his Church to go out and preach to all people. There is a need for people of faith to respond to that command, people who are prepared to dedicate their lives to this work for the sake of the gospel.

### Thought for the Day from Pope Francis

All the faithful, whatever their condition or state, are called by the Lord – each in his or her own way – to that perfect holiness by which the Father is perfect. We should not grow discouraged before the examples of holiness that appear unattainable’. Mother Church proposes them to us not to copy them, but so that we can be spurred on in our pursuit of the specific path that the Lord has chosen for us. ‘The most important thing is that each believer discern his or her own path, that they bring out the very best of themselves, the most personal gifts that God has placed in their hearts.’

**Pope Francis.** Totum Amoris Est.

### Hospitality Committee

Hospitality Committee (funerals & other events) looking for more volunteers. If you are willing to help please contact Peggy Power on 086 3937996.

### Parish Office

**The parish Office will be open on  
Wednesday 3rd May, morning only,  
10:00 – 12:30**

### The Parish webpage.

Are you aware of the parish webpage? It has a number of different uses for parishioners and people around the world: access to the parish webcam to follow Mass and liturgies in the church; Newsletters, anniversaries of the dead, Notices and reflections, and the daily readings at Mass can be viewed. Check it out!

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