

church of The Immaculate Conception Castlecomer

Parish Newsletter
Sunday 28th May 2023

Blessed Are Those Who Die In The Lord

Anniversaries

Joseph (Joe) & Brigid Breen
(Sat. 7.00pm.) Knocknadogue.
Peadar & Violet Madden (Sun. 11.00am.)
San Martin, Kilkenny Road.
Patsy Egan (Thurs 9.00am.) Donaguile.
Patrick (Paddy) Phelan (Fri. 9.00am.)
29 Maryville.
Daniel, Margaret & Patrick Dunne
(Sat., 10.00am.) Skehana Bridge.
James (Jim) Geoghegan
Maryville/ Firoda.
Mary Kelly Moneenroe.
Annie Brennan 1 Maryville.

Saturday, 3rd June at 7.00pm.

Valarie Kelly Conway
22 Lower Acorns.

Sunday, 4th June at 11.00am.

Christy & Helen Lynch
Kilkenny Road.

Parish Pastoral Council

A meeting of the above Committee will be held in the Parish Centre on Tuesday, 30th May at 7.30pm.

Members please note.

Friday, 2nd June (First Friday)

Fr. Michael Ryan & Fr. Ian Doyle will visit the sick and those confined to their homes today.

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Readers for next Weekend

Vigil Mass - Saturday
7.00pm. Mrs. Maureen Holohan.
Sunday
8.00am. Mrs. Margaret McGrath.
11.00am. Mrs Helena Dowd.

Eucharistic Ministers Rota

9.00am. Monday, 29th to Friday, 2nd June
Teresa Hetherington.
10.00am. Saturday, 3rd June
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7.00pm. Saturday, 3rd June
E.M.C.
8.00am. Sunday, 4th June
Noreen Curry.
11.00am. Sunday, 4th June
Ingrid Brennan.

This Weekend

Annual Church Door Collection for Ossory Pilgrimage to Lourdes this year to help cover additional expenses and donation towards the maintenance of Shrine.

Please be generous – Thank you.

Parish Office

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

Extract from the Homily Preached by Bishop Niall Coll during the Chrism Mass on Wednesday evening during Holy Week 2023.

During that Mass the Bishops and Priests of Diocese renew their Ordination Vows. The Oils used during the Celebration of Baptism, Confirmation, Ordination and Oil of Sick are blessed by the Bishop and are brought home by the priests for use during the year in their parishes.

As I look to the future, my dream is that the ordained priest will be largely freed up from routine administrative and management duties, work which can be done better by others better suited to it. My dream would also be that priests would be able to focus more on being true pastors to their flocks and be recognised more and more as men of spiritual depth, seats of wisdom in the ways of God.

Ministers whose main focus will be on helping people deepen in their lives of faith so that we may form communities of 'missionary disciples' everywhere as Pope Francis constantly urges.

All this presupposes, of course, that each priest must cultivate and take care of his own spiritual life, the indisputably necessary anchor to a fruitful priestly ministry. Put simply we must find space to pray.

At Noon (Monday – Saturday)

A group of parishioners come together in the Church to pray the Angelus and Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy. You are welcome to join with them. You may also join them on the Parish Radio and Webcam.

Weekly Envelopes

Sunday, 14th May - €1,455.00.
Sunday, 21st May - €1,620.00.

Sincere thanks.

June Collection for Priests next Weekend

This collection is one of a number of Collections for priests of the Parish. Please use envelopes you received in December 2022. *Sincere thanks to all members of the parish who contribute so faithfully to these collections.*

Cemetery Masses 2023

Holy Cross Cemetery
Mass on Friday, 30th June at 7.30pm.

Parish Cemetery
Friday, 7th July at 7.30pm.

(Please note time - 7.30pm.)

There will be a Collection at both Masses for maintenance of the Parish Cemetery and Smithstown Cemetery.

Crosshill Cemetery is maintained by Kilkenny County Council.

Sunday Times: Magazine Section
Sunday, 21st May 2023

'Ten of the best days out in Ireland'

Castlecomer Discovery Park was included in the list of one of the places one should visit for a very enjoyable day.

Castlecomer Discovery Park, Co. Kilkenny

It's not just a lovely place for a stroll, its one gigantic outdoor playground where active families with boisterous kids and sporty teenagers can test their mettle on a long-as-your-arm list of activities that includes boating, climbing walls, canoeing, orienteering, archery and Ireland's longest over-water zip wire (not for the faint hearted).

For younger ones there's a fairy village, junior woodland course and bouncing net, and the park also includes the coal mining exhibition, cafes, visitor centre and design craft studios, a lovely spot to wander around when the adventuring is done. Book your return trip now because by the end of the day you still won't have exhausted everything on offer, phew!

Kilgorey/Crettyard Graveyard
Mass today Sunday, 28th May at 3.00pm.