

# church of The Immaculate Conception Castlecomer

## Parish Newsletter Sunday 18th June 2023

### Blessed Are Those Who Die In The Lord

#### Died Recently

Gabrielle (Gay) Conroy (née Heffernan)  
8 Maryville.  
Kathleen Salmon (née Dowling)  
Kilkenny Road/Donaguile.  
Patrick (Paddy) Byrne Love Lane/  
Castleblaney, Co. Monaghan.

#### Anniversaries

Elizabeth (Lil) Maher (Sat. 7.00pm.)  
Glenmullen.  
Nicholas (Nicky) Connolly  
(Sun. 11.00am.) Clashduff Upper.  
Mary (Min.) Kennedy (Mon. 9.00am.)  
Mayhora.  
Kathleen & Michael O'Kelly &  
Peter Wilson (Tues. 9.00am) Barrack St.  
Daniel Dowd (Wed. 9.00am.) Kiltown.  
Teddy Brennan & Eamonn Brennan  
(Thurs. 9.00am.) 4 Hillside View.  
Margaret O'Neill (Sat. 10.00am.) Firoda.  
Eilis O'Rourke 2 Donaguile Heights.  
Thomas Conroy 11 Maryville.  
Christopher (Chris) Heffernan Ardra.

**Saturday, 24th June at 7.00pm.**  
James O'Neill  
Hillside View.

**Sunday, 25th June at 11.00am.**  
**Month's Mind**  
Thomas Kealy Aughamuckey.

**Sunday, 25th June at 11.00am.**  
Edward & Margaret Brennan  
Ballyhemmon.

#### Priests on duty:

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#### Readers for next Weekend

##### Vigil Mass – Saturday

7.00pm. Mr. Martin Walsh.  
**Sunday**  
8.00am. Mr. Dick Mullins.  
11.00am. Mrs. Helena Dowd.

#### Eucharistic Ministers Rota

**9.00am. Monday, 19th – Friday, 24th June**  
Sheila Loughlin.  
**10.00am. Saturday, 24th June**  
Sheila Loughlin.  
**7.00pm. Saturday, 24th June**  
Ingrid Brennan.  
**8.00am. Sunday, 25th June**  
Margaret O' Neill.  
**11.00am. Sunday, 25th June**  
Margaret O' Neill.

#### Parish Office

Closed in the coming week. Notices for Newsletter to be left in to Parochial House on Wednesday before 5.00pm. Thank you.

#### Weekly Envelope/Church Collection

Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> June - €1,760. 00.  
**Sincere thanks.**

#### Parish Pastoral Council (2023 – 2026)

We wish to thank all the members of the Pastoral Council who have served on the Council so faithfully for the past number of years. A new Pastoral Council is needed. The Pastoral Council should reflect the members of the Parish i.e. age, gender and ethnicity. People of the Parish are invited to express their interest in becoming a member of the new Parish Pastoral Council. Please speak with either Fr. Michael or Fr. Ian for more information and for to nominate themselves to serve.

The role of the Council is to foster the call to serve, by identifying the needs within the parish and wider Community.

#### June Collection for Priests this 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.*

#### New Publication

Congratulations to Jimmy Rhatigan (Journalist /Editor) on the Publication of his book: *“Treasure Lost, Treasure Found”* now on sale in Castlecomer Library, O'Rourke's and from Chubby Brennan.

#### 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.

#### Adoration & Prayer in Parish Church

Every Tuesday evening from 7.00pm – 9.00pm. Rosary recited at 8.00pm.

#### Spending a Day with a Priest

Many people wonder “what does a priest do all day?” Well, it's about prayer, supporting people, administration/office work, being on-call for moments of crisis, leading public worship, listening to people, answering the door and telephone, planning, attending meetings, and so much more. Would you like to see a priest's day ‘first-hand’?

On Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> July Fr. Ian is inviting people to ‘spend the day’ the day with him 09:00 - 20:00. If you wish to be a part of the day - speak with him. It's hard work, but always time for a bit of craic!

#### Fr. Dan Carroll Team Leader St. John's Parish

Bishop Niall Coll has appointed Fr. Dan Carroll to be his Vicar General. We know that the people of Castlecomer Parish (his native Parish) wish him every success on his new appointment which brings with it many added responsibilities as Advisor to the Bishop on Diocesan matters. Congratulations and prayerful good wishes. Fr. Michael Ryan & Fr. Ian Doyle.

#### A Prayer for Priests

*Heavenly Father;  
Grant that our priests be strengthened and healed by the power of the Eucharist they celebrate.  
May the Word they proclaim give them courage and wisdom.*

*We pray that all those whom they seek to serve may see in them the love and care of Jesus, Our Eternal High Priest, who is Lord for ever and ever.  
Amen.*

*Mary, Mother of the Church, look tenderly upon your sons, our priests.*

*Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church, Pray for us all.*