

church of The Immaculate Conception Castlecomer



Parish Newsletter
Sunday 25th June 2023

Blessed Are Those Who Die In The Lord Recently Died:

Canon Frank Maher (Retired P.P. Johnstown)

Month's Mind

Thomas Kealy (Sun. 11.00am.)
Aughamuckey.

Anniversaries

James O'Neill (Sat. 7.00pm.)
Hillside View.
Edward & Margaret Brennan
(Sun. 11.00am.) Ballyhemmon.
Tom Brennan (Fri. 9.00am.) Ballycallan
Nora Lyons & Family
Margaret & Michael Nolan 16 Deerpark

Saturday, 1st July at 10.00.am.
Month's Mind
Catherine Carroll
also Julia Carroll – Donaguile.

Saturday, 1st July at 7.00.pm.
Month's Mind
Séan Dowd - Yellow Road.

Saturday, 1st July at 7.00.pm.
Danny & Kitty Dowd
Hillside View.

Sunday, 2nd July at 11.00am.
James Comerford - Coolbawn.

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.

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, 26th – Friday, 30th June
Maria Reyes
10.00am. Saturday, 1st July
Maria Reyes
7.00pm. Saturday, 1st July
Sheila Loughlin
8.00am. Sunday, 2nd July
Eoin Stowe
11.00am. Sunday, 2nd July
Aileen Ferris

Cemetery Masses 2023

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

Parish Cemetery
Friday, 7th July at 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.

Ossory Diocesan Appointments 2023

Bishop Niall Coll has informed the Diocese of a number of Appointments which will be effective from Saturday, 29th July, the Feast of Sts. Martha, Mary, and Lazarus. Among the Appointments are the following: *Rt. Rev. Mgr. Michael Ryan, P.P. Castlecomer Parish, to retire and reside at St. John's Presbytery. Kilkenny. Very Rev. Richard Scriven, Adm., St. Mary's Cathedral, Kilkenny, is appointed P.P. of Castlecomer Parish and Adm. of Clogh Parish.*

At this time of change we open our hearts to the Holy Spirit asking that we be filled with the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. We ask for every grace and blessing for Fr. Richard Scriven as he joins us in Castlecomer and Clogh Parishes in his leadership ministry. We offer our gratitude and thanks to Fr. Ryan as he steps into his retirement. Over many years Fr. Ryan has walked with us individually and as a community, in our shared journey of faith. We ask continued good health and joy to him for many years to come. We are certain that even in retirement Fr. Ryan will continue his faithful priestly ministry to the Diocese of Ossory.
Fr. Ian

Parish Pastoral Council (2023 – 2026)

Thanks to all the members of the Pastoral Council for their service for the past number of years. A new Pastoral Council is needed. 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.

Muckalee & Castlecomer Parishes Annual Pilgrimage to Knock. Thursday 13th July 2023.

Bus from:

Muckalee Church 7:30am
Coon Church 7:45am
Castlecomer Church 8:00am

Please book tickets no later than Saturday 9th July. Contacts

Margaret Murphy 0877559006
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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.

Prayer for our Gardens

Father God, thank you so much for the blessing of being able to have a garden. Lord, we ask that you purify our hearts, and make our desires holy unto you. Our desire for this garden is so that we can provide for our family, and be able to bless and give to others. Amen

Castlecomer Tidy Towns Committee

We shall shortly be receiving the judges of the Tidy Town Executive. The Tidy Town group have and continue to work hard for our local area. A rally call to everyone to give an extra boost for this endeavour. Can you do your bit in the garden? Can we all make sure that the pavements and roads are litter and weed free? Please do not take plants in public areas. All hands to the plough! We have a beautiful town let's make it shine. Volunteers are always needed for the local Tidy Town Team.

