

church of The Immaculate Conception Castlecomer

Parish Newsletter
Sunday 16th July 2023

Blessed Are Those Who Die In The Lord

Month's Mind

Kathleen Salmon (née Dowling)
(Sun. 11.00am.) Kilkenny Rd./Donaguile.

Anniversaries

Catherine (Kathy) Holohan (Sat. 7.00pm.)
Donaguile.

Margaret (Peg) McDonald (Sun. 11.00am.)
34 Maryville.

Norah Lyons & Lyons Family
(Tues. 9.00am.) Love Lane.

Annie (Nano) Brennan (Wed. 9.00am.)
Mayhora.

Jack & Ann (Nan) Doran Tinalinton.
Patrick & Elizabeth Moran

Aughamuckey.
Eileen & Kieran Brennan 47 Kilkenny St.

Kathleen Joyce Aughamuckey.
Tom Byrne Kilkenny Road.

Saturday, 22nd July at 7.00pm.

Mass of Thanksgiving for Fr. Ryan.

Sunday, 23rd July at 11.00am.

Joan Pender (née Kenny)
Byrnesgrove/Orpington, Kent, England.
Also her parents Brigid & Pierce Kenny
Byrnesgrove.

Every Sunday Afternoon

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

Priests on duty:

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Readers for next Weekend

Vigil Mass – Saturday

7.00pm. Mrs. Eithne McKenna.

Sunday

8.00am. Mr. Dick Mullins.

11.00am. Mrs. Sheila Pedini.

Eucharistic Ministers Rota

9.00am. Monday, 17th – Friday, 21st July

Eoin Stowe

10.00am. Saturday, 22nd July

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7.00pm. Saturday, 22nd July

Catriona Brennan

8.00am. Sunday, 23rd July

Lalaine Brennan

11.00am. Sunday, 23rd July

Aileen Ferris

Parish Office

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

Weekly Envelope/Church Collection

Sunday, 9th July - €1,815. 00

Sincere thanks.

Fr. Michael Ryan PP

Fr. Michael Ryan will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving on Saturday, 22nd July at 7.00pm., followed by a Reception in the Community Hall. All are welcome. A 'Book of Best Wishes' will be available before and after Masses over the coming weeks for inscribed messages of congratulations and thanks. Fr. Michael has indicated that if people wish to make a donation on the occasion of his retirement the donation will be given to the Castlecomer Ossory Lourdes Fund rather than to himself personally. Please leave all donations in an envelope addressed 'Fr Ryan Retirement' in the office or during the collection at Masses. Thank you. Fr. Ian.

Sunday, 16th July 2023
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
The Parable of the Sower

Introduction & Confiteor

Reflection of Gospel for today

God speaks his word to us in many ways. Jesus compared the word of God to a seed, a seed which can make our lives fruitful. However, if a seed is to produce a harvest it must be planted in good soil. What kind of soil do we offer God's word? {Pause}

If our lives are barren it can only mean that we have not allowed God's word to take root in our hearts. But God doesn't give up on us.

1. Lord Jesus, you continue to sow the seed of your word in our minds and hearts.
Lord have mercy.
2. You wait patiently for us to accept your word.
Christ have mercy.
3. When we accept your word and act on it, you make our lives fruitful.
Lord have mercy.

Reflection for today
(Saint John Paul II)

Be Charmed

Let yourselves be charmed by Christ, the infinite who has appeared in our midst in visible and imitable form. Let yourselves be attracted by his example, which has changed the history of the world and directed it towards an exultant goal. Let yourselves be loved by the love of the Holy Spirit, who wishes to turn you away from worldly things to begin in you the life of the new self, created in God's way in righteousness and true holiness, (Eph. 4 -24) Fall in love with Christ, to live his very life, so that our world may have life in the light of the Gospel.

Prayer for the Farming Family

**Almighty and ever living God,
You renew the face of the earth
and provide all that sustains us.
Bless and protect our family,
and all farming families that we
may work safely.
Bless the crops that have been sown
Bless the animals that roam our fields
Grant us good weather so that there will
be growth and a good harvest.
Help us to trust in you in times of difficulty
and in good times may we always be
thankful for what we have received
from your hands.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen**

Cemetery Masses 2023

€1,975.00 was donated for the maintenance of
Parish Cemetery.
€280.00 was donated for Smithstown Cemetery.
Sincere thanks to all for your generosity.