

church of The Immaculate Conception Castlecomer

Parish Newsletter
Sunday 9th July 2023

Blessed Are Those Who Die In The Lord

Month's Mind

Gabrielle (Gay) Conroy (née Heffernan)
(Sun. 11.00am.) 8 Maryville.

Anniversaries

Martin & Tessie Power (Sat. 10.00am.)
35 Maryville.
Martin & Anne O'Grady
"Cill Abban", Kilkenny Road.
Kevin Egan Drakelands, Kilkenny.
Mary Ryan Aughamuckey.
Aggie Kegley (née Doyle)
Malahide, Dublin/Barrack St.

Saturday, 15th July at 7.00pm.

Catherine (Kathy) Holohan - Donaguile.

Sunday, 16th July at 11.00am.

Month's Mind

Kathleen Salmon (née Dowling)
Kilkenny Road/Donaguile.

Sunday, 16th July at 11.00am.

Margaret (Peg) McDonald
34 Maryville.

Act of Adoration

I adore Thee, O Jesus, true God and true Man, here present in the Holy Eucharist, humbly kneeling before Thee and united in spirit with all the blessed in heaven. In deepest gratitude for so great a blessing, I love Thee, my Jesus, with my whole heart, for Thou are all perfect and all worthy of love. Amen

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Readers for next Weekend

Vigil Mass – Saturday

7.00pm. Ms. Mary Buggy.

Sunday

8.00am. Mr. Tom Teehan.
11.00am. Mr. Fonsie Mealy.

Eucharistic Ministers Rota

9.00am. Monday, 10th – Friday, 14th July

Teresa Hetherington

10.00am. Saturday, 15th July

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7.00pm. Saturday, 15th July

Sheila Loughlin

8.00am. Sunday, 16th July

Margaret O' Neill

11.00am. Sunday, 16th July

Jeanette Harding

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.

Weekly Envelope/Church Collection

Sunday, 2nd July - €1,625. 00.

Sincere thanks.

Benemerenti Medals

The Parish Pastoral Council wrote in early June to Bishop Coll requesting that he would recommend to Pope Francis that three members of our Parish community be honoured with Benemerenti Medals in recognition of their pastoral ministry in our Parish. They are Ms. Angela Byrne, Barrack Hill, Joseph Fitzpatrick, Maryville and Teresa Hetherington, Market St.

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

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Weekend Masses

There are three Masses at the Weekend. One Mass is offered every weekend for the people of the parish and the other two Masses are reserved as far as possible for Month's Minds and First Anniversaries. We ask that people arrange to have other anniversary Masses celebrated during the week at 9.00am. (Monday – Friday) and Saturday at 10.00am. We encourage families to arrange to have Mass offered on the same morning if both parents are deceased.

Holycross National School - A cleaner position has become available in Holycross National School, Firoda. The suitable candidate would need to clean the school for approx. 2 hours per day, 5 days per week. Garda Vetting is essential and can be processed through the school. If you are interested, please contact school principal, Ailish Dunne on 087 9050605. Closing date Friday, 21st July 2023.

Reflection

There will always be things that threaten to destroy us, but God is a God of Justice who is always on the side of the downtrodden. His Spirit gives us an inner strength. It can teach us – a quiet disciplined patience like that of the beekeeper. So, when trouble threatens, be quiet, be still and pray and God will surprise you. We are all members of the church, and now that you have been confirmed, even though you are young you are full members of that Church. The church needs you. It needs the energy and fun and the liveliness that you are so full of. The Holy Spirit will help you to use your energy and your talents for the good of the church – to ask questions and to challenge and to bring about change where change is needed. Don't be put off. Pray – and then stand your ground! **Read at Graduation Ceremony for sixth class in Castlecomer Boy's School on Monday 26th June 2023.**

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.

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.