Church of the Immaculate Conception Castlecomer



27th August 2023

PARISH NEWSLETTER

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO DIE IN THE LORD

MONTH'S MIND MASSES

Sun 11am Joan Nolan, Marymount. Fri 9am: Mary Loughlin, Ardra.

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Sat 7pm: Jim, Alice, PJ, & Billy Dooley,

Helena and Bill Brennan, Crettyard/Smithtown

Sun 8am: Bunty O'Loane, Yellow Rd. Sun 11am: Julie Comerford, The Square,

Tue 9am: Mary Brennan, Mayhora.

Wed 9am: Bill and Nora Sherwood, Love Lane

We pray for all whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Thomas Loughlin, Ardra; Thomas Shalloe Snr & Jr, Ballyragget Rd

Paddy Geoghegan, Barrack St.; Chris Weldon, Marymount;

Annie Joyce, Kilkenny St.; Jim Shortall, Yellow Rd.; Kevin Wallace, Kilkenny St.

WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS: for 2nd/3rd September:

Sat 10am: Ronan Dowling

Sat 7pm: Dansey Walsh, (Month's Mind) Sun 11am: Helen Brennan (Month's Mind) Sun 11am: Gerard & John McDonald

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THE PARISH OFFICE:

Monday and Friday 10:00 – 12:30.

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Parish Web Page: castlecomerparish.ie

Please use office number and office hours for parish administrative business, and for booking masses, marriages and baptisms.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY & ENVELOPE COLLECTION

Weekending 19th/20th August & Feast of the Assumption. €1,520.00. Sincere thanks for your generous offerings.

PRAYER DURING THE DAY:

The Angelus, Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy every Monday – Saturday at 12(noon) & Sunday at 3pm:

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Tuesday: 7pm – 9pm; Rosary at 8pm First Sunday of the month 3pm – 5pm.

SAFEGUARDING:

The Diocesan Designated Liaison Person is Kathleen Sherry dlp@ossory.ie or 085 8021633.

The Parish Representatives are Eilish Dunne Ger Comerford

They can be contacted through the parish office telephone number.

MINISTRY OF READERS AT MASS

Weekending 2nd/3rd September Saturday 7pm: Maureen Holohan Sunday 8am: Maria Reyes Sunday 11am: Fonsie Mealy

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Week beginning 28th August
Monday – Friday, 9am: Chrissie Brooke
Saturday 2nd, 10am: Chrissie Brooke
Saturday 2nd, 7pm: Louise Walsh
Sunday 3rd, 8am: Noreen Curry
Sunday 3rd, 11am: Angela Molloy.

FIRST FRIDAY OF SEPTEMBER: Frs.

Richard and Ian will visit the housebound with Holy Communion on Friday1st Sept.

PRAYER AT BEGINNING OF SCHOOL YEAR:

Dear Jesus, you call us to be your friends. Through this school year, let us walk with you, let us talk with you, let us pray with you, and let us be guided by you. In that way our lives will be planted in love and we will be connected by love to you, the true vine this year and always. Amen.

LADYWELL NOVENA

Ladywell novena begins on Thursday 31st August at 7.30pm. Speakers include Fr Brian Shortall (31st Aug), Fr Paddy Byrne (1st Sept), Fr Eamon O'Gorman (2nd Sept), Fr Kieran O'Shea (3rd Sept), TBC (4th Sept), Fr Scriven (5th Sept), Fr David Vard (6th Sept), Fr Martin Delaney (7th Sept) and Bishop Denis Nulty (8th Sept).

MASS INTENTIONS: We ask parishioners to be mindful when booking a Mass Intention that due to funerals the date/time may have to be changed – the parish office will contact you at the earliest opportunity. Month's Mind & First Anniversary Masses may have to be shared due to scheduling of weekday and weekend Masses. Your understanding and cooperation is much appreciated. A Mass cannot be bought! Your Offering is a donation.

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL DRAW. If you are interested in signing up for the Cathedral Draw for 2023/2024 please contact our parish promoters: Maureen Kelly 087-7707846, or Eoin Stowe 0894000212.

FESTIVAL OF LIGHT 2023. The Synergy Committee are reaching out to the local community for volunteers to plan and assist at this year's Festival of Light. Due to changed work commitments the working committee of previous years are not in a position to be involved. We are looking for a group of willing locals to pull the festival together, as well as help on the night with marshalling and other ad hoc duties. Please contact: Tom Byrnes 087 6303873, Michael Brooke 087 2594944, John Comerford 087 9184444 Martin Rowe 087 2477647, Carol Coogan, or Moira Duggan 086 0233168

SANCTUARY AREA IN THE CHURCH: Due to debris falling from the ceiling in this area of the church we ask that ALL people do not enter the Sanctuary (red carpet) space around the Altar. Please use rear door, back of the church, to enter/exit the Sacristy. We will keep everyone updated on this situation. Thank you for your cooperation.

WELLNESS FOR WOMEN: Weaving in Wellness is a course that offers women, of all ages, and abilities, a space to rest, connect with others, and develop wellbeing through nature and the arts. All welcome: Enterprise Centre. Kilkenny Rd. Tuesdays 1:30pm – 4pm.

PARISH CEMETERY: Please take note that the Parish Cemetery is now closed for purchasing of graves. Parishioners are now directed to contact Kilkenny County Council for graves at Cross Hill Cemetery. Graves reserved in the Parish Cemetery, but have not been paid for, are currently being reassessed for possible re-allocation. If you have a reserved grave and haven't paid for it please do so as soon as possible.