

# Church of the Immaculate Conception Castlecomer



10th September 2023

PARISH NEWSLETTER



## BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO DIE IN THE LORD

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

Dorothy (Dot) Byrne, Maryville  
Sr. Mona Saunders, Convent of Mercy Callan

### ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Sat. 9th Sept: 10am: Jack Boland, Mill Lane  
Sat. 9th Sept: 7pm: Michael O’Gorman, Smithstown (Month’s Mind)  
Sun. 10th Sept: 11am: Rose O’Rourke, Kilkenny Street (Month’s Mind)  
Mon. 11th Sept: 9am: Gerard (Ger) McDonald, Maryville  
Tues. 12th Sept: 9am: Malachy, Tynan, William Tynan, and Margaret Tynan. Castlecomer.  
Thurs. 14th: Sept: 9am: Sheila and Danny O’Neill, Kilkenny Street

### We pray for all whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Johanna (Joan) Foley, London and Ardra; Johanna Heffernan, The Square and Ardra;  
Annie Buggy, Kiltown; Elizabeth (Lizzy) Hetherington, Barrack St; Michael O’Sullivan,  
Lucan, Castlecomer; Francis Shortall, Hillside View; Alice Kennedy, Skehana;  
Decd. Members of McHale family, Co. Mayo.

### WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS: for 16th/17th September:

Sat 16th: 10am Joan Holohan, The Square.  
Sun. 17th: 11am Eileen Flood, Donaguile (Month’s Mind)

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### THE PARISH OFFICE:

Monday and Friday 10:00 – 12:30.  
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Parish Web Page: [castlecomerparish.ie](http://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 3rd/4th Sept €1,170. Sincere thanks to all.

### PRAYER DURING THE DAY:

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

### EUCCHARISTIC 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](mailto: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 16th/17th September  
Saturday 7pm: Mrs Mary Buggy  
Sunday 8am: Mr Tom Teehan  
Sunday 11am: Mrs Margaret Kavanagh

### MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Week beginning 11th Sept  
Monday – Friday, 9am: John Kelly  
Saturday 16th. 10am: John Kelly  
Saturday 16th, 7pm: Ingrid Brennan  
Sunday 17th, 8am: Noreen Curry  
Sunday 17th, 11am: Jeanette Harding

### PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Parish Finance Committee took place on Monday 4th September in the Parish Office. An overview of work in the church was given and discussions had about the necessary work now needed in the sanctuary. The condition of the Parochial House was discussed and plans put in place to access work that may need to be done.

### ALPHA COURSE:

A series of meetings for 20 – 40 yrs. to share & discover faith, regardless of beliefs or backgrounds. Mon. 18th Sept. @8pm, Avalon Hotel. All welcome to come and explore.

### SYNOD GATHERING

In advance of the first assembly of the Universal Synod: 4th October 2023, an ecumenical prayer vigil is taking place in Rome to unite us all in praise and worship: **‘TOGETHER- GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD’**. Pope Francis reminds us that *‘the path to Christian unity and the path of Synodal conversion of the Church are linked’*. In a special way, young people from across the world, are asked to take part. We will on Friday Sept. 22nd, join with Pope Francis and the young people invited to Rome by holding an ecumenical Taizé prayer in The Blessed Sacrament Chapel in St Mary’s Cathedral at 7pm with a special invitation to all the young people of the Diocese. On Sunday 24th September we will gather as the People of God in Ossory at the 5.30pm Mass united with the People of God across the world to pray for the Universal Synod. People from all across the diocese are invited to attend.

### OSSORY PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2023

The 2024 Ossory Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes led by our Bishop Most Reverend Niall Coll DD will take place from Tuesday May 21-Sunday May 26 Inc. A follow up announcement and posters on church notice boards will carry further details. (price has yet to be established but the 2023 cost was €899 PPS).

### ST MARY’S CATHEDRAL DRAW.

Bishop Coll has written to thank all parishes for their generous commitment to the work undertaken in St Mary’s Cathedral. *“The recent installation and blessing of the new baptismal font has brought to completion the reordering of the Sanctuary which Bishop Farrell initiated as part of the more general renovations of the Cathedral which began under Bishop Seamus Freeman SAC. The costs involved in all this work, and there will be more to do, have been significant, and I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the importance of the monthly draws in aid of St Mary’s Cathedral Restoration Fund which have been a feature of Diocesan life for many years... Over the past eight years the draw has raised over €700,000, a sum which testifies to the spirit and commitment of so many people in the Diocese, particularly those promoters, who, on behalf of the parishes, do so much work.”*

A new cathedral draw year will commence on the last Wednesday of September and please continue to support this Diocesan fundraiser for the cathedral at the heart of our diocese.

### ST MARY’S CATHEDRAL TOUR

This weekend sees the launch of an interactive tour of St Mary’s Cathedral. By means of QR codes visitors can interact with and learn about the fascinating history of this wonderful building. Built by the people of Kilkenny in the 1840s it has a rich legacy of sacred art, design and prayer. The tour will be available year-round for a daily pass at a cost of €5. The tour, however, will be free of charge this Sunday 10th Sept. and the following Sunday 17th Sept. for the people of our Diocese and beyond. A second phase of the tour will also launch in the weeks ahead.