

Church of the Immaculate Conception Castlecomer



17th September 2023

PARISH NEWSLETTER

24TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A)



BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO DIE IN THE LORD

RECENTLY DIED:

Kathleen Simms (née) Ryan, Chatsworth Street, Castlecomer

MONTH'S MIND MASS

Sun. 17th: 11am Eileen Flood, Donaguile (Month's Mind)

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Sat 16th 10am: Joan Holohan, The Square.

Wed. 20th 9am: Sheila Brennan, Kiltown

Thurs. 21st 9am: Eddie and Ellen Kelly, Barrack Street;

Fri 22nd 9am: Lillian Lawlor, Kilkenny Street;

We pray for all whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Jim O'Neill, Maryville; Nell Kavanagh, Kiltown; Josephine Brennan, Kilkenny St;

Joseph Phelan, Mayhora; Tom and Mary Balkin, Love Lane; Maurice Ryan, Aughamuckey.

Elizabeth and James Brennan, Moneenroe; Nancy Russell, Australia and Moneenroe;

Bridie Jeffers, Canada and Moneenroe; Annie Boran, Donaguile;

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

Sat 23rd 10am: Ned Brennan Knocknadogue

Sat 23rd 7pm: Joseph O'Shea, Dysart

Sun 24th 11am: John Dillon, Corner House, Castlecomer

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THE PARISH OFFICE:

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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 €1,575. 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 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 23rd/24th September

Saturday 7pm: Martin Walsh

Sunday 8am: Dick Mullins

Sunday 11am: Teresa Hetherington

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Week beginning 18th Sept

Monday – Friday, 9am: Teresa Hetherington

Saturday 23rd. 10am: Teresa Hetherington

Saturday 24th, 7pm: Catriona Brennan

Sunday 24th, 8am: Margaret O'Neill

Sunday 24th, 11am: Angela Molloy

SYNOD 2023 – HERE IN OSSORY.

On Friday Sept. 22nd there will be an ecumenical Taizé prayer gathering 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.

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.

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL DRAW.

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.

LORETO SECONDARY SCHOOL KILKENNY

Loreto Secondary School Kilkenny are holding an open day for 6th Class girls on Thursday 28th September. Applications for 1st Year Enrolment closes on 23 October 2023; Please consult the school website (www.loretokk.ie) for further information.

SYNOD 2023

The Synod on Synodality which takes place in Rome in October is officially the 16th ordinary assembly of bishops. The theme of the synod is **For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission.** Pope Francis has said that it is not a parliament with winners and losers but rather an attempt to discern how the church can better fulfil its mandate to preach the good news in every place and culture for the benefit of all God's people.

In a break with recent synods Pope Francis has broken the general assembly into two sessions, one in October 23 and the second in October 24.

Who will be there? Overall, the members of the synod have been designated in three different ways.

First, by reason of the function they hold as head of various Vatican departments (dicasteries) and the six patriarchates of Rome, Constantinople, Alexandria, Antioch and Jerusalem.

Second, those who are elected to the synod by the episcopal conferences or by the synods or councils of the 23 Oriental (Eastern Rite) Catholic churches. Pope Francis has decreed that five men religious and five women religious were also to attend – elected by the Unions of Superior Generals that represent men and women religious – previously only men attended.

Third, a number of members were nominated by Pope Francis – 50 in all. He has also chosen 50 members (35 men and 35 women) from a list of 140 given to him by the seven continental synods. 363 will have the right to vote including 54 women (lay and religious) who for the first time will vote at a synod. Among the participants Bishops Brendan Leahy of Limerick and Bishop Alan McGuckian SJ of Raphoe (Donegal) will represent the Irish Bishops and the Irish Church.

**PARISH OFFICE
TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY
10AM – 12.30PM**