

# Church of the Immaculate Conception Castlecomer



3rd September 2023

PARISH NEWSLETTER



## BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO DIE IN THE LORD

### MONTH'S MIND MASSES

Sat 7pm: Dansey Walsh, Kilkenny St. (Month's Mind)  
Sun 11am: Helen Brennan, Dairy Rd. Smithstown (Month's Mind)

### ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Sun 8am: Pro Populorum  
Sun 11am: Gerard & John McDonald, Maryville

Mon 9am: Jim Shortall, Yellow Road  
Tue 9am: Norah Dunne, Skehana  
Wed 9am: Thomas & Julia Brennan, Moneenroe  
Thur 9am: Sheila & Davey O'Neill, Kilkenny Street.

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

Ger, Annie, Daphne, John, Terry & Pat Moran, Marymount  
Charlie Geoghegan, Maryville  
Jeremiah and Ellen Dargan, Ballycomey

### WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS: for 9th/10th September:

Sat 10am: Jack Boland, Mill Lane  
Sat 7pm: Michael O'Gorman, Smithstown (Month's Mind)  
Sun 11am: Rose O'Rourke, Kilkenny Street (Month's Mind)

### CONTACTS:

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### THE PARISH OFFICE:

Monday and Friday 10:00 – 12:30.  
Parish Office: 056 – 4441262  
Parish Email: [castlecomer@ossory.ie](mailto:castlecomer@ossory.ie)  
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 26th/27th August €1505.00.  
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 9th/10th September  
Saturday 7pm: Brigid Coady  
Sunday 8am: Margaret McGrath  
Sunday 11am: Sheila Pedini

### MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Week beginning 3rd Sept  
Monday – Friday, 9am: Sheila Loughlin  
Saturday 9th, 10am: Sheila Loughlin  
Saturday 9th, 7pm: Catriona Brennan  
Sunday 10th, 8am: Margaret O'Neill  
Sunday 10th, 11am: Eoin Stowe

### LADYWELL NOVENA

Fr. Brian Shortall OFM opened the Ladywell Shrine Novena on Thursday evening and Fr Liam Lawton celebrated the Mass on Friday evening. Saturday was led by local parish priest, Fr Eamon O'Gorman.

Rosary and Benediction on Sunday through to Thursday will be at 7.30pm each evening and lead by:

Sunday 3rd: Fr. Kieran O'Shea.  
Monday 4th: Fr. Paddy Byrne.  
Tuesday 5th: Fr. Richard Scriven.  
Wednesday 6th: Fr. David Vard.  
Thursday 7th: Fr. Martin Delaney.

The novena will conclude on Friday 8th September with Concelebrated Mass led by Bishop Denis Nulty, Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin.

### WORK IN THE CHURCH

The work on the upper level of the façade will be completed very shortly. Removing the pointing has been a slow and pain stacking task but necessary: the concrete has been replaced by lime and this will ensure that water is not sealed in the stone of the church which causes problems in the plasterwork in the interior as is evident behind the organ in the gallery. Contact has been made with the architect about the recent damage to the sanctuary ceiling and plans are being put in place to repair this damage. Please exercise caution and refrain from unnecessary entry to the sanctuary area. Your understanding at this time is appreciated.

### PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

There will be a meeting of the Parish Finance Committee on Monday 4th Sept at 8pm in the Parish Office.

### ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL DRAW.

Congratulations to all the winners in the final draw of the 2022/2023 Cathedral Draw. Thanks to all who have supported the draw over the past 12 months. Your generosity and commitment made a great difference.

The 2023/2024 Draw will commence in September. Thanks to Eoin Stowe and Maureen Brennan who are promoters for the coming months and will facilitate those who wish to support this diocesan fundraiser in aid of our Cathedral.

St Mary's Cathedral is the principle church of our diocese and has undergone significant renovations in the past 15 years. If you have not visited why not join the 1000s of visitors from far and wide who spend time admiring the 'jewel' at the centre of our diocese each month? Same architect as our parish church in Castlecomer; the shells at the front of our church were originally given to the Cathedral by Dr Michael Duigan in 1868.

### 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

**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.