

Church of the Immaculate Conception Castlecomer



1st October 2023

PARISH NEWSLETTER

26TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A)



+ BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO DIE IN THE LORD +

RECENTLY DECEASED

Sean Coady, Uskerty
Michael Brooke, Coolbawn
Triona Harrington, The Square, Castlecomer, Athy, Co. Kildare

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Sat. 30th Sept: 10am: Timothy Purcell, Firoda
Sat. 30th Sept: 7pm: Joe Collins, Marymount
Sun. 1st Oct: 11am: Molly Mealy, 46 Kilkenny St

WE PRAY FOR ALL WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:

Josephine (Jo) Ball, Ballyhemmon, Manchester, England
Larry Pender, Graignamanagh, Kent, England
Ann Maire Barrett, Church Avenue
Patrick (Patsy) Brophy, Mayhora
William Shea, Drumgoole
Annie Smith, Golf Links, Castlecomer

WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS: for 7th/8th October:

Sat 7th Oct: 10am Mary Ellen Fitzpatrick, 19 Maryville
Sat. 7th Oct. 7pm Kathleen Simms (Ryan), Chatsworth St (Months Mind)
Sun. 8th Oct: 11am: Helen Byrne, 2 Kilkenny Rd

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THE PARISH OFFICE:

Tues, Wed and Fri 10:00 – 12:30.
Parish Office: 056 – 4441262
Parish Email: castlecomer@ossory.ie
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

Week ending 23rd/24th Sept €1,635.00
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 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 7th/8th October

Saturday 7pm: Maureen Holohan
Sunday 8am: Maria Reyes
Sunday 11am: Helena Dowd

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Week beginning 2nd October

Monday – Friday, 9am: Angela Byrne
Saturday 7th. 10am: Angela Byrne
Saturday 7th, 7pm: John Holohan
Sunday 8th, 8am: Margaret O'Neill
Sunday 8th, 11am: John Kelly

OCTOBER STATIONS FOR PRIESTS THIS WEEKEND

This is one of six stations during the year for the priests of the parish. We ask all who are in receipt of an income to make a contribution according to their means. Sincere thanks to all those who never fail to contribute. Please use envelope supplied.

OCTOBER ROSARY

In this month of October, let us consider this beautiful prayer of the Rosary as a means that we too can use in order to draw closer to Jesus and Mary by meditating on the great mysteries of our salvation.

FIRST FRIDAY COMMUNIONS

Fr. Ian will visit the housebound and elderly on his First Friday list on Wednesday 4th October after 9am Mass. And, Fr Richard on Friday 6th October, after 9am Mass.

DEENSIDE MAGAZINE

People wishing to send greetings to relatives for the Christmas edition of the Deenside should Email: margcris@mac.com or phone on 056-4441370 before Monday the 9th October 2023.

FIRST YEAR OPENING MASS (CASTLECOMER COMMUNITY SCHOOL)

Thursday 5th October at 10am in Parish Church. All are very welcome to join in this celebration and Eucharist. No 9am Mass today.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI (FEAST 4TH OCTOBER)

Saint Francis of Assisi is perhaps the most known and loved saint within the Catholic Church. Though many flock to him because of his portrayal as one who loved animals and nature, he became one of the greatest saints in the history of the world for one simple reason: he was a true servant of the Most High God. The Season of Creation is officially ending on the feast of St. Francis, but care for Earth must be ongoing. Pope Francis encourages us *“to reflect on our lifestyles, and how our daily decisions about food, consumption, transportation, use of water, energy and many other material goods, can often be thoughtless and harmful.”*

SYNOD 2023 ROME

The synod is the result of a two-year process that started in September 2021, when the Vatican released a preparatory document and instructions on how to prepare for the summit. Catholic faithful around the world then met in their parishes to discuss the questions posed by the synod. The syntheses of those conversations were then sent to their respective bishops' conferences.

The Bishops then sent their conclusions to the Vatican, where a group of some 30 experts, theologians and pastoral workers met in the town of Frascati near Rome in September 2022 to draft a document that would guide the next phase. This document, entitled 'Enlarge the Space of your Tent' was sent to the back to the bishop's throughout the world for further reflection. Their reflections have become another document, *Instrumentum Laboris*, that will guide discussions at the upcoming synod.

Joining in the Synod a weekly update on the synod in Rome. This series will take place online and culminate in a gathering in Knock shrine beginning Monday the 2nd of October at 8.30pm and running for 5 weeks. Join online at www.knockshrine.ie/watch-live