

# Church of the Immaculate Conception Castlecomer



22nd October 2023

PARISH NEWSLETTER

29TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A) - MISSION SUNDAY



## + BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO DIE IN THE LORD +

### Died recently

Lil Coogan, Andora, Kilkenny Road  
Thomas (Tom) Brennan Roe, 6 Hillside view, Castlecomer  
Maureen Healy (nee Kenny), Donaguile Heights, Castlecomer  
Gabriel Kelly, Viewmount Waterford, formerly of Kilkenny St.

### ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Sat. 21st Oct: 10am: Sean Ryan & Deceased members of the Ryan and Kavanagh families  
Sat. 21st Oct: 7pm: Kathleen Tynan, Skehana  
Sun. 22nd Oct: 11am: Noel Adrian Owens, Ryefield House & Donal McInerney, Ballyhemmon  
Mon. 24rd Oct: 9am: Statia & John Brennan, Loon & Ellen Brennan, Bance

### WE PRAY FOR ALL WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:

Frank & Lar Devlin, Donaguile, Maurice Ryan Jr, Aughamuckey, Brennan family, Cruttenclough  
Mealy Family, Upper Coolbawn, Ellen Brennan, Upper Coolbawn (New York),  
Kieran & Annie Brennan, Upperhills, Sheila Rochford, Bowden Court

### WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS: FOR 28TH/29TH OCTOBER:

Sat. 28th Oct: 10am: Betty Harding, 17 Maryville  
Sat. 28th Oct: 7pm: Deceased members of the Kavanagh families, Clashduff

**PARISH OFFICE open Tuesdays, Wednesday and Fridays, 9.30am – 12.30pm.**

### CONTACTS:

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### THE PARISH OFFICE:

Tues, Wed and Fri 10:00 – 12:30.  
Parish Office: 056 444 1262  
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. You can submit anniversaries etc. also through the parish email.*

### WEEKLY OFFERTORY & ENVELOPE COLLECTION

Week ending 15th Oct €1,705.  
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 28th/29th October

Saturday 7pm: Martin Walsh  
Sunday 8am: Tom Teehan  
Sunday 11am: Sheila Pedini

### MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

#### Week beginning 23rd October

Monday – Friday, 9am: Teresa Hetherington  
Saturday, 28th 10am Teresa Hetherington  
Saturday 28th, 7pm: Catherine Greer  
Sunday 29th, 8am: Margaret O' Neill  
Sunday 29th, 11am: Jeanette Harding

### FIRODA NATIONAL SCHOOL

Applications for admission to Firoda National School for the school year 2024/2025 is now open. If you have a child due to start school, an application form can be downloaded from the website or contact the school 056—4441384. Further queries or to arrange a visit to the school please contact the school. Closing date 4<sup>th</sup> Dec.

### SYNOD 2023

This past week the Synod discussed mission and a central aspect of that discussion focused on the role of women in the Church. Cardinal Hollerich (Archbishop of Luxembourg) drew attention to the question of gender right away with questions that we could read – “Most of us are men. But men and women receive the same Baptism and the same Spirit. The Baptism of women is not inferior to the Baptism of men. How can we ensure that women feel they are an integral part of this missionary Church?” He challenged participants, most of whom are ordained men, to examine whether they feel “enriched or threatened” when sharing responsibility for the Church’s mission with women. Discussion also took place on authority, structures and processes and what would a Synodal Church really look like? Those involved have confirmed that the difficult conversations—for which there are no easy answers—are happening.

### LORETO SECONDARY SCHOOL KILKENNY

Loreto Secondary School Kilkenny are holding an open day for 6th Class girls on Thursday 28th September. 1st Year Enrolment closes on 23 October 2023; please consult the school website ([www.loretokk.ie](http://www.loretokk.ie)).

### SUNDAY 22TH OF OCTOBER MASS

Bishop Coll will celebrate the 11am mass in Castlecomer this Sunday. At this mass Fr Scriven will be formally installed by the Bishop as Parish Priest of Castlecomer. Bishop Coll will present the Book of the Gospels, a Chalice and Paten, the Holy Oils, and a Register and Keys of the Church to Fr Scriven representing the duties of care for the Parish and the sacraments as part of his priestly ministry.

### Mission Sunday

#### Annual Church Door collection this Week

“HEARTS ON FIRE, FEET ON THE MOVE”  
Message from Pope Francis

*For this year’s World Mission Sunday, I have chosen a theme inspired by the story of the disciples on the way to Emmaus, in the Gospel of Luke (cf. 24:13-35): “Hearts on fire, feet on the move”. Those two disciples were confused and dismayed, but their encounter with Christ in the word and in the breaking of the bread sparked in them the enthusiastic desire to set out again towards Jerusalem and proclaim that the Lord had truly risen. In the Gospel account, we perceive this change in the disciples through a few revealing images: their hearts burned within them as they heard the Scriptures explained by Jesus, their eyes were opened as they recognized him and, ultimately, their feet set out on the way. By meditating on these three images, which reflect the journey of all missionary disciples, we can renew our zeal for evangelization in today’s world.*

### TAIZÉ YOUTH PROGRAMME 2024

Organised by Ossory Youth a trip to Taizé will take place from 23rd -30th June 2024. Closing date for those interested Friday 27th Oct. Additional information, including cost and application forms from Patrick Bookle, Ossory Youth 087 2129006, [pbookle@ossoryyouth.com](mailto:pbookle@ossoryyouth.com)

### FAMILY TREE HEALING MASS

Fr. John Walsh will celebrate Divine Mercy & Family Tree Healing Mass at St. Abbans Church, Doonane (R93 AT86) on Monday 30th October 2023 @ 7.30pm.