

Church of the Immaculate Conception Castlecomer



8th October 2023

PARISH NEWSLETTER
27TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A)



+ BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO DIE IN THE LORD +

RECENTLY DECEASED

Tina Walsh, Ardra

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

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

WE PRAY FOR ALL WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:

Louise Farrell, Johnswell Rd, Kilkenny & Dairy Rd, Castlecomer

Annie O'Neill, Donaguile; Dick & Kathleen Shortall, 13, Deerpark

Annie Curran, Aughamuckey;

Elizabeth Brennan, Patrick Brennan & Patrick Brennan Jnr, Kilkenny Street

WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS: FOR 14TH/15TH OCTOBER:

Sat. 14th Oct: 7pm: Seamus Kennedy, Ardra

Sun. 15th Oct: 8am: Winifred and Frank Loughlin and all deceased members, Newtown

Sun. 15th Oct: 11am: Dot Byrne, Maryville, (Months Mind)

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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. You can submit anniversaries etc. also through the parish email.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY & ENVELOPE

COLLECTION

Week ending 1st Oct €1,655.

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
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The Parish Representatives are:

Eilish Dunne

Ger Comerford

They can be contacted through the parish office telephone number.

MINISTRY OF READERS AT MASS

Weekending 14th/15th October

Saturday 7pm: Brigid Coady

Sunday 8am: Margaret McGrath

Sunday 11am: George Mealy

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Week beginning 9th October

Monday – Friday, 9am: Sheila Loughlin

Saturday 14th. 10am: Sheila Loughlin

Saturday 14th, 7pm: Ingrid Brennan

Sunday 15th, 8am: Noreen Curry

Sunday 15th, 11am: Eoin Stowe

SYNOD 2023 ROME

The Synod begun on Thursday, the feast of St Francis. Normally reserved to bishops, at the request of Pope Francis this synod, invited lay faithful, priests and religious from around the world to come together to discern the promptings of the Holy Spirit for the Church today. This is a continuance of the synodal gatherings we had in Ossory and in every Diocese throughout the world. Our ideas are carried there by the Irish delegation.

With such a variety of voices from every part of the world it was recognised that at this synod tensions will exist - as each one tries to make their views heard. The Dominican priest Fr Timothy Radcliffe has preached to all gathered in these opening days - he noted, in one of these addresses, that in English we say that "we fall in love but we make friends" reminding those gathered for the synod that difference is ok, variance is to be welcomed and that we won't fall into agreement, we will have to work to make it happen.

BE PART OF THE 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

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Bishop Coll will celebrate the 11am mass in Castlecomer on Sunday 22nd October. At this mass Fr Scriven will be formally installed by the Bishop as Parish Priest of Castlecomer.

OCTOBER STATIONS FOR PRIESTS

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 who have contributed. Please use envelope supplied or collection box in church porch.

BEGINNING OF YEAR PRAYER SERVICE

Castlecomer Community School will be holding an ecumenical prayer service for the beginning of this academic year in the parish church at 12 (noon) on Thur 12th October.

Thursday is the feast of Blessed Carlo Acutis – a relic is in the Prayer Room in the school and there is a nationwide celebration of Blessed Carlo throughout Ireland at this time.

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL – FEASTDAY 8 OCT

This Sunday, 8th October, is the feast of the dedication of our diocesan cathedral. It was opened on the 4th October 1857 by Bishop Walsh – though the feast of St Francis now displaces the cathedral celebration to the 8th! The foundations stone was laid on the 18th August 1844 by Bishop Kinsella. It is a wonderful testimony to the faith and generation of the people of that time who during famine and great poverty built this cathedral and dedicated it to Our Lady and St Kieran. It continues to be a beacon of faith and a reminder to all of the faith of the generations before us and the blessings and care of God for each of us. The architect was William Deane Bulter who was also architect for our church in Castlecomer and the churches of Ballyragget, Freshford and St Kieran's College.

ST CANICE FEAST DAY OCTOBER 11TH

St Canice was born in Co Derry around 527 and died in 603. Though his people were poor, he studied in Clonard under St Finnian and at Glasnevin under St Mobhi. A deep friendship developed between himself and St Columba, with whom he worked for a time in Scotland, where he set up a number of churches. In Ireland his principal foundation was in Aghaboe in Ossory which until the 12th century was the seat of the Bishop.