

Church of the Immaculate Conception Castlecomer



6th November 2023

PARISH NEWSLETTER

31ST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A)



+ BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO DIE IN THE LORD +

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Sat: 4th: Nov: 7pm John Greer, Donaguile & Tina Walsh, Ardra, Months Mind

Sun: 5th: Nov: 8am Mass for the faithful departed

Sun: 5th: Nov: 11am: Billy Mulcahy, Coon, Yellow Rd & Jim & Annie O'Neill 3 Donaguile & Doug Merritt, USA

WE PRAY FOR ALL WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:

Richard Moran, Patrick Moran, Edward Moran, Patrick, Rosaleen and Cyril Geoghegan, Barrack St, Ann Treacy(Nee Ryan), Aughamuckey/ Moneenroe,

WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS FOR 11TH/12TH NOV

Sat: 11th: Nov: 10am Gabriel Kelly, Waterford, Kilkenny St,

Sun: 12th: Nov: 11am: Sally Salter & Joe Byrne Ballyhemmon/Church Avenue

Memorial box for the Faithful Departed

A memorial box for the names of your deceased relatives is placed in front of the altar for the month of November.

Parish Office open on Wednesday and Friday, 9.30am -12.30pm

Please contact the parish office to organise anniversaries and other celebrations. The office can be contacted by phone (056 4441262) or email (castlecomer@ossory.ie).

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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

Parish Web Page: 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 31st Oct €1,480.

Mission Sunday 22th Oct €465

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 12th/13th November

Saturday 7pm: Maureen Holohan

Sunday 8am: Maria Reyes

Sunday 11am: Margaret Kavanagh

Ministers of the Eucharist

Week beginning 6th November

Monday - Friday, 9am Angela Byrne

Saturday, 11th 10am Angela Byrne

Saturday 11th, 7pm: Catriona Brennan

Sunday 12th, 8am: Lalaine Brennan

Sunday 12th, 11am: John Kelly

Work in the Church

Repair work to the ceiling of the sanctuary will commence on Monday 6th. This work will be in two phase. Phase 1 will be the assessment of the damage and plaster repair. It is estimated that this will take two weeks – though this timescale is dependent upon the examination of the ceiling. Phase 2 will be done in the New Year; the plaster will need to dry out before a specialist painter will come to repaint the ceiling. The work is estimated to cost between €20,000 and €25,000. Unfortunately this is a cost that we the parish will have to carry.

With the cooperation of the builder we can use the church for 9am mass each morning though not at the main altar. A temporary altar will be used half way down the church. For health and safety reasons the upper part of the church will not be accessible. All other celebrations and prayer gathers will not be possible during these two weeks. Webcam transmission will be limited though we hope that the parish radio will continue to be available for those who use it.

The November Offerings

The November offerings will be taken up this weekend. This is one of six collections for the upkeep of the priests of the parish during the year. Please use envelope provided

Ossory Times

The autumn edition of Ossory Times is available in all our churches at a price of €2. The magazine is published by the diocese and gives a good overview of the pastoral life of the 42 parishes of Ossory.

First Communion Programme

On Wednesday evening there will be a meeting of the Parents of the First Communion class. At this meeting an introduction will be given to the programme and the schedule of masses for the coming year will be outlined. Periodically during the year the families will be involved in the prayers and readings at mass and the liturgy itself will be planned with these children in mind. Please pray for the families and the young boys and girls in this very important year. The meeting will take place in the Community Hall at 7.30pm, 7.30pm.

Synod '24 - The Church begins to dream...

The document released at the conclusion of the first of the two-part climax to the Synod process points toward a profound shake-up of the Church. Its proposals include an expanded role for women in ministry, making lay involvement in decision-making mandatory, an overhaul of the seminary system, and a revision of the Church's Code of Canon Law. While the Synod did not deal with the most contested topics in the Church this was the first round of a synod double-header, which began at the local level two years ago. "Today, we do not see the full fruit of this process, but with farsightedness, we look to the horizon opening up before us," Pope Francis said in his homily at the Mass in St Peter's Basilica concluding the assembly

The breakthrough achieved by the Synod was not to be found in the texts focusing on particular issues, but in the widespread acceptance of the ways of discussing and discerning that were adopted at this Synod for the first time.

The second and concluding session of the Synod on Synodality will be held in the Vatican in 11 months' time. It will be vital for the realisation of Francis' "dream" that the work continues and the momentum created by the first session is sustained. But the synodal and missionary Church is already emerging.

Castlecomer Wellington Race 2024

Castlecomer Wellington Race Committee invite charities to apply as beneficiaries of Wellington Race 2024 to Mr Billy Moran before Nov 18th.