

# Church of the Immaculate Conception Castlecomer



3rd December 2023

PARISH NEWSLETTER  
1ST SUNDAY IN ADVENT



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

**DIED RECENTLY:** Kay Walsh, Ballyhale  
William Coll, St Johnston

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

Sat: 2nd, 10am: Thomas & Paul Nolan, Hillside View  
Sat: 2nd, 7pm Thomas, Mary & Martin Morrissey, Ballylinnen/Hillside View/ Rathdowney  
Sun: 3rd, 11am: Noreen Smith, Oakhill/Cavan & Helen Mulcahy, Yellow Rd  
Mon: 4th, 9am: Edward (Ned) Brennan, Castlecomer  
Thurs: 7th, 7:30pm: John Byrne, Crosshill (Months Mind)

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John Crennan, Knocknadogue; Jack Crennan, Knocknadogue/Dublin; Molly Byrne, Maryville;  
Mary Coady, Skehana; Elizabeth Mealey, Gorteen.

### WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS FOR 9TH/10TH DEC

Sat: 9th, 10am: Geraldine Burke, Kilkenny Rd & Jack & Nora Brennan, Firoda  
Sat: 9th, 7pm: Ann O'Neill, Hillside View & Michael Coady, Skehana, Kathleen Ring, Clashduff  
Sun: 10th, 11am: Mary Dowd, Kiltown

**PARISH OFFICE OPEN TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY, 9.30AM – 12.30PM**

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### THE PARISH OFFICE:

Tues, Wed and Fri 9:30 – 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 26th Nov €1,800  
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.

### Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Friday 8th December is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (patron feast of our parish).

Mass in Castlecomer Parish:

**Thursday: 7.30pm Friday: 11am**

No 9am mass on Thursday morning.

Masses in Clogh Parish

**Thursday: 6pm (Moneenroe)**

**Friday: 7.30pm (Clogh)**

### Ministry Of Readers at Mass

**Weekending 8th/9th/10th December**

Thursday 7:30pm: Maureen Holohan

Friday 11am: Fonsie Mealy

Saturday 7pm: Brigid Coady

Sunday 8am: Margaret McGrath

Sunday 11am: FHC

### Ministers of the Eucharist

**Week beginning 4th December**

Monday - Friday, 9am: Eoin Stowe

Saturday, 2nd 10am: Eoin Stowe

Saturday 2nd, 7pm: Catherine Greer

Sunday 3rd, 8am: Margaret O' Neill

Sunday 3rd, 11am: Angela Molloy

### Confirmation

Bishop Coll will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation in Castlecomer Parish on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May. Boys and girls from 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class will receive the sacrament.

### First Communion

We welcome the boys and girls preparing for First Holy Communion next week at mass.

### St Vincent de Paul

St Vincent de Paul will hold their Christmas collection next weekend on 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> December. Your generosity will make a difference locally.

### The Parish Envelopes

The envelopes are ready for distribution and can be collected from the Parish Office. Thanks to all who assist in this valuable work annually.

### Candlelight Procession

The Annual Candlelight Procession, organised by the Fatima Apostolate, will take place on Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> December 2023, leaving The Parade, Kilkenny, at 8.00 p.m. All welcome.

### Advent – Encountering the God of Surprises

“Ours is the God of surprises, the God who is searching for us, waiting for us, and only asks of us the small act of goodwill”.

Advent, Pope Francis stresses, is marked by “many encounters”: “from Jesus in His mother’s womb”, and “with Saint John the Baptist in the womb”, and later “with the shepherds”, and concluding “with the wise men” — not “liturgically” but “symbolically” — “with the great meeting between Jesus and His people on the 2 February when Jesus was brought to the temple at forty days”. This Advent “may we be helped by the Holy Virgin, Woman of waiting, who knew how to perceive the passing of God in the humble and hidden life of Nazareth and welcomed Him in her womb.” (Pope Francis)

### Church Advent Tree

Started on the 1st of December, (the creation) our church advent tree follows the events leading up to the birth of Jesus with spiritual stories from the bible. Parents are encouraged to show the tree to their children leading up to Christmas. Advent prayers are placed under the tree and can be taken home to pray with family or individually if you wish to do so.

### Advent 2023 in the Diocese of Ossory

The Adult Faith Development Office have prepared a series of talks and reflections for Advent 2023. Rev Albert McDonald will speak on ‘*The Parish of Tomorrow will be vastly different to today*’ in St Kieran’s College Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm. Rev Eamonn Conway will speak about his experience at the recent **Synod in Rome** on Dec 18<sup>th</sup> in St Kieran’s College at 7.30pm. Other resources for Advent on the Ossory website: [www.ossory.ie](http://www.ossory.ie)

### Cathedral Draw

The November draw took place on Wednesday in the Cathedral Chapter House. Congrats to all the local winners this month.

### Wellie Race

The 2024 Wellie Race was launched on Friday evening. John Redmond KCLR has been invited to be Race Personality this year. Best of luck to all...get your wellies on!