

# Church of the Immaculate Conception Castlecomer



10th December 2023

PARISH NEWSLETTER  
2ND SUNDAY IN ADVENT



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

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

Sat: 9th: Dec: 10am: Geraldine Burke, Kilkenny Rd, Jack & Nora Brennan, Firoda

Sat: 9th: Dec: 7pm: Michael Coady, Skehana & Kathleen Ring, Clashduff

Sun: 10th: Dec: 11am: Mary Dowd, Kiltown

Mon: 11th: Dec: 9am: Patrick Kenny, Byrnesgrove

Wed: 13th: Dec: 9am: Walter & Kathleen Kelly, Kilkenny St

Thurs: 14th: Dec: 9am: Margaret & Joesph O'Neill, Maryville

Fri: 15th: Dec: 9am: Kate Moran, Cruttenclough

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Patricia & Thomas O'Neill, Ballyhemmon; George Lacy, Lr Firoda, Shelia Jenkins (nee Geoghegan) Barrack St

## WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS FOR 16<sup>TH</sup>/17<sup>TH</sup> DEC

Sat: 16th: Dec: 10am: George & Ina Kelly, Ardra

Sat: 16th: 7pm: Michael Owens, Kilkenny St, John Healy, Donaguile Heights, Anne O'Neill, Hillside View

Sun: 17th: 11am: Noel Byrne & Gerry Kelly, The Prince, Kay (Caitlin) Conway, St Margarets, Mayhora

**Parish Office open Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 9:30am – 12.30pm**

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*Please use office number and office hours for parish administrative business, for booking Masses, marriages, and baptisms. You can submit anniversaries etc. also through the parish email.*

## WEEKLY OFFERTORY & ENVELOPE COLLECTION

Week ending 3rd Dec: €1,685  
Retired Priests Collection: €360  
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,  
Ailish Higgins  
[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.

## Christmas Mass times of the Parishes

Christmas Eve Castlecomer: 5pm & 8pm

Christmas Eve Moneenroe: 6.30pm

Christmas Day Castlecomer: 8am & 10am

Christmas Day Clogh: 11am

## Confessions during the Christmas season

Fr Scriven and Fr Ian will be available to hear confessions on Sunday the 17<sup>th</sup> of December from 3 pm – 5pm in the church.

## Ministry Of Readers at Mass

**Weekending 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> December**

Saturday 7pm: Eithne McKenna

Sunday 8am: Donal Dunne

Sunday 11am: George Mealy

## Ministers of the Eucharist

**Week beginning 11th December**

Monday - Friday, 9am: John Kelly

Saturday, 16th 10am: John Kelly

Saturday 16th, 7pm: John Holohan

Sunday 17th, 8am: Noreen Curry

Sunday 17th, 11am: Jeanette Harding

## St Vincent de Paul – this weekend

St Vincent de Paul will hold their Christmas collection this weekend. Your generosity will make a difference locally.

## The Parish Envelopes

The envelopes are now ready for distribution and can be collected from the Parish Office. Those who are distributors or those who would like to distribute, please collect your areas of distribution from the parish office. Thanks to all who use the envelopes and regular commitment to the parish.

## St Marys Cathedral Bookshop

St. Mary's Cathedral, Chapter House Bookshop is now open 5 days a week (Mon - Fri) 9-30am till 5-00pm. Shop has a great selection of Nativity Sets, Christmas Cards, Christmas Mass Bouquets, Nativity stories, spiritual books, and other religious gifts. Selection of Calendars, Catholic Diaries for 2024, Bibles and a wide range of Children stories available.

## Church cleaning on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> Dec

Those who wish to help clean the church next Saturday morning in preparation for the Christmas season please come to the sacristy after 10 am. A general range of cleaning will be done. Both men and women are welcome.

## Crafts at Castlecomer Enterprise centre

Come and join us in Castlecomer enterprise centre, Kilkenny Road to our crafts exhibition. The exhibition will be open to the public for the next 2 weeks leading up to Christmas. Open all day to view displays with free admission.

## Prayer for the second Sunday in Advent

The candle signifies the peace that Jesus Christ brings to the world and the fulfilment of the Old Testament prophecies of a Messiah who would be the Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6). It reminds us that through the birth of Jesus, humanity can find reconciliation with God and experience inner peace. Prayer: *Father, in this second week of Advent, keep us in perfect peace as our mind is stayed on the truth of your powerful love. Thank you for your mighty, sovereign hand. Help us to trust fully in you and rest in the peace that you offer. It's in the precious name of Jesus, Amen*

## Feast Day of St John of the Cross 14<sup>th</sup> Dec

“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me” (Mark 8:34b) is the story of John's life. Prayer: *Almighty Father, you endowed John of the Cross with a spirit of self-denial and a love of the Cross. By following his example, may we come to the eternal vision of your glory. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.*

## Advent 2023 in the Diocese of Ossory

The Adult Faith Development Office have prepared a series of talks and reflections for Advent 2023. 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. More information is available through the website: [www.ossory.ie](http://www.ossory.ie)