

Church of the Immaculate Conception Castlecomer



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PARISH NEWSLETTER

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



+ BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO DIE IN THE LORD +

RECENTLY DECEASED

Mary O'Shea (Nee Bradley) Drumgoole

MONTH'S MIND:

Sat 27th, 7pm: George Mealy, Clogh Rd

ANNIVERSARIES

Sat 27th, 7pm: Anthony Murphy, Oak Hill.

Sun 28th, 11am: Patrick (Paddy) Coogan, Smithstown & Justin Ring, Barrack St.

Mon 29th, 9am: Katie Hubbard (nee) Buckley, Loon & Edward (Ned) Healy, Firoda

Fri 2nd, 9am: Michael & Maureen Ferris, Ardra

Sat 3rd, 10am: Catherine & James Brennan, Loon

Michael Brennan, Mayhora

ANNIVERSARIES WEEKEND 3RD/4TH FEB

Sat 3rd, 7pm: Sean McSweeney, Maryville

Sun 4th, 11am: Abraham Dowling, Eileen Ryan & Maureen Dowling, Carlow/Chatsworth St

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They can be contacted through the parish office telephone number.

ENVELOPE AND OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Week Ending 21st Jan: €1,550

Sincere thanks to all.

Catholic Schools Week 2024

This week we celebrate Catholic Schools Week.

School communities will pray, explore and discuss the 2024 theme which reflects the contribution of Catholic schools as

'Communities of Service' in our society. Bishop

Tom Deenihan, Bishop of Meath, commented

"Thanks to the commitment of our school communities – pupils, parents, staff and parishes

- Catholic schools set a high standard when it comes to education provision. Our schools look to Jesus Christ as our role model and teacher.

"Generations of people have benefited from Catholic schools and our society is all the better for their contribution to the common good. Our schools, following the example of Jesus, serve every person regardless of creed, background, faith, social status or age. Jesus showed how our Heavenly Father is compassionate, courageous and forgiving by His own actions.

Ministry Of Readers at Mass

Weekending 3rd/4th Feb

Saturday 7pm: Brigid Coady

Sunday 8am: Donal Dunne

Sunday 11am: George Mealy

Ministers of the Eucharist

Week beginning 29th Jan

Mon – Friday 9am: Shelia Loughlin

Saturday 3rd, 10am: Shelia Loughlin

Saturday 3rd, 7pm: John Holohan

Sunday 4th, 8am: Laline Brennan

Sunday 4th, 11am: Eoin Stowe

Candlemas Day

Friday, 2nd February is the Feast of the Presentation of our Lord in the Temple, also known as Candlemas Day. The blessing of candles will take place at Mass on Friday.

St Brigid's Crosses

St Brigid Crosses will be available this weekend at all the masses and also at Eurospar on St Brigid's Day (Feb 1st) and on Friday 2nd Feb. Suggested donation €3 for church funds.

Prayer of Blessing

Below is a prayer that you could say as you are hanging the Bridgid's Cross in your home:
*May the blessing of God
and the Trinity be on this cross,
and on the home where it hangs
and on everyone who looks at it.*

St. Brigid's Day Service

The annual St. Brigid's Day service will take place on Thursday, February 1st in St Fiacre's Church Loughboy at 7.30 pm. All welcome'

Croagh Patrick Climb 2024

The Annual Croagh Patrick climb organised by Erin's Own GAA Club will take place on Saturday 17th February. Since 2010 over €200,000 has been raised for various charities both locally and nationally. This year, as explained last weekend, all proceeds will go to the necessary remedial works on our church. Sponsorship cards are available in the church where you can also make a donation.

Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life

On Thursday we also celebrate and pray for all who have consecrated their lives in the service of the Church, particularly the religious of our area who have given witness to Christ for centuries. We also think of the religious who worked in our parish community and who through their dedication made a difference by living out their religious commitment in our midst. We thank them for their dedication and pray God's blessing on them.

Feast of St Blaise

Saturday is the Feast of St. Blaise. A physician before he became a bishop, he is venerated as patron of those who suffer from disease of the throat. The blessing of throats will take place at masses next weekend. Using two blessed and unlighted candles you may like to bless the throats of your family members at home with the following words: Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, Bishop, and Martyr, may God deliver you from all ailments of the throat and from every other illness. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

First Friday

Next Friday is the First Friday of February. The sick and housebound will be visited at the normal times. Please inform the Parish Office or one of the priests if you have a relative or neighbour who would like a call.

Coon Hall Comedy Night

Kilquan Drama Group present "Separate Beds" by Sam Cree. Comedy in Three Acts in Coon Hall (Eircode R93 EC89) on 3rd to 5th February, 2024 and on 10th and 11th February, 2024 at 8.00 pm nightly. Admission is € 10. All welcome

Safeguarding

The Diocesan Safeguarding Officer, Ailish Higgins, has issued a newsletter for this weekend. It is available on the diocesan website and also in our churches. This newsletter outlines the work being done in our diocese to safeguard and respect the place of young people and vulnerable adults in our church.

Parish Office open Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 9.30am – 12.30pm