

Church of the Immaculate Conception Castlecomer



14th January 2024

PARISH NEWSLETTER

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



+ BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO DIE IN THE LORD +

RECENTLY DECEASED

James (Shem) Cantwell, Ballyhemmon
Sr Nora Merrick, Presentation Sister, Thurles

ANNIVERSARIES

Sat 13th, 10am: Michael Brooke, Kilkenny Rd
Sat 13th, 7pm: Mat O'Connor, Smithstown Rd (Months mind)
Sun 14th, 11am: Sean Ryan, Upper Yellow Rd; Paddy & Kathleen Kenny, Barrack Street;
Desmond Kavanagh, Donaguile, James Brennan, Kilkenny St
Wed 17th, 9am: Tom Dwyer, Massford
Thur 18th, 9am: Josephine (Jo) Brophy, Maryville
Fri 19th, 9am: Abraham Coady, Kiltown
Sat 20th, 10am: Tommy Coogan, The Square

Annie Brennan, Upperhills; Eddie Kelly, Barrack St; Maureen Dowling, Carlow/Castlecomer
Collette Barrett, Donaguile Thomas, Tom & Mae Dowling, Ballyragget

ANNIVERSARIES WEEKEND 20TH/21ST JAN:

Sat 20th, 7pm: Michael Tyrrell, Ballyragget Rd
Sun 21st, 11am: Michael & Angela White, Knocknadogue

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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.

ENVELOPE AND OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Week ending 7th Jan
€1,835

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 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 20th/21st Jan
Saturday 7pm: Mary Buggy
Sunday 8am: Tom Teehan
Sunday 11am: Shelia Pedini

Ministers of the Eucharist

Week beginning 15th Jan
Mon – Friday 9am: Eoin Stowe
Saturday, 20th 10am Eoin Stowe
Saturday 20th, 7pm: Catrióna Brennan
Sunday 21st, 8am: Noreen Curry
Sunday 21st, 11am: Sheila Loughlin

Week of Christian Unity 2024

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity takes place each year from the 18 to 25 January. This special week provides an opportunity to focus our prayers on Christian unity, as well as speak about and experience Christian unity personally, in our village, town or county. This year the theme '*You shall love the Lord your God... and your neighbour as yourself*' (Lk 10:27) has come from an ecumenical team from Burkina Faso – each year the theme is chosen by a different country. It is from the scene of the Good Samaritan in the Gospel of Luke. Jesus stresses the connection between love of God and love of neighbour with a particular concern for challenging the boundaries of who is considered "neighbour". Jesus invites us to observe the commandments and to also imitate the love of God in the giving of self for another.

The Parish Envelopes

The new sets of envelopes are now in use. Those who have not received envelopes please call into the parish centre. Thanks to all who use the envelopes and the regular commitment to the parish throughout the year.

Clothes Collection – 10th to 18th Jan

Boys' National School, Castlecomer are holding a Clothing Collection. Gather your re-wearable items of clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts, towels, blankets, curtains and soft toys. Please support.

Croagh Patrick Climb – Erin's Own GAA

The annual Erin's Own Croagh Patrick Climb will take place on 17th February. The club have generously committed the fundraising this year to the Parish Church. In effect they will underwrite the remedial work which has begun in the sanctuary and during this coming year will be completed. Sponsorship Cards are available at all the masses this weekend and we encourage all in the parish to support this very generous fundraiser.

You can also contribute to the fundraiser using the GoFundme Portal which can be accessed through the Club's Face Book Page, the Parish Website or through gofundme.com/f/erins-own-gaa-club-croagh-patrick-climb

Over the coming weeks representatives of the club will be present at weekend masses and you will have an opportunity to contribute – they will also have credit card facility. Please encourage your wider family to support the club and in so doing you and they will contribute in a significant way to the upkeep of our parish church. Well done to all the volunteers and good luck with the training.

St Bridgid's Crosses

St Bridgid's Crosses will be available again this year. Further information from Aidan Shortall 087 9012322. Volunteers for making the crosses and selling of them required.

Pope Francis Jubilee Year 2025

Pope Francis is looking ahead to the Jubilee Year 2025 as "a pilgrim of hope". In the Christmas Day *Urbi et Orbi* message Pope Francis mentioned the jubilee and expressed the hope that 2024 would be "a time of preparation for the Holy Year" and "an opportunity for the conversion of hearts, for the rejection of war and the embrace of peace, and for joyfully responding to the Lord's call." In 2023 the Vatican launched the Jubilee website which lets people choose proposed pilgrimages and other various events. The website and app also give news and information on the Holy Door of St. Peter's and the other basilicas as well. www.iubilaeum2025.va

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