

# Church of the Immaculate Conception Castlecomer



21st January 2024

PARISH NEWSLETTER

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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

### ANNIVERSARIES

Sat 20<sup>th</sup>, 7pm: Michael Tyrrell, Ballyragget Rd, Castlecomer  
Sun 21<sup>st</sup>, 11am: Michael & Angela White, Knocknadogue  
Mon 22<sup>nd</sup>, 9am: Liam Coogan, Lower Yellow Rd  
Tue 23<sup>rd</sup>, 9am: Anna Mae Downey, Banbridge, Co Down  
Wed 24<sup>th</sup>, 9am: Terence Dunne, Skehana  
Thur 25<sup>th</sup>, 9am: Richard & Kate Brennan, Smithstown  
Fri 26<sup>th</sup>, 9am: Edward (Ned) Healy, Firoda

John Smith, Golf Course; Rita Smith, Bowden's Court; Martin Phelan, Mayhora; Collette Barrett, Donaguile; Annie McCabe (nee) Dowling, Ballyfermot/Donaguile; Michael Dowling, Donaguile; Denis (Dinny) & Bernadette Nolan, Kilkenny St; Kathleen Nolan & Vincent Nolan, Kilkenny St.

### ANNIVERSARIES WEEKEND 27<sup>TH</sup>/28<sup>TH</sup> JAN:

Sat 27<sup>th</sup>, 7pm: George Mealy, Clogh Rd (Month's Mind) & Anthony Murphy, Oak Hill.  
Sun 28<sup>th</sup>, 11am: Patrick (Paddy) Coogan, Smithstown & Justin Ring, Barrack St.

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### ENVELOPE AND OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Week Ending 14<sup>th</sup> Jan: €1,745  
Sincere thanks to all.

### SAFEGUARDING:

The Diocesan Designated Liaison Person is  
Ailish Higgins  
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The Parish Representatives are:  
Eilish Dunne & Ger Comerford  
They can be contacted through the parish  
office telephone number.

### Word of God Sunday

A Sunday designated to the Word of God was instituted by Pope Francis on 30 September 2019. The motto this year is taken from the Gospel of John: "Remain in my Word" (John 8:31).  
Archbishop Farrell, Archbishop of Dublin, points out that Pope Francis is highlighting the importance of Sacred Scripture in the life, worship, and mission of the Church. The Bible is not the preserve of the few. It belongs to all of us. It is the book of the people of God. It is a rich source for prayer, for contemplation and consolation.  
Archbishop Farrell emphasises that Scripture is at the centre of everything the Church does. "The Scriptures nourish and shape our prayer and our worship. They help us understand our world. They shape our world view. They teach us how to live and relate to each other. They continually call and challenge us to permit the Word of God to take flesh in our lives."

### Ministry Of Readers at Mass

*Weekending 27th/28th Jan*  
Saturday 7pm: FHC  
Sunday 8am: Dick Mullins  
Sunday 11am: Teresa Hetherington

### Ministers of the Eucharist

*Week beginning 22nd Jan*  
Mon – Friday 9am: John Kelly  
Saturday, 27th 10am John Kelly  
Saturday 27th, 7pm: Louise Walsh  
Sunday 28th, 8am: Margaret O' Neill  
Sunday 28th, 11am: Jeanette Harding

### The Parish Envelopes

The Parish Envelopes have been distributed – thanks to those who do this work. If for some reason you did not receive a box of envelopes please contact the parish office.

### St Brigid's Crosses

St Brigid Crosses will be available next weekend, 27th/.28th Jan, 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.

### Divine Mercy and Family Healing Mass

Divine Mercy and Family Tree Healing Mass will be celebrated in St Abban's Church Doonane, Mon 29th Jan at 7.30pm.

### Week of Christian Unity 2024

This Sunday falls within the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The theme this year *'You shall love the Lord your God...and your neighbour as yourself*, from the text of the Good Samaritan in the Gospel of Luke.

### First Holy Communion

Next weekend we will welcome the boys and girls of our first communion classes to mass. Please pray for them and their families.

### Ignatian Spiritual Exercises for Men

Ignatian Spiritual Exercises for Men in the De La Salle Retreat Centre in Castletown, February 2nd to 5th, 2024. Please contact Sr Constancy, [c.puertadelaaularl@gmail.com](mailto:c.puertadelaaularl@gmail.com) or 089 215 2307.

### Croagh Patrick Climb 2024

As you heard last weekend 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 here in the church where you can also make a donation.

### Ossory Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

We are delighted to announce that the annual Ossory Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2024 is now available to book! The departure will take place on 22 May 2024 from Cork flying direct to Lourdes with accommodation available. Pilgrims wishing to travel to Lourdes book as soon as possible. Should you require any additional information on the pilgrimage, please do not hesitate to contact Joe Walsh Tours on 01-2410800 or [info@joewalshstours.ie](mailto:info@joewalshstours.ie).

### Erin's Own GAA Lotto

This week's LOTTO jackpot is €12,600. The draw will take place on Tuesday night. Tickets are available online and around the town. BE IN TO WIN.

### Castlecomer Pantomime 2024

Deenside Players will present and perform a pantomime in the Castlecomer Community Hall on a series of nights starting from Sunday 21st to Friday 26th January 2024.(8pm) Whether you are a family member of the cast, or just someone who is looking for a bit of entertainment, the Panto Castlecomer is the place to go. You can book tickets from the community hall (in person booking Mon to Fri 10am to 12pm) Tickets €15 Or on online at [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com).

### Coon Hall Comedy Night

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

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