

# Church of the Immaculate Conception Castlecomer



3rd March 2024

PARISH NEWSLETTER

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (B)



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

### ANNIVERSARIES

Sat 2nd, 7pm: Mary Dargan (Month's Mind), David Boland, Cloneen, Helen & Paddy Loughlin, Ardra  
Sun 3rd, 11am: Mary O'Neill, London/Hillside View & Michael Holden, Love Lane  
Mon 4th, 9am: Thomas Kennedy, Mayhora  
Tue 5th, 9am: Martin Downey, Tinalinton  
Wed 6th, 9am: Brigid Downey, Donaguile Heights  
Thu 7th, 9am: Anthony (Tony) Barrett, Kilkenny Rd  
Fri 8th, 9am: John Tynan, Mary Tynan & Billy Tynan, Florence Terrace  
Sat 9th, 10am: Molly & Ned Brennan, Knocknadogue

Jim Agar, Coon; Tim, Tom & Molly Moran, Aughamuckey; Pake Walker, Deerpark; Mary Phelan, Love Lane; James Campion, Chatsworth, Clogh.

### ANNIVERSARIES WEEKEND 9TH/10TH FEBRUARY

Sat 9th, 7pm: Gerard Moran (Month's Mind); Lucy Mealy, Clogh Rd  
Sun 10th 11am: Irene O'Shea, Chatsworth St; Helen Shea, Drumgoole

**The Parish Office Opening Hours** Tuesday, Wednesday Friday 9.30 – 12.30pm

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### SAFEGUARDING:

The Diocesan Designated Liaison Person is  
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The Parish Representatives are:

Eilish Dunne & Ger Comerford

They can be contacted through the parish  
office telephone number.

### ENVELOPE AND OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Week ending 25th Feb: €2,507

SINCERE THANKS TO ALL

**Saint Vincent De Paul** will hold their  
monthly church door collection next weekend;  
your support is greatly appreciated.

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

will take place this Sunday the first Sunday of the  
month, 3pm- 5pm. Adoration every Tuesday  
Evening, 7pm – 9pm.

**Lenten Stations** are now due and can be  
returned to the church or parochial house.

### Lenten Tweets

during the season of Lent:  
Follow @ossorydiocese for a simple thought each  
day.

**Trocáire Boxes** are available at the back of  
Church and all are encouraged to take one and to  
be as generous as possible.

### Diocese of Ossory 2024 Lenten

**Programme** details on the church notice board

### Readers at Mass 9th/10th March

Saturday 7pm: Brigid Coady  
Sunday 8am: Maria Reyes  
Sunday 11am: Margaret Kavanagh

### Ministers of the Eucharist

Mon-Fri 4th – 8th, 9am: Eoin Stowe  
Saturday, 2nd, 10am: Eoin Stowe  
Saturday 2nd, 7pm: Louise Walsh  
Sunday 3rd, 8am: Margaret O'Neill  
Sunday 3rd, 11am: Jeanette Harding

### Pope Francis

Pope Francis made headlines recently in an  
interview with an Italian TV station. He said:  
"What I am about to say is not a dogma of  
faith, it is a personal thing - I like to think of  
hell as empty. I hope it is."

### Wellie Race Committee Last Supper

The presentation of cheques to charities from  
the proceeds of Wellie Race 2024 will take  
place in Castlecomer Golf Club on Friday 8th  
March at 9pm. Thanks to all who supported the  
Wellie Race on Jan 1<sup>st</sup> all welcome.

### Valley Rovers AFC

A belated 50th Anniversary celebration at the  
Avalon Hotel, Castlecomer on Friday May 3rd  
at 7.30pm for all who played or supported the  
Valley Rovers AFC team of 1970-1977  
including those who played with St Kevin's  
AFC. Details from Bill Delaney Chairman  
Crettyard United AFC or contact Donie Butler  
087 315 6359 or email at  
[doniebutler48@gmail.com](mailto:doniebutler48@gmail.com)

### Annual Cake Sale – Community Hall

Castlecomer Community Hall we will host the  
7th annual cake sale on Saturday 30th March  
10.00am - 1.00pm in aid of Aoiheann's Pink  
Tie. Raffle on the day – All welcome

### Cathedral Draw

Congrats to the winners in the February Draw  
which took place in the Cathedral Chapter  
House on Wednesday night. John and  
Catherine Kelly were winners this month.  
Congrats and thanks to all who support the  
draw.

### St Kieran of Saighir - 5th March

The 5th of March is the feast of St Kieran, patron  
of our diocese. Often referred to as Ciarán of  
Saigher, Kieran is one of the 12 Apostles of  
Ireland and is considered to be the first saint born  
in Ireland. Cape Clear Island of the south west  
coast of Cork is traditionally regarded as his birth  
place. It is reported that Patrick sent Kieran to  
Ireland from Rome having given him a bell with  
the instruction to build a monastery where it  
sounded. He settled in Seir Kieran as a hermit but  
soon disciples were attracted to him and a large  
monastery grew up around his cell. He is  
traditionally depicted as a John the Baptist type  
figure, wearing animal skins and dwelling in the  
wilderness.

### Readings at Mass: [www.universalis.com](http://www.universalis.com)

Visit [www.universalis.com/today](http://www.universalis.com/today) and each day  
you will find information on the Saint of the Day,  
the Mass readings and Morning and Evening  
Prayer of the Church.

### Irish Catholic Bishops' Statement on The Family & Care Referendums

The bishops have expressed concern that the  
proposed Family amendment to the Constitution  
(39th Amendment (amending Article 41)  
diminishes the unique importance of the  
relationship between marriage and family in the  
eyes of Society and State and is likely to lead to a  
weakening of the incentive for young people to  
marry. On the second referendum (40th  
Amendment (deleting Article 41.2 and inserting a  
New Article 42B) the bishops are concerned that  
the Care amendment would have the effect of  
abolishing all reference to motherhood in the  
Constitution and leave unacknowledged the  
particular and incalculable societal contribution  
that mothers in the home have made and continue  
to make in Ireland...The role of mothers should  
continue to be cherished in our Constitution.

### Date for your Diary – Firoda School

Fundraiser night in The Avalon House Hotel,  
Castlecomer, Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March, Music on the  
night by **Olivia Douglas**. Details from the School.  
Great night promised. Dance the night away!