

# Church of the Immaculate Conception Castlecomer



10th March 2024

PARISH NEWSLETTER

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (B)



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

### ANNIVERSARIES

Sat 9th, 7pm: Gerard Moran, Kilkenny (Month's Mind); Lucy Mealy, Clogh Rd  
Sun 10th, 11am: Irene O'Shea, Chatsworth St; Helen Shea, Drumgoole  
Mon 11th, 9am: James Moran, Cruttenclough  
Sat 16th, 10am: John & Margaret Cadigan, Uskertyr

Phyllis & William Ryan, Marymount; Bishop Peter Birch, Kilkenny.

### ANNIVERSARIES WEEKEND 16/17TH MARCH

Sat 16th, 7pm: John & Mary O'Mara, Chatsworth St  
Sun 17th 11am: Laurence (Larry) Callery, Barrack Hill, Castlecomer

### PRAYER DURING THE DAY & EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:

The Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy every Monday – Saturday at 12pm & Sunday at 3pm:  
Adoration every Tuesday: 7pm – 9pm; Rosary at 8pm First Sunday of the month 3pm – 5pm.

### THE PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS:

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 9.30am – 12.30pm

**SVP MONTHLY COLLECTION WILL BE TAKEN UP THIS WEEKEND**

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### SAFEGUARDING:

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Eilish Dunne & Ger Comerford  
They can be contacted through the parish  
office telephone number.

### ENVELOPE AND OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Week ending 3rd March: €1,635

SINCERE THANKS TO ALL

### PRAYER FOR MOTHER'S DAY

For our mothers, who have given us life,  
that we may show them reverence and love;  
For mothers who have lost a child through  
death, that their faith may give them hope;  
For mothers who have died, that God may  
bring them into the joy of his kingdom;  
**HAPPY MOTHERS DAY!**

### Trocáire

Ms Lorraine O'Shea will speak on behalf of  
Trocáire at mass next week in Castlecomer. The  
focus of this year's campaign is Malawi and in  
particular the daily struggle to access clean and  
safe water. Lorraine will speak upon this need  
and impact that climate change in Malawi.

### The Lenten Stations

The stations are now due and can be returned to  
the church or parochial house.

### Readers at Mass 16th/17th March

Saturday 7pm: Eithne McKenna  
Sunday 8am: Dick Mullins  
Sunday 11am: Sheila Pedini

### Ministers of the Eucharist

Mon-Fri 11th – 15th, 9am: Angela Byrne  
Saturday, 16th, 10am: Angela Byrne  
Saturday 16th, 7pm: Ingrid Brennan  
Sunday 17th, 8am: Lalaine Brennan  
Sunday 17th, 11am: Angela Molloy

### Pope Francis 2013-2024

Pope Francis was elected pope by his brother  
cardinals on Monday 13 March 2013 and was  
installed as Bishop of Rome on the feast of St  
Joseph, 19<sup>th</sup> March 2013. No other phrase has  
been repeated by Pope Francis more than these  
seven words, at the end of almost every speech:  
"Do not forget to pray for me!" Pray for him as  
we remember Pope Francis on his happy  
anniversary.

### Save the Date...

Castlecomer Male Voice Choir will hold their  
40 year concert in the church on Friday on May  
3rd. Guests will include Harpist Mary Kelly,  
The Castlecomer Community School Choir and  
St Patricks Brass Band, Kilkenny. The choir  
will be led by organist James Rice. All  
proceeds will go towards the church. More  
information will be available closer to the date.

### Míle Buíochais

*Míle Buíochais* to the Wellie Race Committee  
and all associated with Wellie Race 2024 for  
their generous donation of €1,000 to the Parish.  
Well done to the Wellie for over €40k given to  
various charities in the locality. Here's to No  
45 in 2025.

### Lent 2024 in the Diocese of Ossory...

Lent Tweets – follow @OssoryDiocese for a  
thought each day during this Lenten journey.

Diocese of Ossory Lent 2024 - see notice board  
for programme.

### St Patrick's Day – 17th March

We will celebrate our national saint next  
weekend...brush up on your gaeilge!

### LENT

Lent should be viewed as an essential "spring  
training" for Christians as they prepare themselves  
for the Easter season. (*Dr. Donald Sweeting of  
Colorado Chirstian University*)

Lent is a chance to willingly embrace discomfort for  
a greater outcome. (*Justine To, Guardian  
Newspaper London*)

Lent is a time of love, not legalism...God is not a  
*cosmic Santa Claus* who keeps tabs on those who  
are naughty or nice. (*Laura Gallier*)

The Lenten journey involves a struggle. It is a time  
for action but also a time "to pause" – to pause in  
prayer and to pause "in the presence of a wounded  
brother or sister." (*Pope Francis*)

Lent is a time of returning to God. Lent is a time of  
refocusing, of re-entering the place of truth, of  
reclaiming our true identity. (*Henri Nouwen*)

### YOUR MOTHER IS ALWAYS WITH YOU

(*Deborah Culver*)

She's the whisper of the leaves  
as you walk down the street.

She's the smell of certain foods  
you remember, flowers you pick,  
the fragrance of life itself.

She's the cool hand on your brow  
when you're not feeling well.

She's your breath in the air  
on a cold winters' day.

She is the sound of the rain  
that lulls you to sleep,

the colours of a rainbow.

She is Christmas morning.

Your mother lives inside your laughter.

She's the place you come from,  
your first home.

She's the map you follow  
with every step you take.

She's your first love,  
your first friend, even your first enemy.

But nothing on earth can separate you.

Not time.

Not space.