

# Church of the Immaculate Conception Castlecomer



21<sup>st</sup> April 2024

PARISH NEWSLETTER

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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

### ANNIVERSARIES

Sat 20th, 7pm: Joe Comerford, The Square

Mon 22nd, 9am: John & Mary O'Brien, Skehana,  
John F O'Brien & Breda O'Brien, Drumgoole

Wed 24th 9am Catherine & Tom Delaney, Mayhora

Liam Dunne, Yellow Rd /Nottingham; Claire Duffy, Kilkenny St; Eileen Gleeson, Kilkenny; Rd;  
Tom & Bridget Cody, Skehana; Michael, Teresa (Tess) & Peggy Farrell, Love Lane

### ANNIVERSARIES WEEKEND 27<sup>TH</sup>/28<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

Sat 27th, 7pm: Kieran (Kierney) Brennan, Yellow Rd/Dublin

Sun 28th, 11am: Mary Cadigan, Coon, (Months Mind Mass)

### PRAYER DURING THE DAY

The Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy every Monday/Saturday at 12pm & Sunday at 3pm:

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Adoration every Tuesday: 7pm/9pm; Rosary at 8pm First Sunday of the month 3pm/5pm.

### THE PARISH OFFICE

Open this coming week on Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 9:30am /12:30pm

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### SAFEGUARDING:

The Diocesan Liaison Person: Ailish Higgins,  
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The Parish Safeguarding Representatives:  
Eilish Dunne & Ger Comerford, Contact:  
Through the parish office telephone number.

### WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION:

Week ending 14th April: €2,140

SINCERE THANKS TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED

### MINISTERIES AND NOTICES:

#### Readers for 27<sup>th</sup>- 28<sup>th</sup> April

Saturday 7pm: Eithne McKenna

Sunday 8am: Maria Reyes

Sunday 11am: Sheila Pedini

#### Ministers of the Eucharist

Mon- Sat: 22nd/27th: Angela Byrne

Saturday 27th, 7pm: Sheila Loughlin

Sunday 28th, 8am: Lalaine Brennan

Sunday 28th, 11am: Jeanette Harding

#### Daffodil Day Donations

The Irish Cancer society gratefully appreciate the generous donation of €3043.50 from the Castlecomer area which was received after another successful Daffodil Day on March 22nd. Thank you for your generosity.

### Vocation's Sunday

Today is World Day of Prayer for Vocations. It is also known as 'Good Shepherd Sunday' because the Gospel is always from John chapter 10 where Jesus speaks of himself as being a caring shepherd. The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfil the Lord's instruction when he asked us: "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). A whole year has been dedicated to prayer and promotion of the vocation to the diocesan priesthood. The theme of the year was entitled 'TAKE THE RISK FOR CHRIST'. Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood and religious life and the Church will always having pastors who care for God's people with the heart of Christ himself. There will be a Holy Hour in St Fiacre's Church Loughboy, on Tuesday 23rd April, 2024. This time of prayer is organised by Fr Mark Condon, Ossory Vocations Director. All welcome.

### Master's Winners Speaks of his Faith

Scottie Scheffler won the 2024 US Masters last Sunday – his second win. Since World War II only Tiger Woods, Jack Nicklaus and Seve Ballesteros have won two Masters by age of 27; Scheffler, who is 25, now joins that short list.

Reflecting on the role of golf in his life, Scheffler took the interview in a religious direction, saying his faith is his defining trait. *"I'm a faithful guy. I believe in a creator. I believe in Jesus... I feel like I've been given a platform to compete and show my talent. It's not anything that I did"*.

He added that his focus is on working hard and praising God, not chasing fame. *"I've been called to come out here, do my best, compete and glorify God,"* Scheffler said. Following his success on Sunday he commented "It's a pretty special feeling to know that I'm secure for forever," he said. *"I believe that today's plans were already laid out many years ago, and I could do nothing to mess up those plans."*

### Welcome of Confirmation Candidates

We welcome to mass this weekend those who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in our parish this year. Bishop Coll will celebrate the sacrament on May 19<sup>th</sup> at 11am. Over the next few weeks Fr Scriven and Fr Doyle will celebrate the Sacrament of Penance with the boys and girls. The Ceremony of Light will take place on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm. The boys and girls are also preparing individual letters to Bishop Coll outlining why they wish to receive the sacrament, the importance of the day for them and the significance of the confirmation name they have chosen.

### Coeliac Hosts

It is possible for those who have a gluten intolerance to receive communion at Mass in our parish. Low-gluten hosts are prepared in St Finbar's Convent in Cork and are reserved in a separate ciborium in the tabernacle. Please indicate to the minister of your preference when you come to communion.

### 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert

Castlecomer Male Voice Choir will hold a concert on May the 3rd at 7.30pm to celebrate their 40th anniversary. Proceeds will go to the restoration fund for the Church. Tickets are €20. Special guests include, Castlecomer Community School Choir, Mary Kelly World renowned Harpist, Niamh Sheehy, Soprano, St Patricks Brass and Reed band and Pat Dalton, Storyteller.

### Trocáire

Please return Trocáire boxes at this time to enable us to forward the parish contribution to the diocese who will forward the diocesan sum collected to Trocáire. Thanks to all who contributed this year.

### Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Monday 22nd of April at 7.30pm in St Clare's Church Graiguecullen Carlow. People are encouraged to place their petitions in the petition boxes in the Church. Rosary recited at 7.10pm and Novena begins at 7.30pm Guest speaker for the evening is Ben Scallan a senior political correspondent as well as an Irish journalist and commentator.