

Church of the Immaculate Conception Castlecomer



7th April 2024

PARISH NEWSLETTER

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER: DIVINE MERCY



+ BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO DIE IN THE LORD +

ANNIVERSARIES

Sat 6th, 7pm: Joan Fogarty, Chatsworth Street (Months Mind)
Sun 7th, 11am: Michael Brennan, Kilkenny St; Paddy Brennan Smithstown
Wed 10th, 9am: John, Michael & Foley Families
Thur 11th, 9am: John Joe Fitzpatrick, Maryville
Fri 12th, 9am: Bridget Kenny, Rathkyle/Castlecomer
Sat 13th, 10am: Rosie Ryan, Kiltown

Mary Byrne, Kiltown; Catherine Harkin, Kiltown/London; Kathleen Dwyer, Massford;
John & Annie Phillips.

ANNIVERSARIES WEEKEND 13RH/14TH APRIL

Sat 13th, 7pm: Daniel, Patrick & Margaret Dunne, Skehana Bridge; John Daly, Maryville
Sun 14th, 11am: Catherine Hughes (nee Dunne), Barrack Street

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.

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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.

ENVELOPE AND OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Week ending 31st March: €2,155
SINCERE THANKS TO ALL

MINISTERIES AND NOTICES:

Readers for 13th/14th April

Saturday 7pm: Brigid Coady
Sunday 8am: Tom Teehan
Sunday 11am: Helena Dowd

Ministers of the Eucharist

Mon- Sat: 8th/13th: John Kelly
Saturday 13th, 7pm: Louise Walsh
Sunday 14th, 8am: Noreen Curry
Sunday 14th, 11am: Angela Molloy

Parish Office

Open this coming week on Tuesday
9:30am – 12:30pm

Mass times:

Weekday mass will resume to 9am this week.

Ossory Times

The diocesan Easter edition magazine is
available at the doors of the churches with full
of interesting news. Cost: €2.

Easter Stations

This Collection is for the Priests of the Parish.
Sincere thanks to all who contributed during the
Easter Weekend. The stations box will still be
available during this weekend for those who
wish to contribute.

Cathedral Draw

Congrats to the winners in the March Draw
which took place in the Cathedral Chapter
House. The draw results can be viewed at the
back of the church. Thanks to all who support
the draw and new members are also welcome.

First Holy Communion & First Confessions

Candidates & families are reminded of the
following dates. First Confessions in the parish
church on Saturday 20th April at 11am., and
Celebration of First Holy Communion on
Sunday 12th May at 11am.

Text Alert Scheme

Membership fee of €10 is now due for
Castlecomer Community Text Alert Scheme. To
continue with this service, it is imperative that
all members renew their membership. Contact
Noelie Callinan (087-907153);
Maurice Shortall (087-7543906);
Betty Brennan (0876140002);
Hannah Lonergan (087-6849806);
Emily Condell (087-6137219) or any committee
member. Membership can also be left to Noelie
Callinan at Castlecomer Credit Union.

Clothes Collection Friends of Calcutta

Clothes Collection supporting Friends of
Calcutta will be on Monday April 15th. The
collection ends at 3pm. All enquiries to Michael
Hopkins 087-9073074 (CHY No: 13218)

Divine Mercy Sunday – Sunday 7th April

Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated on the second
Sunday of Easter and is a significant time for
reflection on the Christian faith. Divine Mercy
Sunday focuses on the gifts that flowed from
Christ's death, burial, and resurrection, his mercy
and love that were so freely given to humanity
after such a pain. It also concludes the Easter
celebrations and welcomes the ultimate gift that
Christ gave after his crucifixion. The story of
Divine Mercy Sunday, also known as 'the Feast
of the Divine Mercy,' is thousands of years old.
However, the official recognition of the day was
only authenticated by the Vatican in 2000. Pope
John Paul II declared the Sunday after Easter to
be called "Divine Mercy Sunday."

All Ireland Rosary Rally – Knock

The All Ireland Rosary Rally is back this year on
Saturday, **June 1st** in Knock. The day begins
with a Marian Conference at 9.30 am in St John's
Centre. Speakers include: Fr Michael Donnelly,
Sr Ana Margarita Lanzas SCTJM, and Fr Joseph
Maria Deane CFR. Then there will be an
opportunity to meet over 20 apostolates from
around Ireland from 11:30 am in St John's
Centre. A well-renowned speaker from Miami
called Mother Adela Galindo will deliver the
keynote Rosary talk at 1 pm in the Basilica. Then
there will be the Stations of the Cross outside at 2
pm, followed by the Rosary Procession. Bishop
Phonsie Cullinan will be the Main Celebrant of
the 3 pm. For more information and buses going
see: www.AllIrelandRosaryRally.com

Pope Francis' prayer intention for April

Dignity and worth of women be recognized
throughout the world. The Holy Father pointed
out that "in theory, we all agree that men and
women have the same dignity as persons. But
this does not play out in practice." "Let us
respect women. Let us respect their dignity,
their basic rights. And if we don't, our society
will not progress. "He concluded with a prayer:
"Let us pray that the dignity and worth of
women be recognized in every culture, and for
an end to the discrimination they face in
various parts of the world."