Church of the Immaculate Conception Castlecomer



31st March 2024

PARISH NEWSLETTER

RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD - ALLELUIA!

+ BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO DIE IN THE LORD +

DIED RECENTLY

Marie Joyce, Lacken Rd. Kilkenny, Formally 43 Kilkenny Street. Castlecomer

ANNIVERSARIES

Sat 30th, 8pm: Mary Hole (Nee Reeves)

Sun 31st, 11am: Thomas, Alice, Michael Walsh; Fiona Carroll

Mon 1st, 10am: Rachel Mulcahy Brennan, Smithstown

Tues 2nd, 10am: John Doyle, Kiltown

Wed 3rd, 10am Timothy, Julia & Thomas McSweeney. Maryville

Sat 6th, 10am: Margaret (Peggy) Shortall, Marymount

Edward & Mary Bergin, Skehana; John ~& Annie Holohan, Skehana; Kate Walsh, Love Lane; Elizabeth Nolan, Barrack Street; Martin & Mary Brennan, Donaguile; William Ryan, Maryville John Daly, Maryville, Thomas (Tom) Coady, Skehana.

ANNIVERSARIES WEEKEND 6RH/7TH APRIL

Sat 6th, 7pm:

Joan Fogarty, Chatsworth Street (Months Mind),

Sun 7th, 11am:

Michael Brennan, Kilkenny St; Paddy Brennan Smithstown

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SAFEGUARDING:

The Diocesan Designated Liaison Person is Ailish Higgins, <u>dlp@ossory.ie</u> 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 24th March: €2050 SINCERE THANKS TO ALL

PLEASE NOTE:

Daily Masses during the Easter Octave will be celebrated at 10am each week day.

PARISH OFFICE

Open this coming week on, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 9:30am – 12:30pm

Readers for 6th/7th April

Saturday 7pm: Mary Buggy Sunday 8am: Dick Mullins Sunday 11am: Angela Molloy

Ministers of the Eucharist

Mon- Sat: Chrissie Brookes
Saturday 23rd, 7pm: John Holohan
Sunday 24th, 8am: Lalaine Brennan

Sunday 24th, 11am: John Kelly

EASTER SUNDAY - THE DAY OF THE LORD

Today is Easter, the Pasch, a word that means "passage," for in Jesus the decisive passage of humanity has been made: the passage from death to life, from sin to grace, from fear to confidence, from desolation to communion in him. Today is the day the Lord has made. The New Paschal Candle, is the symbol of the New Life of the Risen Jesus shining everywhere for all – may that light guides in the days ahead.

EASTER GREETINGS

Fr Scriven and Fr Doyle pray the blessings of the Risen Jesus upon all our parishioners, their families and friends on this Easter Sunday.

Mile Buiochais to all who helped prepare and organise the ceremonies of the past week — the Great Week of the Church. Thanks to the sacristans, choirs, musicians, readers, Eucharistic ministers and all who helped in our celebrations bringing the hope and light of the Resurrection to our parish.

Throughout the year a lot of people help out and support the parish in many different ways. To all who help in the various ministries, to all who help run or organise the various parish activities and to all who help, support or participate in the life of the parish in any way at all we say a sincere word of thanks.

FIRST FRIDAY COMMUNION

Friday 5th April Fr. Ian will bring Communion and use the new Oil of the Sick to Anoint the housebound.

Lenten Dues

Please return the Lenten Envelope Dues Collection at this time. The Parish Dues Collection is the fund from which the priests of the parish are paid. Many thanks for your generosity.

OSSORY TIMES

Our quarterly diocesan magazine is available at the doors of the churches. The colourful Easter edition is full of interesting stories and information. Cost: €2.

CEILÍ

A CEILÍ will be held in Castlecomer Community Hall on Friday 12th April at 9pm. Music by Úi Bhriain. Refreshments available. Tkts: €12. Proceeds to the Castlecomer Community Centre.

TROCÁIRE BOXES

Please return your Trocáire Boxes to the parish at this time. Bring them to mass and leave them in the sacristy or drop them into the parish office. Many thanks.

CASTLECOMER COMMUNITY SCHOOL

A very special thank you to the students and staff at CCS for their fundraising for the parish church. €910 was raised. Thank you.

HCPT EASTER 2024 LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

A number of children and young adults living with life's challenges, along with Carers & Priests enjoy this annual pilgrimage. We remember them all on their pilgrimage. May Our Lady and St. Bernadette afford them joy and peace at this time. It's also a special 'respite' time for their families. May the joy of Lourdes and this Easter Time bring them much tranquillity.

REGINA CAELI

Regina Caeli, laetare, alleluia;
Quia quem meruisti
Portare, alleluia,
Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia.
Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia

Queen of heaven rejoice, alleluia.
The Son you merited to bear, alleluia
Has risen as he said,

alleluia.,

Pray to God for us, alleluia.

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