

# Church of the Immaculate Conception Castlecomer



14th April 2024

PARISH NEWSLETTER

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



+ BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO DIE IN THE LORD +

## RECENTLY DEAD

Ann (Nan) Moran, Aughamuckey

## ANNIVERSARIES

Sat 13th, 7pm: John Daly, 44 Maryville; Daniel, Margaret & Peter Dunne, Skehana

Sun 14th, 11am: Catherine Hughes Dunne: Lil Deevy, Ballycomey

Mon 15th, 9am John Joe Fitzpatrick, Maryville

Wed 17th, 9am: Andy Brennan, Mill Lane

Fri 19th, 9am: Michael Coady, The Square

Sat 20th, 10am: Joe & Nancy Brennan, Maryville

Michael Brophy, Mayhora; Edward and Mary Bergin, Skehana; John and Annie Holohan, Skehana; Clare Dunne, Kilkenny Street; Kathleen O'Reilly, Post Office; Ned and Alice O'Reilly, Newtown; Michael Mullins, Killeshin; James and Flo Mullins, Toronto; Honora Kenny, Barrack Street.

## ANNIVERSARIES WEEKEND 18TH/19TH APRIL

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

## CONTACTS:

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## THE PARISH OFFICE:

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## SAFEGUARDING:

The Diocesan Designated Liaison Person is Ailish Higgins, [dlp@ossory.ie](mailto: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 7th April: €2160.00

SINCERE THANKS TO ALL

## MINISTERIES AND NOTICES:

### Readers for 20th/21st April

Saturday 7pm: Maureen Holohan

Sunday 8am: Margaret McGrath

Sunday 11am: John Kelly

### Ministers of the Eucharist (15th – 20th)

Mon- Sat: Eoin Stowe

Saturday 13th, 7pm: Ingrid Brennan

Sunday 14th, 8am: Margaret O'Neill

Sunday 14th, 11am: Teresa Hetherington

### Parish Office

Tuesday, Wed and Friday: 9:30am – 12:30pm

### Ossory Times

Available in Church 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.

## 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.

## SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:

We welcome Bishop Coll to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday 19th May at 11am Mass. Remember candidates and families in your prayers.

## PRESENTATION & BOYS NATIONAL SCHOOLS

Earlier this year Castlecomer Presentation Primary School and Castlecomer Boys School jointly requested Bishop Coll, Patron of both schools, to sanction the process of amalgamation of the two schools. This request followed consultation with the stakeholders – boards of management, teachers, pupils, and parents. The result will be a single co-ed primary school in Castlecomer – a fully vertical mixed school from junior infants to 6th class.

Bishop Coll replied to the boards earlier in March and granted this request.

The schools have formally written to the Department of Education this week to further this process. We now await contact from the Department. There will be some planning required and both boards and schools are committed to this work.

This process will result in a new model of education being available in Castlecomer and thanks must be expressed for all involved in the planning to date.

## WHAT HAPPENED THIS WEEK IN THE CHURCH IN IRELAND?

In what has been described as the most significant reorganization of the Church in Ireland in 800 years the Holy Father, through the Papal Nuncio Archbishop Luis Mariano Montemayor, announced changes in the dioceses in the west of Ireland, the ecclesiastical province of Tuam. The Archbishop of Tuam will now also be the bishop of Killala and the Bishop of Elphin (Sligo) will be bishop of the diocese of Achonry.

The Papal Nuncio to Ireland said the seismic changes were needed to meet “new challenges” facing the Church, “pooling resources” to increase vitality.

“Although we seek to preserve at all times our essential identity, we adopt measures to meet new challenges as they arise,” said Archbishop Montemayor. However, a full merger will take place “if this process evolves still further”, so that the six dioceses would become three, Archbishop Montemayor said. “They say ‘in union there is strength’. Thus, with pooled resources and combined endeavours, and trusting strongly in the grace of God, we can look to the future with hope and confidence.”

## 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)

## 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.

## MASS OF DIVINE MERCY

Family tree healing mass Monday 22nd April in Doonane Church . Prayers @7pm. Followed by holy mass @ 7.30.