

Church of the Immaculate Conception Castlecomer



28th April 2024
PARISH NEWSLETTER
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



+ BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO DIE IN THE LORD +

DIED RECENTLY: Tommy Kelly, Abbeyleix

WE PRAY FOR ALL WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:

Sat: 27th 7pm: Kieran (Kierney) Brennan, Yellow Rd/ Dublin
Catherine Carroll, Donaguile
Sun 28th 11am: Mary Cadigan, Coon, (Month's Mind Mass)
Thurs 2nd 9am: Patsy & Eileen Sheil, Deerpark
Sat 4th 10am: Tom Brennan Junior & Tom, Mary Ann Brennan, Prince
Brendan Dowling, Poccocke Valley

Joesph and Bridie Kealy, Aughamuckey; Juile & John Shore, Firoda;
Carmel and Patrick Mealey Gorteen.

WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS FOR 4TH/5TH MAY

Sat: 4th 7pm: Nellie Stone, Skehana
Sun 5th 11am: Margaret Kennedy, Mayhora; Ann McNerney Kilkenny Rd

PRAYER DURING THE DAY:

The Angelus & Rosary recited every Monday – Saturday at 12(noon) & Sunday at 3pm.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

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

PARISH CONTACTS:

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THE PARISH OFFICE:

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SAFEGUARDING:

The Diocesan Liaison Person: Ashling Higgins
Contact: DLP@OSSORY.IE OR 085 8021633.

THE PARISH REPRESENTATIVES:

Eilish Dunne & Ger Comerford
Contact: Through the parish telephone number.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION:

Week ending 21st April €1,840

SINCERE THANKS TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED

MINISTRIES & NOTICES

Ministers of the Word 5th- 6th May:

Saturday 7pm: Martin Walsh
Sunday 8am: Donal Dunne
Sunday 11am: Fonsie Mealy

First Friday of May

The priests will visit the housebound with Holy Communion next week at the arranged times. If a member of your family or a neighbour would like one of the priests to call on a regular basis with Holy Communion please contact the Parish Office.

Parish Office Opening Hours

The parish office is open on Tues, Wed and Fri 9.30 – 12.30pm. Please contact the office by phone or email outside of office hours to arrange anniversary masses or other sacraments.

CHY2 Tax Forms

Thanks to all who have returned their completed forms and a reminder to all who received a form to please return them to the parish office – this is an invaluable source of income for the parish and enhances your generous donation. Thanks for your ongoing support of the parish.

40th Anniversary Concert

Castlecomer Male Voice Choir will hold a concert on the 3rd of May 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.

Rosary Rally -Knock June 1st

All Ireland Rosary Rally - Trip to Knock Sat 1st June. Bus leaving Castlecomer and Butt's Green. Please contact 086 8469011 to book.

Novena to our Mother of Perpetual Help

Monday 28th 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 Mick Galwey. A senior football championship winner, an Irish rugby legend and commentator.

The Paschal Candle

The Pashal Candle is prepared for the Easter Vigil. Five grains of incense are inserted in the form of a cross, representing the five wounds of Christ. These are the five brass studs that are inserted into the candle at the four ends of the cross and in the centre.
The first and last letters of the Greek alphabet, Alpha and Omega, are also written on the candle. These two letters represent Christ as the beginning and the end (Revelation 21:6). Lastly, the numbers of the current year, 2024, are written on the candle.

National Pilgrimage for Life

The first National Pilgrimage for Life, organised by the Council for Life of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference, will be celebrated on Saturday 4th May in Knock Shrine. The pilgrimage begins with Anointing of the Sick in the Basilica at 2.30pm, with Mass at 3pm and Rosary Procession after Mass, weather permitting. Main celebrant and homilist will be Archbishop Francis Duffy.

Choirs For Peace Concert

Calling all choirs and soloists to participate in the 'Choirs For Peace' concert on May 19th in St. John's Church Kilkenny at 3 pm. The Ukrainian choir will join the event in raising our voices for Peace in our World. Further information from: kilkennygospelchoir@gmail.com.

History of the Railway in Kilkenny

You are invited to attend a talk on the railway line to Castlecomer on Tuesday the 30th of April in the community hall at 8pm in conjunction with the Fassadinin Historical Society. The talk will be given by Historian Donie Butler. Admission is free and refreshments afterwards. All welcome.

What Pope Francis said this week:

On Planet Earth Day, Monday 22nd, he stated: "Our generation has bequeathed many riches, but we have failed to protect the planet and we are not safeguarding peace. We are called to become artisans and caretakers of our common home, the Earth which is "falling into ruin."

About those who deny climate change he commented:

"There are people who are foolish and foolish even if you show them research, they don't believe it," he said.

He pleaded for peace in our world:

"Please. Countries at war, all of them, stop the war. Look to negotiate. Look for peace," Pope Francis told "CBS Evening News" anchor Norah O'Donnell during the hourlong interview on Thursday. "A negotiated peace is better than a war without end".