

Church of the Immaculate Conception Castlecomer

19th May 2024

PARISH NEWSLETTER
FEAST OF PENTECOST



+ BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO DIE IN THE LORD +

RECENTLY DECEASED: William Comerford, Crettyard; & James Hennessy, Crutt

ANNIVERSARIES & ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Sat 18th, 7pm: John Deevy & Michael Deevy, Ballyhemmon
Mon 20th, 9am: Alice Holden, Maryville
Tue 21st, 9am: Michael Foley, London/Leitrim
Thur 23rd, 9am: Nancy Doogue, Chatsworth St
Sat 25th, **10:30am**: Michael & Kathleen O'Kelly, Barack St

Julia & John Shore, Firoda; Michael & Margaret Dowling, Donaguile; John Coady, Skehana; Mary Maher, Bernadette Maher, Ardra; Frances Baylon, Kilkenny Rd., Caroline Jones, Lower Firoda, Kathleen Heffernan, Yellow Rd.

ANNIVERSARIES WEEKEND 25TH /26TH MAY

Sat 25th, 7pm: John Quinn, Barrack St
Kathleen Kenny, Barrack St
Sun 26th, 11am: Violet & Peadar Madden, Kilkenny Rd, & Valerie Kelly Conway, The Acorns., & Tom Kealy, Aughamuckey

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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 12th May: €2,795.00
SINCERE THANKS TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED

MINISTRIES & NOTICES:

Readers for 25th /26th May

Saturday 7pm: Maureen Holohan
Sunday 8am: Maria Reyes
Sunday 11am: Teresa Hetherington

EUCARIST MINISTERS 20TH /26TH MAY

Mon- Sat 9am: John Kelly
Saturday 7pm: Louise Walsh
Sunday 8am: Noreen Curry
Sunday 11am: Janette Harding

ALTAR SERVERS

Our Parish needs young boys & girls to help as Altar Servers at weekend Masses. Speak with your parents and contact one of the Priests or Eoin.

PARISH OFFICE

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.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:

We welcome Bishop Coll to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation this Sunday at the 11am Mass. Remember the 59 boys and girls and their families in your prayers. A big thank you to the staff of our schools for the preparation which has taken place in conjunction with the various celebrations in the parish.

MASS OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Saturday 25th May at 10:30am: The Sick and housebound are invited to attend this Mass and to receive the Anointing of the Sick. Family members and neighbours are asked to assist those in need with transport. There will be no 10am Mass this morning to assist people with physical needs to have extra time to arrive for this Mass.

CONGRATULATIONS TO FIRST HOLY COMMUNICANTS

Some young people of the parish made their First Holy Communion last Sunday. It is a blessing for them, their families, and our parish. Sunday June 2nd is Corpus Christi Sunday, and they are invited to return for the 11am Mass (in First Communion dress) to participate in the Mass and be a part of the Blessed Sacrament Procession directly after Mass.

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION FOR MINISTRY

All baptised people, young & old, women and men, celebrate the Birth of the Church this Pentecost Sunday. How does the Lord want us to build-up the Church, locally? Parishioners are encouraged to pray & discern on our local parish needs and how we can respond.

OSSORY LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

The pilgrimage takes place from May 22nd - 27th. While on pilgrimage the intentions of the people of the diocese and the needs of our diocese will be remembered during all liturgies Should you wish to send petitions to the Shrine at Lourdes please put them in a Box in front of Altar.

GRAIGUECULLEN NOVENA

The Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help continues this week on Monday 20th May at 7.30pm in St Clare's Church Graiguecullen. Box for petitions, Rosary at 7.10pm; Mass 7.30pm. Former hurler and Waterford manager Derek McGrath will speak.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

As we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost, the season of Easter reaches its final climax. This Sunday we celebrate and experience the powerful outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the whole church and on all those who call themselves disciples and followers of the risen Lord. Typically, priests will wear red vestments on Pentecost, symbolic of the burning fire of God's love and the tongues of fire that descended on the apostles. Those who were gathered at the time of Jesus saw this as their baptism "with the Holy Spirit," as Jesus had promised and recognized this as their commissioning to be Jesus's witnesses "to the ends of the earth." This is why Pentecost is known as the birth of the Church.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created, and you shall renew the face of the earth. Amen

Let us pray.

O God, who have taught the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant that in the same Spirit we may be truly wise, and ever rejoice in his consolation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

ALL IRELAND ROSARY RALLY - KNOCK

Join thousands of people from around Ireland and beyond for the All-Ireland Rosary Rally on June 1st. The day begins at 9.30am with a Conference in St. John's Centre. Speakers include Fr Brendan Kilcoyne, Fr Joseph Mary Deane CFR, and Sr Ana Margarita Lanzas SCTJM. The keynote speaker is Florida based Mother Adela Galindo who will speak in the Basilica at 1pm. The Stations of the Cross will be at 2pm, followed by the Rosary procession. Mass (including Anointing of the Sick) at 3pm; bishop Phonsie Cullinan will be the main celebrant. Dana will join the choir to sing. www.allirelandrosaryrally.com for more and www.knockshrine.ie on the day.