

Church of the Immaculate Conception Castlecomer



12th May 2024

PARISH NEWSLETTER
THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



+ BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO DIE IN THE LORD +

RECENTLY DECEASED: Tom Tynan, Haddington Scotland & Skehana
Sr Winifred Brennan, Crettyard/Dublin

WE PRAY FOR ALL WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:

Sat: 4th 7pm: Marie Joyce, (Month's Mind Mass)
George Mealy, Kilkenny St
Tues 14th 9am: John, George, Lucy & Lilly O'Shea, Deerpark
Sat 18th 10am: Paddy Bergin

WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS FOR 18TH/19TH MAY.

Sat: 18th 7pm: John Deevy, Michael Deevy, Ballycomey
Joe and Bridget Breen, Knocknadohgue

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
Wednesday Morning and Saturday: after morning Mass

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THE PARISH OFFICE:

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THE PARISH REPRESENTATIVES:

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

WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION:

Week ending 5th May €

SINCERE THANKS TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED

MINISTRIES & NOTICES:

Ministers of the Word 18th/19th May

Saturday 7pm: Brigid Coady
Sunday 8am: Tom Teehan
Sunday 11am: Confirmation Parents

Eucharistic Ministers 13th/19th May

Mon – Sat: Chrissie Brooke
Sat 7pm: Ingrid Brennan
Sun 8am: Lalaine Brennan
Sun 11am: Eoin Stowe

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.

First Holy Communion

The children from our Parish celebrate their First Holy Communion today at 11.00am Mass. Please keep them and their families in your prayers. This is an important day for the boys and girls and their families.

Thanks to our dedicated teachers who have assisted with the preparation of the boys and girls in conjunction with the Parish Programme and Preparation at home..

Sacrament of Confirmation

Next weekend 59 pupils from our parish schools will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. The Ceremony of Light for the candidates will take place on Monday evening at 7.30pm. This is an important part of the journey when the parents symbolically hand on a lighted candle to their children as they present themselves for confirmation. During the week Fr Doyle and Fr Scriven will meet each of the candidates to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance. Bishop Coll will celebrate the Sacrament at the 11am mass next Sunday. Confirmation Prayer:

Ossory Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

The Ossory pilgrimage to Lourdes 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. The pilgrimage will include 23 assisted pilgrims and 40 young people from secondary schools in the diocese. Our sincere thanks to all who assisted funding the pilgrimage costs in anyway especially those who contributed to the church collections for this purpose. Bishop Niall Coll will be chief celebrant at the Grotto Mass on May 23 at 9 am Irish time and it can be viewed live by logging into www.lourdes-france.org

There will be a box in front of the Altar this weekend if you wish to send your petitions to Lourdes. All Petitions will be taken to the Shrine by one of our pilgrims.

Cemetery Masses 2024

Fri 31st May, 7.30pm: Clogh Cemetery Mass
Fri 7th June, 7.30pm: Moneenroe Cemetery Mass
Fri 28th June, 7pm: Crosshill Cemetery Mass
Fri 5th July, 7pm: Castlecomer Cemetery Mass.

The Feast of the Ascension

The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord commemorates the fortieth day after the Resurrection when Jesus ascended body and soul into Heaven and took His seat at the right hand of His Father. Traditionally the location of the Ascension is believed to be less than a mile east of the Old City of Jerusalem - the spot is marked by the Chapel of the Ascension which is said to contain a miraculous imprint of the footprints of Christ before He ascended.

The Feast was celebrated annually from as early as apostolic times. The Ascension marks the completion of Jesus' earthly mission and now begins the time of waiting for the coming of the Holy Spirit.

Prayer:

Lord, for forty days

after You rose from the dead

You ascended to the right hand of the Father,

taking up Your throne from which

You pour forth both judgment and mercy.

As we honour this feast,

Free us from all sin

and open the floodgates of Your mercy

so that all people will share one day,

body and soul. Amen.

Choirs for Peace

On Sunday, May 19th at 3 pm in St. John's Catholic Church Kilkenny, choirs from Kilkenny City and County will join with the Kilkenny Ukrainian Choir and the Kilkenny Gospel Choir for a free concert of Peace Songs. All welcome.

Graigucullen Novena

The novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help continues this week on Monday 13th May at 7.30pm in St Clare's Church Graigucullen. People are invited to place their petitions in the petition boxes in the Church. Rosary at 7.10pm and the Novena begins at 7.30pm Guest speaker for the evening is David Walsh, Co-founder of Netwatch and more recently Halo Care.