

# Church of the Immaculate Conception Castlecomer

26<sup>th</sup> May 2024

PARISH NEWSLETTER

## FEAST OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY



### + BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO DIE IN THE LORD +

#### ANNIVERSARIES & ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Sat 25<sup>th</sup>, 7pm: John Quinn, Barrack St  
Kathleen Kenny, Barrack St

Sun 26<sup>th</sup>, 11am: Violet & Peadar Madden, Kilkenny Rd  
Valerie Kelly Conway, The Acorns  
Tom Kealy, Aughamuckey

Mon 27<sup>th</sup>, 9am: John & Juila Brennan, Knocknadogue

Tue 28<sup>th</sup>, 9am: Paddy Phelan, Maryville

Wed 29<sup>th</sup>, 9am: Aidan Geoghegan, Barrack St

Elizabeth Phelan, Mayhora; Thomas, Janie, Tomm Dowling & Maria Bergin, Ballyragget.

#### ANNIVERSARIES WEEKEND 1<sup>ST</sup> / 2<sup>ND</sup> JUNE

Sat 1<sup>st</sup>, 7pm: John Brennan, Smithstown  
Sean Dowd, Yellow Rd  
Patsy Egan, Donaguile

Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> 11am: Margaret James O'Neill, London/Hillside View

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& Ger Comerford They can be contacted  
through the parish office telephone number.

The Diocesan Policies are available to view  
on [www.ossory.ie/safeguarding](http://www.ossory.ie/safeguarding).

#### ENVELOPE AND OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Week ending 19<sup>th</sup> May: €2,215  
SINCERE THANKS TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED

#### MINISTRIES & NOTICES:

##### Readers for 1<sup>st</sup>/ 2<sup>nd</sup> June

Saturday 7pm: Eithne McKenna  
Sunday 8am: Margaret McGrath  
Sunday 11am: FHC

##### Eucharistic Ministers 27<sup>th</sup> / 2<sup>nd</sup> June

Mon- Sat 9am: Eoin Stowe  
Saturday 7pm: John Holohan  
Sunday 8am: Margaret O'Neill  
Sunday 11am: Ingrid Brennan

##### 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.

##### Annual Lourdes Collection

This weekend the Church Door Collection for  
Ossory Pilgrimage to Lourdes to help cover  
additional expenses and donation to the Shrine.

#### Feast of Corpus Christi

Children from our Parish who made their first  
Holy Communion will participate in this Mass  
on Sunday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of June at 11am. There will be  
short procession of the Blessed Sacrament  
afterwards. We pray for them and their families.

#### June Collection Next Weekend

This collection is one of a number of Collections  
for priests of the Parish. Please use envelopes  
provided. Sincere thanks to all members of  
parish who contribute so faithfully to these  
collections.

#### Novena to the Sacred Heart

Starting on Thursday 30 May and finishes on  
Friday 7 June on the solemnity of the Most  
Sacred Heart of Jesus Copies of Novena Prayer  
leaflet will be in a box on table at end of Church  
if you wish to take part in the Novena.

#### Cathedral Draw

Your continued support for the draw is truly very  
much appreciated and enables the diocese to  
continue to care for our wonderful Cathedral.  
This month's draw will take place next  
Wednesday the 29<sup>th</sup> of May in St Mary's Chapter  
House at 8pm. All are welcome. Be in to win.

#### Pope Francis - Humility on Christian Life

Humility marked the theme of his Wednesday  
General Audience held in Saint Peter's Square  
and the conclusion of his cycle of catechesis on  
the virtues. The Pope illustrated how humility is  
at the foundation of Christian life as we  
*"acknowledge that we are creatures of God and  
strive to live accordingly."* Humility is the *"great  
antagonist of the most mortal of sins, namely  
arrogance,"* the Pope began, and whereas pride  
and arrogance make us think we are greater than  
we are, *"humility restores everything to its  
correct dimension: we are wonderful creatures,  
but we are limited, with qualities and flaws."* The  
Pope recalled how the Bible reminds us *"we are  
dust, and to dust we shall return"* (cf. Gen 3:19),  
and we must be on guard against the danger the  
*"delirium of omnipotence"* that can often arise in  
the human heart. Pope Francis explained how  
humility is key to Christian life and helps bring  
peace to the world and harmony in the Church.

#### Feast Of the Most Holy Trinity

With the Solemnity of Pentecost last Sunday, the  
Easter Season came to an end. On Monday, we  
began Ordinary Time, that is, the period when  
priests wear the colour green, a time during  
which we are called to live the Gospel in the  
ordinariness of everyday life, witnessing the joy  
of being disciples of the crucified and risen  
Jesus. This feast invites us to consider what we  
believe about God, who has revealed himself to  
us in the Trinity, one God in three Persons. The  
Gospel for this Solemnity is taken from the  
Gospel of Matthew. In its conclusion, Matthew's  
Gospel quickly moves from the disciples'  
discovery of Jesus' empty tomb and Jesus'  
appearance to Mary Magdalene to the  
commission that Jesus gives to his disciples.

*Prayer:*

*Most Holy Trinity,*

*Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,*

*We worship You with profound love  
and adoration.*

*We bow before Your greatness  
and perfect holiness.*

*Bless us with the gifts of the Holy Spirit.*

*Amen.*

#### Graigucullen Novena Mass

The Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help  
continues this week on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May at  
7.30pm in St Clare's Church Graigucullen  
Rosary at 7.10pm. Guest speaker for the evening  
is Prof. Jim Lucey. Inspector with the Mental  
Health Commission, writer, and public speaker

#### Corpus Christi Procession St Kieran's

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> June we will celebrate the Feast of  
Corpus Christi-the Body and Blood of Jesus:  
This year's procession will take place at St  
Kieran's College at 5. 30pm. with procession  
afterwards in the grounds of the College. Our  
celebration will be led by Bishop Niall Coll. We  
will recall the tradition of the diocese when the  
people of Kilkenny used go to the College on  
that June weekend for the first blessings of the  
newly ordained priests.