

# Church of the Immaculate Conception Castlecomer



5<sup>th</sup> May 2024

PARISH NEWSLETTER  
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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

**DIED RECENTLY:** Danny Dowd, London/Croghtenclough

### WE PRAY FOR ALL WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:

Sat: 4<sup>th</sup> 7pm: Nellie Stone, Skehana  
Sun 5<sup>th</sup> 11am: Margaret Kennedy, Mayhora; Anne McInerney, Kilkenny Rd  
Tue 7<sup>th</sup> 9am: Helena Downey, Tinalinton  
Wed 8<sup>th</sup> 9am: Patricia (Patsy) Dowling, Knocknadogue  
Thu 9<sup>th</sup> 9am: Bridie Brennan, Upper Hills/Coolbawn  
Fri 10<sup>th</sup> 9am: John & Francis Ryan, Donaguile  
Sat 11<sup>th</sup> 10am: Sylvester Hennessy, Smithstown

Hannah Ryan, Aughamuckey, Kieran Cantwell, Ballyhemon, Mollie & Teddy Bradley, Drumgoole

### WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS FOR 11<sup>TH</sup>/12<sup>TH</sup> MAY:

Sat: 11<sup>th</sup> 7pm: Marie Joyce, Kilkenny St (Months Mind Mass)  
George Mealy, Kilkenny St

**PRAYER DURING THE DAY:** The Angelus & Rosary is recited every Monday – Saturday at 12(noon) and Sunday at 3pm.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Adoration every Tuesday: 7pm - 9pm; Rosary at 8pm.  
Wednesday and Saturday after Mass. 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  
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### THE PARISH REPRESENTATIVES:

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

### WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION:

Week ending 28<sup>th</sup> April €1925.00  
Sincere thanks to all who contribute.

### MINISTRIES & NOTICES

#### Ministers of the Word

Saturday 7pm: Mary Buggy  
Sunday 8am: Dick Mullins  
Sunday 11am: First Communion Mass

#### Eucharistic Ministers 6<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> May

Mon – Sat: Maria Reyes  
Sat 7pm: Eoin Stowe  
Sun 8am: Margaret O’Neill  
Sun 11am: John Kelly

#### 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

We welcome the boys and girls and their families to the celebration of First Holy Communion next Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> May at the 11am mass. Please pray for them – this is a most significant day in their lives. Please note that all forms of photography is forbidden during this Mass. This will ensure that the sacredness of the occasion is maintained. At the end of Mass (weather permitting) there will be a short Procession with the Blessed Sacrament down to the Church gate for Prayers and Blessing with the Blessed Sacrament.

### Date for your Diary

Bishop Coll will visit the parish on the 19<sup>th</sup> May to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation at the 11am mass.

### Parish Finance Committee

There will be a meeting of the Parish Finance Committee on Wednesday evening at 8pm in the Parish Office.

### Novena to our Mother of Perpetual Help

Monday at 7.30pm in St Clare’s Church Graiguecullen Carlow. Rosary will be recited at 7.10pm and Novena begins at 7.30pm Guest speaker is Geraldine Mullan who will tell her story of how faith have carried her since her life changed dramatically in 2020, when her husband and two children died tragically.

### Conversations with Women in the Bible

This conference will be on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2024 in the Pembroke Hotel, Patrick Street, Kilkenny, 10am – 4.30pm. Cost €20. Information from Sara or Catherina @ 056 7722870. The speaker is Thérèse Fitzgerald.

### Irish Blood Transfusion Service.

The IBT will be in The Avalon Hotel on Wednesday May 8<sup>th</sup>, 15.45pm to 20.00pm. Call 189 222 111 to book an appointment.

### Praying the Rosary for Ireland

The rosary will be recited on Saturday the 11<sup>th</sup> of May at 4pm at Our Lady’s Statue on Barrack Hill. All are welcome.

### BLESSED EDMUND RICE – 5<sup>th</sup> May

Edmund Rice was born in Callan on June 1, 1762. Following his early education he moved to Waterford where he was apprenticed to his uncle, Michael, who supplied the numerous shops visiting the expanded port. He married in 1785 and a daughter was born to the marriage but soon after his wife died in 1789. Edmund cared for his daughter with the support of his stepsister, Joan. After much discernment and seeing the lack of Christian education among the boys of Waterford, Edmund commenced his great work of Christian education. Two religious congregations, the Christian Brothers and the Presentation Brothers, developed from the foundation which he laid in 1802. Edmund led the Brothers for many years before dying in Waterford in 1844.

There are 96 schools in Ireland and worldwide there are 270 schools stretching across the five continents with over 70,000 pupils. In 1996, he was declared “Blessed” by the Church – the first step in the Catholic Church towards sainthood. There are three schools in our diocese: primary schools in Callan and Kilkenny and the CBS Secondary school in Kilkenny. In 2022 the CBS Secondary School in Callan joined with the Mercy Secondary School and Cóláiste Abhainn Rí continues the ethos of Edmund Rice in Callan.

### Queen of the May

Bring flowers of the fairest  
Bring flowers the rarest,  
From garden and woodland  
and hillside and dale;  
Our full hearts are swelling,  
Our glad voices telling  
The praise of the loveliest flower of the vale!

### Refrain:

O Mary, we crown thee with blossoms today!  
Queen of the Angels, Queen of the May. (2)

Their Lady they name thee,  
Their mistress proclaim thee,  
Ah, grant that thy children on earth be as true  
as long as the bowers  
are radiant with flowers,  
as long as the azure shall keep its bright hue.