

Church of the Immaculate Conception Castlecomer



16th June 2024

PARISH NEWSLETTER

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



+ BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO DIE IN THE LORD +

RECENTLY DECEASED: Edward (Ned) Holland, Ardra, Castlecomer

ANNIVERSARIES & ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Sat 15th, 7pm: Kathleen Salmon (nee Dowling), Kilkenny Rd

Sun 16th, 11am: Thomas (Tom) Coogan, Firoda; & Nicky Connolly, Clashduff

Mon 17th, 9am: James Mealy, Ardra

Sat 22nd, 10am: Dan Dowd, Kiltown; Elizabeth Maher, Glenmullen

Mary O'Shea (nee Champion), Chatsworth St; Mary Kenny, Hillside View; Lil Maher, Glenmulle; Margret O'Neill, Firoda; Ellen Brennan, 41 Kilkenny St; Eileen & Kieran Brennan, 47 Kilkenny St.

ANNIVERSARIES WEEKEND 22ND/23RD JUNE

Sat 22nd, 7pm: Thomas & Martin Molloy, Hillside View
Margaret O'Neill, Firoda
Eilis O'Rourke, Donaguile Heights

Sun 23rd, 11am: Martin Hurley, Hillside View
James O'Neill, Hillside View

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SAFEGUARDING:

The Diocesan Liaison Person, Ailish Higgins,
Contact: dlp@ossory.ie or on 085 8021633.

The Parish Representatives are: Eilish Dunne & Ger Comerford They can be contacted through the parish office telephone number.

The Diocesan Policies are available to view on www.ossory.ie/safeguarding.

ENVELOPE AND OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Week ending 9th June: €1,765

SINCERE THANKS TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED

MINISTRIES & NOTICES:

Readers for: 22nd / 23rd June

Saturday 7pm: Mary Buggy
Sunday 8am: Tom Teehan
Sunday 11am: Angela Molloy

Eucharistic Ministers: 17th / 23rd June

Mon (9am), - Sat (10am): Sheila Loughlin
Saturday 7pm: Louise Walsh
Sunday 8am: Margret O'Neill
Sunday 11am: John Kelly

Parish Office

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

Eucharistic Adoration

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

Cemetery Masses 2024

Fri 28th June, 7pm: Crosshill Cemetery Mass

Fri 5th July, 7pm: Castlecomer Cemetery Mass.

Celebration of Baptism

Please contact the parish office to organise a baptism in the Parish. Generally, the Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated at 5pm on Saturday and 12.15pm on Sunday and by mutual arrangement of the availability of the priest. The Parish Office will require details of the child, parents and godparents for the registration of the Baptism.

Bereavement Support Line

The Bereavement Support Line, set up by the Irish Hospice Foundation in partnership with the HSE, is a freephone service available mornings Monday to Friday. It provides a confidential safe space for those who have lost a loved one. Bereavement Support Line: 1800 807 077. Mon - Fri; 10.00am to 1.00pm.

Mid Supper Musical Concert

A Mid-Summer Musical Evening will be hosted by the Parents Association of Mother of Fair Love in partnership with the Cois Nore Choir on 21st of June 2024 in St Fiacre's Church. All welcome and all proceeds to the Cois Nore Choir and Mother of Fair Love School. Tickets €10; 7.30pm.

PRAYER FOR FATHER'S DAY

Heavenly Father,
You entrusted Your Son Jesus,
the child of Mary,
to the care of Joseph, an earthly father.
Bless all fathers
as they care for their families.
Give them strength and wisdom,
tenderness and patience;
Support them in the work they do,
protecting those who look to them,
as we look to you for love and salvation
through Jesus Christ our rock and defender.
Amen

Happy Father's Day to all Dads

'Day for Life'

A dedicated day celebrating the beauty and dignity of all human life Day for Life Sunday is celebrated annually with a special message by the Catholic Church across Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales. It is a day specifically dedicated to raising awareness and reflecting on the deep value and meaning of human life at every stage, and in every condition. On Sunday 16 June, the Church will mark Day for Life 2024 with a message on the theme: The Lord is my shepherd Compassion and Hope at the End of Life. This year's message reminds us that Jesus did not send the sick away, rather He showed that life always has dignity and that there is no such a thing as a useless life. Catholics are called to defend this gift of life to its natural end and to protect vulnerable citizens from a culture that could pressure them into assisted suicide. In this way, we are encouraged to support people with the companionship of a listening ear, appropriate treatment, and the best of care, so that their last days can be times of grace, intimacy and love. The Day for Life message is available on <https://councilforlife.ie/day-for-life-2024/>

FEAST OF IRISH MARTYRS 20TH JUNE

The celebration of the Irish Martyrs includes hundreds who are remembered for giving their lives for the Catholic faith in Ireland between the years 1537 and 1714. A huge number of priests and lay people suffered much in Ireland during the reign of Queen Elizabeth I and that of her immediate successors, as well as during the era of Oliver Cromwell. However, the details of their endurance in most cases have been lost. Religious persecution of Catholics in Ireland began under Henry VIII, when the English Parliament adopted the Acts of Supremacy, which established the king's supremacy over the Church, independent of the Pope. In England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland, bishops, priests and lay people who continued to recognise the pope were tortured and killed. Further legislation laid down that any act of allegiance to the pope was to be considered treason. Many Catholics were imprisoned on this basis.