

Church of the Immaculate Conception Castlecomer

23RD JUNE 2024

PARISH NEWSLETTER

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



+ BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO DIE IN THE LORD +

RECENTLY DECEASED: Gabrielle Ryan, Bowden's Court/Maryville

ANNIVERSARY MASSES:

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

WE PRAY FOR ALL WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:

Philomena Fogarty; Maragaret & Michael Nolan, Deerpark; Thomas Conroy, Maryville;
Christopher (Chris) Heffernan, Ardra

WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS FOR 29TH/30TH JUNE

Sun 30th, 11am: James Comerford, Coolbawn
Edward (Teddy) Brennan, Hillside View

Mass requests and Anniversary Remembrance to be given in at Parish Office a week before publication in newsletter. Thank you for your cooperation.

Eucharistic Adoration:

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

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THE PARISH OFFICE:

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PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPS:

Eilish Dunne & Ger Comerford
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WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION:

Week ending 16th June: €1,860

SINCERE THANKS TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED

MINISTRIES & NOTICES:

Ministers of the Word 29th/30th June

Saturday 7pm: Maureen Holohan
Sunday 8am: Margaret McGrath
Sunday 11am: Sheila Pedini

Ministers of the Eucharist 24th/30th June

Mon(9am)- Sat(10am): Chrissie Brookes
Saturday 7pm: Ingrid Brennan
Sunday 8am: Noreen Curry
Sunday 11am: Jeanette Harding

The Parish Office:

The office is open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 9.30am – 12.30pm. Please contact office to arrange masses or other sacraments and all parish business. If no reply on phone, please leave voice mail; or email parish email address; or leave post through letter box.

Weekday Mass Times: change of schedule:

Tuesday 25th Mass at 9:30am to facilitate local National Schools attending. No 9am Mass Friday 28th June: Crosshill Cemetery Mass at 7pm.

Cemetery Masses:

Crosshill Cemetery Mass will take place this Friday the 28th of June at 7pm. The Parish Cemetery Mass will be on Friday the 5th of July at 7pm. There will be a Collection at both Masses for Maintenance of the Parish Cemetery and Smithstown Cemetery. Crosshill Cemetery is maintained by Kilkenny County Council.

Dogs in our Graveyard:

Dog owners are asked to clean up after their dogs - after several complaints regarding dog foul in our cemetery. Its a place where respect should be observed, and that includes keeping them clean. The graveyard team deserve everyone's support in maintaining and keeping the cemetery clean. Our general waste bin is also reserved for old flowers & wreaths, etc., NOT for household rubbish.

Congratulation Fr. Liam Dunne:

Fr Liam celebrated his 60th Priestly Ordination. He served in our parish (early 1970s) and we extend our best wishes on this occasion.

Erin's Own GAA Lotto:

This week's jackpot is €17,000. Draw on Tuesday night. BE IN TO WIN. Tickets are on sale around the town, or you can play online.

Kilkenny Outdoor Music Festival:

Now an annual highlight in the Southeast, the critically acclaimed Kilkenny Outdoor Music Festival returns with a fantastic line-up. Paddy Casey, Ryan Sheridan, Kiera Dignam, Eimear Ni Ghlacain and DJ Josie, Kilkenny Outdoor Music Festival on Saturday July 6th - the only place to be in Kilkenny is at Erin's Own GAA Club.

St Marys Cathedral Draw:

This month's draw will take place this Wednesday the 26th of June in St Marys Chapter House at 8pm, All are welcome. Subscription €10.00 per month. View parish notice board if you are interested in joining or to view results.

Birthday of St John the Baptist 24th June:

Only three birthdays are celebrated on the Church's liturgical calendar, the Nativity of Our Lord (December 25), the Nativity of His Mother (September 8), and the Nativity of His forerunner, John the Baptist, on June 24. Saint John the Baptist was set apart from the womb to prepare the way of the Lord and was a significant figure connected to the Incarnation and the Redemption. The Church honors him because of his role in preparing the way for Christ. John the Baptist was born to Saint Elizabeth, who was a kinswoman of the Blessed Virgin Mary making Jesus and Saint John related, as well.

The most common term of relation suggested for the two is "cousin," though the exact degree is unknown. The idea of ritual washing was part of Jewish practice. For those who were not Jewish by birth, it was part of their conversion. However, it was not a proper sacrament as it did not confer grace, as do the Christian sacraments.

The baptism of John, on the other hand, was a step toward the Sacraments of the Church, in that it pointed not back to the Law of Moses, but forward to the Law of Christ, "unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God" It could be called a sacramental, sacrament-like. The true Sacrament of Baptism, however, would await Christ's institution, and through its sin would be forgiven and the Holy Spirit conferred.

Amalgamation of Presentation NS & Castlecomer Boys NS:

The Trustee (Bishop Coll), Boards of Management, Principles and Staff, Parents and pupils have been liaising with The Dept of Education on the process for Co-Educational status and practice for our schools. Parents, pupils and staff have already started to address the first of many steps; naming of the 'new' school, as requested by Dept of Education. The Trustee has asked that a Saint name be considered. All Parishioners, (including past pupils) are invited to participate in this process. If you have suggestions, please notify the Parish Office, either by writing or email.

Donation from the Male Voice Choir:

The parish are very grateful to the Male Voice Choir for their donation of €5,000 to the parish from the proceeds of monies raised on Friday 3rd May 2024.