

Church of the Immaculate Conception Castlecomer

28TH JULY 2024

PARISH NEWSLETTER

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



+ BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO DIE IN THE LORD +

ANNIVERSARY MASSES:

Sat: 27th, 7pm: Gabrielle Ryan, Bowden's Court/Maryville (Month's Mind).
John Brennan Roe; Hillside View
Rose O'Rourke, Kilkenny St

Sun 28th, 11am: Margaret (Peg) Coogan, Firoda (Month's Mind)
Nellie Campion, Ballyragget Rd

Mon 29th, 9am: Mary & Tommy Loughlin, Ardra; Joe Murphy, Yellow Road

Tues 30th, 9am: Pat & Sean O'Meara, Hillside View

Wed 31st, 9am: Mary Coady, The Square; Catherine Byrne, Barrack St

Fri 2nd, 9am: Liam Walsh, Marymount

ANNIVERSARY INTENTIONS:

Michael, Mary & William Kealy, Aughamuckey; James & Elizabeth Brennan, Moneenroe;
Bridie Jeffers, Moneenroe/Canada; Nancy Russell, Moneenroe/Australia.

WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS 3RD/4TH AUGUST

Sat 3rd, 7pm: Gerry Holden, Maryville; Sally Kelly, Kilkenny St

Sun 4th, 11am: John, Peg & Gerard McDonald, Maryville; Thomas Dowling, Marymount
Helen Brennan, Dairy Road, Smithstown

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WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION:

Week ending 21st July: €1,565

SINCERE THANKS TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED

MINISTRIES & NOTICES:

MINISTERS OF THE WORD 3RD / 4TH AUGUST

Saturday 7pm: Maureen Holohan

Sunday 8am: Margaret McGrath

Sunday 11am: John Kelly

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST 29TH / 4TH AUGUST

Mon(9am)- Sat(10am): Chrissie Brookes

Saturday 7pm: Sheila Lawlor

Sunday 8am: Margaret O'Neill

Sunday 11am: Eoin Stowe

THE PARISH OFFICE:

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

GRANDPARENTS' DAY:

Pope Francis, addressing grandparent on this fourth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, referred to the elderly as 'the firm foundation' on which 'new' stones can rest. Pope Francis celebrated the first World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly in 2021 and decreed that it be observed each year on the Sunday closest to the feast of Sts. Joachim and Anne, Jesus' grandparents. The theme this year is "Do not cast me of in my old age" from the Book of Psalms. The Holy Father conveys his blessing and prayers "to all grandparents and elderly people on this day".

AUGUST FRIST FRIDAY:

The 2nd of August is the First Friday of the month. The sick and housebound will be visited at the normal times: Fr Scriven will visit on this Friday; Fr Doyle will make alternative arrangements for later in the month. Please inform the Parish Office or one of the priests if you have a relative or neighbour who would like a call.

ST MARYS CATHEDRAL DRAW:

Your support for the draw is very much appreciated and enables the diocese to continue to care for our Cathedral. This month's draw will take place this Wednesday in St Mary's Chapter House at 8pm. All are welcome.

NATIONAL DAY OF INTERCESSION FOR PRIESTS:

Will take place on 5th August at Knock Shrine, Co. Mayo. 11.30am – Holy Rosary & Eucharistic Holy Hour of Prayer and Praise (Parish Church). 3.00pm Holy Mass with Eucharistic Healing Service (open to all).

JUBILEE YEAR 2025 – PILGRIMS OF HOPE:

WHAT IS A JUBILEE YEAR? A Jubilee or Holy Year is a special year of forgiveness and reconciliation, in which people are invited to come back into right relationship with God, with one another, and with all of creation. Pope Francis hopes through our witness hope will spread to all those who seek it and the way we live our lives will say to the world in so many words: "Hope in the Lord! Hold firm, take heart and hope in the Lord!" (*Ps 27:14*).

WHEN WAS THE FIRST JUBILEE YEAR? The first Jubilee was declared by Pope Boniface VIII on 22nd February 1300 to mark the beginning of that century. He later recommended it occurring every 100 years and in 1470 Pope Paul II made it every 25 years. Various other Popes changed the length of the interval between the observances.

SPORTS, A UNIVERSAL LANGUAGE

Pope Francis in welcoming the 2024 Olympics wrote that sport is "a universal language that transcends borders, languages, races, nationalities, and religions; it has the ability to unite people, to foster dialogue and mutual acceptance...it invites people to acknowledge their own limits and the value of others." Pope Francis has expressed his fervent desire that the upcoming Olympic Games would foster world peace, which he said is "seriously threatened," and follow the tradition of the ancient world of establishing a truce during the competition.

"The Olympic Games are, by their very nature, about peace, not war," he pointed out, noting that "the five intertwined rings represent the spirit of fraternity that should characterize the Olympic event and sporting competition in general."

SEEK YE FIRST

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And His righteousness;
And all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, Alleluia

Ask, and it shall be given unto you;

Seek, and you shall find.

Knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

Allelu, Alleluia

LOURDES AVE

When creation was begun,

God had chosen you to be.

Mother of his blessed son,

Holy Mary, full of grace.

Ave, Ave, Ave Maria

When creation was restored,

you were there beside the Lord,

whom you cherished and adored,

Holy Mary, full of grace.

THE BELLS OF THE ANGELUS

The bells of the angelus are calling to pray

In sweet tones announcing, the sacred Ave

Ave, Ave, Ave Maria

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An angel of mercy led Bernadette's feet

where flows the deep torrent Our Lady to greet.