# **Church of the Immaculate Conception Castlecomer**



14<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2024

# PARISH NEWSLETTER





# + BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO DIE IN THE LORD +

#### ANNIVERSARIES MASSES

Sat: 13<sup>th</sup>,7pm: Catherine (Kathy) Holohan, Firoda

Tues 16<sup>th</sup>, 9am: Patrick & Brigid Brennan, Manchester/Moneenroe

Fri 19<sup>th</sup>, 9am: Frances Joanie Nolan, Marymount & Annie Brennan, Mayhora

# WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS FOR 20<sup>TH</sup> /21<sup>ST</sup>JULY

Sat: 20<sup>th</sup>, 7pm: Kathleen Ryan, Deerpark

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

# **Prayer During the Day:**

The Angelus & Rosary is recited every Monday – Saturday at 12(noon) and Sunday at 3pm.

#### **Eucharistic Adoration:**

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

## **PARISH CONTACTS:**

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#### THE PARISH OFFICE:

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## **DIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING:**

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## **WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION:**

Week ending 7<sup>th</sup> July: €1,910

SINCERE THANKS TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED

# MINISTRIES & NOTICES:

# MINISTERS OF THE WORD 20<sup>TH</sup> – 21<sup>ST</sup> JULY:

Saturday 7pm: Martin Walsh Sunday 8am: Dick Mullins Sunday 11am: George Mealy

#### MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST 15<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> July:

Mon(9am)- Sat(10am): Maria Reyes Saturday 7pm: Ingrid Brennan Sunday 8am: Noreen Curry Sunday 11am: Eoin Stowe

#### THE PARISH OFFICE:

Open Wednesday and Friday from 9.30am – 12.30pm. Please contact office to arrange masses, sacraments and all parish business.

## THE SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL:

Church Door Collection will take place this weekend. We thank you for your support.

#### A WORD OF THANKS:

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the cemetery collections. A total of €2,400 was collected between the two Cemeteries. It was wonderful to see so many people attend and support these Masses. We thank especially the priests, sacristans, readers, choir, Eucharistic ministers and collectors for making the occasion meaningful and appropriate for all.

#### PETERS PENCE COLLECTION:

Sincere thanks to all who contributed to the Peters Pence Collection last weekend. A total of €340 was collected which will help towards the Popes charitable works around the world.

## FRAOCHAN SUNDAY ON TORY HILL:

South Kilkenny Historical Society will join locals and others, today (Sunday) for the annual climb of Tory Hill on this Fraochan Sunday. Mass will be celebrated, by the Bishop of Ossory Niall Coll, at 3.30pm. Due to the limited availability of parking and to assist those not familiar with the area, a meeting point has been arranged for 1.30pm at Mullinavat Church Car Park. Carpooling if possible.

# ST MARYS CATHEDRAL BOOKSHOP:

St. Mary's Cathedral Chapter House Bookshop is now open 5 days a week. Monday 9.30am till 1.00pm Tuesday - Friday 9.30am till 5.00pm.

## **REEK SUNDAY:**

National Pilgrimage to Croagh Patrick Sunday 28th July. Masses hourly on the summit from 8.00am to 2.00pm, confessions 7.30am to 2.00pm. Check website at westportparish.ie

#### **DIVINE MERCY FAMILY TREE HEALING MASS:**

Divine mercy mass and family tree healing mass Doonane Church on Monday 15th at 7.30 starting with adoration 6.30 and Rosary 7pm.

#### THE RELICS OF ST. PHILOMENA:

The Relics will be at Emmanuel House, Clonfert, on, Wednesday, 7th August led by Eddie and Lucy Stones. Starting at 11.00am. Holy Mass, Confessions, Rosary, Healing Service with a Blessing of the 1st Class Relic.

# **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 anxiously seek it and that 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. Jubilee Year: Ordinary and Extraordinary... Holy Years are "ordinary" when they occur at regular intervals (25 years in these modern times) and "extraordinary" when they are proclaimed for a very special reason.

In 1933 Pope Pius XI chose to commemorate the 1900 the anniversary of the Redemption. More recently a Great Jubilee was celebrated in 2000 by Pope Saint John Paul II to mark the new millennium. 2025 Jubilee The 2025 Jubilee, which has the theme of "Pilgrims of Hope" will be a year of hope and trust for a world suffering the impacts of war, the ongoing impacts of THE COVID-19 pandemic and the increased threats to the climate.

#### **LIGHT THE FIRE PILGRIMAGE:**

The Light the Fire Pilgrimage at Ballintubber Abbey, Co Mayo will take place on Sunday, 4 August, from 12.00pm to 4.00pm. Archbishop Francis Duffy, along with Deacon John Taaffe will celebrate Mass as part of the Light the Fire rosary/healing service.

## ST PATRICK'S PONTIFICAL UNIVERSITY:

Considering a Postgraduate study programme? Check out the options in Theology, Philosophy, Youth Ministry, Church Music and more at St Patrick's Pontifical University, Maynooth, visit sppu.ie/courses. Applications close 2<sup>nd</sup> August.