

Church of the Immaculate Conception Castlecomer

7TH JULY 2024

PARISH NEWSLETTER

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



+ BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO DIE IN THE LORD +

RECENTLY DECEASED: Nora Mc Gill, (née Tynan) Skehana/Edinburgh

ANNIVERSARIES MASSES

Sat: 6th, 7pm: Nan Moran, Aughamuckey (Months Mind Mass)

Sun 7th, 11am: Edward (Ned) Holland, Ardra (Months Mind Mass)
Kevin & Peggy Egan, Drakelands

ANNIVERSARY INTENTIONS:

Julia Carroll, Donaguile; Mary Ryan, Aughamuckey; Patrick Dowd Crettenclough. Gerry Heffernan, Aughamuckey, Robet McGuinness, Kiltown, Peg McDonald, Maryville,

WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS FOR 13TH /14TH JULY

Sat: 13th, 7pm: Catherine (Kathy) Holohan, Firoda

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

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PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPS:

Eilish Dunne & Ger Comerford
Contact: 056 444 1262 or Parish email.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION:

Week ending 30th June: €2,015
SINCERE THANKS TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED

MINISTRIES & NOTICES:

MINISTERS OF THE WORD 13TH/ 14TH JULY

Saturday 7pm: Brigid Coady
Sunday 8am: Donal Dunne
Sunday 11am: Tersa Hetherington

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST 8TH/14TH JULY

Mon(9am)- Sat(10am): Angela Byrne
Saturday 7pm: Catherine Greer
Sunday 8am: Margaret O'Neill
Sunday 11am: Angela Molloy

THE PARISH OFFICE:

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

PRAYING THE ROSARY:

The rosary will be recited at the statue of our lady Ballinalacken today (Sunday) at 8pm.

CASTLECOMER CO-ED NATIONAL SCHOOL

Following consultation with teachers, boards, parents and pupils of Presentation Primary School and Castlecomer Boys National School and the wider parish community the Boards of Management of both schools met on Wednesday to choose the new name for the planned amalgamated school in Castlecomer. Thanks to all who contributed suggestions; all were considered by the Board members. Bishop Coll, Patron of our Schools, has approved Scoil Íosagáin as the name for the proposed co-educational school which will emerge from the proposed amalgamation. The Boards were keen to have a name in our native language and one that reflects the catholic ethos of our schools. The name will now be forwarded by the Patron to the Department of Education and the process will continue.

ANNUAL PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK:

The annual pilgrimage to Knock will take place on Thursday the 18th of July. The bus will leave from Castlecomer at 8am. Please book your seat no later than Sunday the 14th of July. Please contact Maureen Kelly on 087-770-7846.

SOUTH KILKENNY HISTORICAL SOCIETY:

Members of the South Kilkenny Historical Society will join locals and others, on Sunday 14th July for the climb of Tory Hill. John Dwyer, who has written extensively on Pilgrim Paths of Ireland, will give a talk, on the summit of the hill, on the traditions associated with Fraochan Sunday and Mass will be celebrated, by the Bishop of Ossory, Niall Coll, at 3.30pm.

NEW CHILD SAFEGUARDING POLICY:

Child Safeguarding Policy Child Safeguarding Policy is now live and was launched by the National Board for Safeguarding Children in the Catholic Church in Ireland on the 11th of June 2024. The policy reminds us that - Safeguarding is core to the Mission of the Church and should be a Safe and Welcoming Church for all. hat children are welcomed, cherished and protected, following the example set by Jesus. You can access the policy by visiting the Diocesan website: ossory.ie

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION:

The Collection for the Needs of the Diocese will be taken up this weekend. The Faithful's offerings to the Holy Father through the Peter's pence Collection are destined to Church needs, to humanitarian initiatives and social promotion projects, and to the support of the Holy See.

POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTION FOR JULY:

For the pastoral care of the sick, we pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confer to those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the Lord and become ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all.

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND ELDERLY:

On Sunday 28 July, the World Day for Grandparents and Elderly will be marked with the annual national grandparents' pilgrimage to the Shrine of our Lady of Knock in the Archdiocese of Tuam. The chief celebrant for Mass will be the Apostolic Nuncio to Ireland, Archbishop Luis Mariano Montemayor in the Basilica at 3.00pm At the gathering *Lady of Knock* will be sung by Dana and anointing of the Sick will take place at 2.30pm. In 2021, Pope Francis announced the establishment of a World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly to be celebrated by the Universal Church every year on the fourth Sunday of July, the Sunday closest to the feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, Jesus' grandparents. For this year, Pope Francis' has written a message for the Fourth World Day for Grandparents and Elderly on the theme. *Do not cast me off in my old age. (Ps 71:9).*

REEK SUNDAY 2024:

Reek Sunday will be celebrated on Sunday July 28th. The first Mass will be celebrated on the summit at 8am; the last Mass 2pm. Confessions will be heard during the morning. On Saturday 27th Tóchar Phádraig Pilgrimage will begin at 8.30am at Ballintubber Abbey concluding with the Vigil Mass in St Mary's Church Westport at 6.30pm. The Local Pilgrimage will take place on Friday July 26 with Mass on the summit of Croagh Patrick at 10am.