

# Church of the Immaculate Conception Castlecomer

4<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2024

PARISH NEWSLETTER

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME(B)



## + BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO DIE IN THE LORD +

### ANNIVERSARY MASSES:

Sat: 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7pm: Gerry Holden, Maryville; Sally Kelly, Kilkenny St  
Sun 4<sup>th</sup>, 11am: Thomas Dowling, Marymount; Michael O’Gorman, Smithstown  
Helen Brennan, Dairy Road, Smithstown  
Tues 6<sup>th</sup>, 9am: Juile Comerford, The Square  
Wed 7<sup>th</sup>, 9am: Jack Barrett, Kilkenny St

### ANNIVERSARY INTENTIONS:

John Murtagh, Kilkenny Rd; David Coughlan, Hillside View; Pat Moran, Marymount;  
Helen Brennan, Woodlands Grove.

### WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS 10<sup>TH</sup>/ 11<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST

Sat 10<sup>th</sup>, 7pm: Bridget O’Shea, Hillcrest, Donaguile, John Murtagh Kilkenny Rd  
Sun 11<sup>th</sup>, 11am: Eileen Flood, Donaguile; Michael Sexton, Love Lane (Month’s Mind Mass)

### BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY – MASS AT 10AM

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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### WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION:

Week ending 28<sup>th</sup> July: €1,775

SINCERE THANKS TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED

### MINISTRIES & NOTICES:

#### MINISTERS OF THE WORD 10<sup>TH</sup> / 11<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST

Saturday 7pm: Eithne McKenna  
Sunday 8am: Maria Reyes  
Sunday 11am: Sheila Pedini

#### MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST 5<sup>TH</sup> / 11<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST

Mon(9am)- Sat(10am): John Kelly  
Saturday 7pm: Ingrid Brennan  
Sunday 8am: Noreen Curry  
Sunday 11am: Teresa Hetherington

### 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.

### RELICS OF SAINT BERNADETTE OF LOURDES:

The Diocese of Ossory will host a visit of the Relics of Saint Bernadette of Lourdes on the weekend of 21st/22nd September 2024. The celebration will take place in all dioceses and some religious house in September and October.

### NEW COIS NORE SERVICE IN CASTLECOMER:

Cois Nore Cancer Support Centre Kilkenny, commencing on Wed 7<sup>th</sup>, are opening an Outreach Service to the community of Castlecomer and the surrounding areas every Wednesday. The service will be available in The Old Courthouse, Kilkenny Street, 110 am to 12 pm. Please do not hesitate to drop in for information and support please contact (087-4833941).

### MARY’S MEALS KILKENNY WALK:

This year volunteers will leave St John’s Church, Kilkenny to walk to Knock in aid of Mary’s Meals starting on Aug 7, about 215 km or 134 miles. Two volunteers will begin at 9 a.m. from St John’s Church Kilkenny via Castlecomer. Collectors in bright blue t-shirts will be in Kilkenny and Castlecomer appreciating any contribution that you can spare.

### LIGHT THE FIRE PILGRIMAGE:

The Light the Fire Pilgrimage at Ballintubber Abbey, Co Mayo will take place today (Sunday), 4 August, from 12.00pm to 4.00pm. Holy Mass at 2pm with Healing Service at 3pm.

### 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

### 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 (2)

An angel of mercy led Bernadette’s feet  
where flows the deep torrent Our Lady to  
greet.

### REACTION TO OLYMPIC OPENING CEREMONY

While the organisers of the Olympics defended the presentation as part of the Opening Ceremony many others expressed abhorrence and disappointment. The French Bishops’ Conference in a statement released on Saturday, criticized the “scenes of derision and mockery of Christianity, which we deeply deplore” and grateful to the members of religious denominations who have reached out in the wake of the opening ceremony to express “their solidarity with us.”

Bishop Robert Barron of Minnesota, called on Catholics to “make their voices heard” in response to what he called “the gross mockery of the Last Supper. “Would they ever dare mock Islam in a similar way?” Bishop Barron asked, saying, “We all know the answer to that.” Catholic French member of European Parliament Marion Maréchal said: “To all the Christians of the world who are watching” the Paris ceremony and “felt insulted by this drag queen parody of the Last Supper, know that it is not France that is speaking but a left-wing minority ready for any provocation.”

Elon Musk of X (formerly Twitter) called the spectacle “extremely disrespectful to Christians” House Speaker Mike Johnson of the American House of Representatives calling the tableau “shocking” and “insulting.” Italy’s Deputy Prime Minister Matteo Salvini branded it insulting and sleazy: “Opening the Olympics by insulting billions of Christians across the world was a bad start.

Meanwhile President of the Paris Olympics Tony Estanguet said “The idea was to really trigger a reflection. We wanted to have a message as strong as possible.” The director, Thomas Jolly, was perplexed by negative reactions to the show that turned bridges into settings for the performances. “Our idea was inclusion,” Mr Jolly said.

### 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.