

Church of the Immaculate Conception Castlecomer

15th September 2024

Parish Newsletter

Twenty - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



+ BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO DIE IN THE LORD +

ANNIVERSARY MASSES:

Sun 15th 11am: Kathleen Simms (nee Ryan), Chatsworth Street
Malachy Tynan, Bowden's Court
Mon 16th, 9am: Jim Shortall, Yellow Rd
Thurs 19th, 9am: Fr Liam, Anne, Kit, & Richard Holohan, Marymount
Sat 21st 10am: Eddie & Ellen Kelly, Barrack St

ANNIVERSARY INTENTIONS:

Tom & Mary Balkin, Love Lane; Josephine Brennan, Kilkenny St; Annie Buggy, Kiltown;
Charlie & Elizabeth Geoghegan, Maryville; Maurice Ryan, Aughamuckey.

WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS FOR 21ST/22ND SEPTEMBER

Sat 21st, 7pm: Joan Holohan, The Square
Molly & Ned Brennan, Knocknadogue
Sun 22nd, 11am: Jim Carroll, Donaguile (Month's Mind Mass)

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 - 9pm; Rosary at 8pm First Sunday of the month 3pm-5pm

PARISH CONTACTS:

Fr. Scriven: 087 242 0033
rscriven2009@gmail.com
Fr. Doyle 087 966 9223

THE PARISH OFFICE:

Parish Office: 056 444 1262
Parish Email: castlecomer@ossory.ie
Parish Web Page: castlecomerparish.ie

DIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING:

Liaison Person: Ailish Higgins
Contact: DLP@OSSORY.IE OR 085 802 1633.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPS:

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

WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION:

Week ending 8th September: €2,140
SINCERE THANKS TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED

MINISTRIES & NOTICES:

Ministers of Word 21st/ 22nd September

Saturday 7pm: Brigid Coady
Sunday 8am: Donal Dunne
Sunday 11am: Fonsie Mealy

Ministers of Eucharist 16th/22nd September

Mon(9am)- Sat(10am): Angela Byrne
Saturday 7pm: Sheila Lawlor
Sunday 8am: Noreen Curry
Sunday 11am: John Kelly

THE PARISH OFFICE:

The office is open on Wednesday and Friday,
9.30am – 12.30pm. Please contact the office
to arrange masses or other sacraments and all
parish business.

THE PROLIFE CAMPAIGN:

The Campaign thanks parishioners for the
collection of €182 at the 11am mass last Sunday.

VISIT OF THE RELICS OF ST BERNADETTE:

The itinerary of the Relics of Saint Bernadette
coming to St Marys Cathedral

Saturday 21 September

12noon: Formal reception of the Relics of St.
Bernadette with Mass of Saint Bernadette by
Bishop Coll.

3pm: Rosary led by Kilkenny Dominican Rosary
Group

6pm: Ceremony of Water led by Fr Dan Carroll
VG, The Irish Pilgrimage Trust.

7.30pm: Ceremony of Light and Evening Prayers
led by Fr O'Connor, Ossory Lourdes Pilgrimage

Sunday 22 September

11am: Mass with sprinkling rite with Water from
Lourdes, led by Fr Ryan, Adm St Mary's.

3pm: Rosary led by Breda Campion Ossory Lourdes
Pilgrimage Group

5.30pm: Mass with sprinkling rite with Water from
Lourdes led by Fr O'Connor, Director of Ossory
Lourdes Pilgrimage.

7.30pm: Farewell Ceremony and Ceremony of
Light led by Bishop Coll involving a reading from
the account given by Saint Bernadette of the
apparitions.

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL DRAW 2025 SEASON:

Tickets for the new season are available from the
parish office on 056 444 1262 or email
castlecomer@ossory.ie or from promoter
Maureen Kelly on 087 770 7846. BE IN TO WIN.

FIRST SATURDAY CONFERENCE:

First Saturday Conference including Mass,
Rosary & Reflection will take place in
Mitchelstown on Sat 12th. Bus from Castlecomer.
Phone 086-8469011 to book a seat.

BOOK LAUNCH - AVALON HOUSE HOTEL:

Please join Berna Boran for the launch of her
second novel *The Calligraphers Sons* on
Saturday 28th September at 8pm in the Avalon
Hotel. Launching the book will be KCLR
presenter Sue Nunn. All are welcome.

CASTLECOMER COMMUNITY HALL VOLUNTEERS:

The Community Hall are currently seeking
volunteers to join the management committee to
ensure its long-term viability. Please call in or
ring the office on 056-4440638, 9.30am -1pm.

GOING PLOUGHING? VISIT STAND 221

Bishop Nulty and the diocese of Kildare and
Leighlin invite you visit their Stand – Stand 221 –
when you are at the ploughing match. This year the
suffering of victims in war torn areas such as Gaza
and Ukraine will be highlighted and visitors will be
encouraged to make a pledge, to pray for peace and,
if possible, to donate financially to relief
organisations working in conflict zones. The Bell
of Saint Columbanus to be rung on the hour for
world peace.

The 'Pledge your Pin for Peace' initiative is being
led by Bishop Denis Nulty whereby visitors are
invited to collect a coloured pin and pledge it to a
specially designed Saint Brigid's Cross which will
be presented to Pope Francis next year during
World Youth Day in Rome next year.

The 'Pledge your Pin for Peace' will be a practical
way of expressing our 'No' to war, Bishop Nulty
said at the launch this week. The theme of peace
resonates with the motto of the World Ploughing
Organisation – Let Peace Cultivate the Fields."

As part of the anti-war focus the bell of Saint
Columbanus will be rung for peace every hour.
The Columbanus bell was cast a decade ago to
mark the 1400th anniversary of the missionary born
in Myshall, Co Carlow, and who brought Celtic
Christianity to parts of France and Italy. Next July,
Bishop Nulty will host the 26th International
Columbanus Day in Carlow to mark the event's
first ever celebration in the Republic of Ireland.

As 2024 marks the 1500th anniversary of Saint
Brigid, a handcrafted Cloak of Saint Brigid will be
prominently displayed reflecting the folklore that
tells of the saint spreading her cloak over the
Curragh in Kildare. Additionally, a cherished
tradition will be upheld at the Kildare & Leighlin
tent, where blessed salt will be available for use on
farms and gardens to encourage growth and
prosperity.

CELTIC BROTHERS IN CONCERT

The Celtic Brothers concert in The Cathedral
Thurles on Friday, 27th September. All proceeds
to Cathedral Reroofing Project. Tickets in
Thurles Parish Centre (0504 222 29).

COUNSELLING SERVICE

Towards Healing Confidential Helpline 1800
313 316 - www.towardshealing.ie