

Church of the Immaculate Conception Castlecomer

22nd September 2024

Parish Newsletter

Twenty - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



+ BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO DIE IN THE LORD +

RECENTLY DECEASED: John Hetherington, Birmingham, England, formerly of Marymount.
Sheila Wilson, Clogh.

ANNIVERSARY MASSES:

Sat 21st, 7pm: Joan Holohan, The Square
Molly & Ned Brennan, Knocknadogue
Jim & Phyliss Buggy, Ballinakill Rd

Sun 22nd, 11am: Jim Carroll, Donaguile (Month's Mind Mass)

Mon 23rd, 9am: Lillian Lawlor, Kilkenny St

Fri 27th, 9am: Michael Brooke, Coolbawn

Sat 28th, 10am: William Shea, Kilkenny Rd

ANNIVERSARY INTENTIONS:

Eammon Kenny, Rathkyle; Annie Boran, Donaguile; Johanna (Joan) Foley, London & Ardra;
Johanna Heffernan, Ardra & The Square; James (Jimmy) Joyce, Aughamuckey; Joseph Phelan,
Mayhora; Nell Kavanagh, Kiltown; William & Nora Sherwood, Love Lane.

WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS FOR 28TH/29TH SEPTEMBER

Sat 29th, 7pm: Joe Collins, Marymount

Sun 30th, 8am: Winnie, Frances & Deceased members of the Loughlin Family, Newtown

Eucharistic Adoration:

Adoration every Tuesday: 7pm - 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:

Liaison Person: Ailish Higgins
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PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPS:

Eilish Dunne & Ger Comerford
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WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION:

Week ending 15th September: €1,745.00
SINCERE THANKS TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED

MINISTRIES & NOTICES:

Ministers of Word 28th/29th September

Saturday 7pm: Martin Walsh
Sunday 8am: Dick Mullins
Sunday 11am: John Kelly

Ministers of Eucharist 23rd/29th September

Mon(9am)- Sat(10am): Maria Reyes
Saturday 7pm: Ingrid Brennan
Sunday 8am: Margaret O'Neill
Sunday 11am: Eoin Stowe

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.

COUNSELLING SERVICE:

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

VISIT OF THE RELICS OF ST BERNADETTE:

Itinerary for Sunday 22nd September
11am: Mass with sprinkling rite with Water from Lourdes, led by Fr Ryan, Adm St Mary's.
3pm: Rosary let by Ossory Pilgrimage Group
5.30pm: Mass with sprinkling rite with Water from Lourdes led by Fr O'Connor.
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.

OSSORY DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2025:

Dates for the Ossory Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2025, led by the Bishop Coll, will be confirmed soon. Please watch the Church notice board and newsletter for details.

CASTLECOMER COMMUNITY SCHOOL OPENING MASS:

The First Year Opening Mass will be on **Wednesday the 25th September at 10am** in the Parish Church. All are very welcome to join in this celebration and Eucharist. There will be no 9am Mass on the day.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2025.

Pupils attending National Schools outside of the Castlecomer Parish and wishing to join the First Communion Programme for 2024/2025 should contact Parish Office to make application. Pupils attending National Schools within the parish will be contacted directly through the schools

SCHOOL YEAR OPENING MASS – FIRODA SCHOOL:

Holy Cross, National School, Firoda, will have their Opening Year Mass on Thursday 26th September at 11:30am in the School Hall. Parents/Guardians welcome.

PRESENTATION & BOYS SCHOOL OPENING YEAR MASS:

The boys and girls of Presentation Primary School and of Castlecomer Boys School will take place on Thursday 26th September at 9.15am in the Parish Church. Please note time change.

MAYFAIR LIBRARY KILKENNY:

Free one-to-one support with using computers and other devices is available on Thursdays from 10am-12pm, courtesy of Transition Year students from St Kieran's College. All welcome.

CALLING ALL KILLIANS, KILIANS, CILLIANS...

This October an historic pilgrimage will involve the visit of Saint Kilian's relics, along with those of his martyred colleagues Saints Totnan and Kolonat to Ireland from their resting place at the Altar of Würzburg Cathedral in Germany. The relics are contained in a specially preserved glass case inlaid with precious stones. It will be the first time that the relics will have left Germany.

While most of the programme is centred in his native town of Mullagh and the Cathedral in Cavan St Patrick's College Maynooth has been chosen as a stopping point on the journey, with the relics open to the public for veneration in the College Chapel following Vespers at 6.30pm on Wednesday, October 2. The College has issued a special invite to all who share the Saint's name and are calling to all Killians, Killians or Cillians to attend October 2. Who is Killian? He was a native of Mullagh, Co Cavan it is believed to have received his religious training at a monastery in Rosscarbery, Co. Cork. He later founded his own monastery in Kenmare, Co. Kerry, where he trained his fellow monks and laid plans for a mass pilgrimage from Ireland. From Kilmakilloge harbour Kilian and his twelve companions sailed out on a mission to spread the word on Christianity and like many monks of the 7th century went to Europe where they contributed to the saving of Europe and the Christian civilization which was coming close to extinction. It was while spreading the word in Germany that Kilian and two of his companions, Colman and Totnan, were assassinated in 689AD.

LORETO SECONDARY SCHOOL KILKENNY:

1st Year Enrolment Autumn 2025. The closing date for applications for a First-Year place is 22nd October. Applications can be made via the school website www.loretokk.ie. Open Day for 6th Class will take place on Thursday 26th September 2024.

BOOK LAUNCH- AVALON HOUSE HOTEL:

Please join Berna Boran for the launch of her second novel – *The Calligrapher's Sons* – on Sat 28th September at 8pm at the Avalon House Hotel. Launch is by Sue Nunn, station editor and presenter at KCLR. All welcome.

LEGION OF MARY -KNOCK TRIP:

Trip on 29th of September. Bus stopping outside Castlecomer church at 8am. Contact Angela Byrne 087-210-9631.