

# Church of the Immaculate Conception Castlecomer

6<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Parish Newsletter

Twenty - Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

Bernadette Clarke (nee Ryan), Castletown, Westmeath, formerly of Marymount  
Philip Stowe, Newbridge, Kildare

### ANNIVERSARY MASSES:

Sat 5<sup>th</sup>, 7pm: Tina Walsh, Ardra  
Tues 8<sup>th</sup>, 9am: MaryEllen Fitzpatrick, Maryville

### ANNIVERSARY INTENTIONS:

Patsy Brophy, Mayhora; Annie Smith, Golf Course; Brigid & Pierce Kenny, Byrnesgrove;  
Larry Pender, England; Helen Byrne, Kilkenny Rd.

### WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS FOR 12<sup>TH</sup>/13<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

Sun 13<sup>th</sup>, 11am: Seamus Kennedy, Ardra

### PRAYER DURING THE DAY:

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

### EUCARISTIC 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  
Contact: Parish email or 056 444 1969

### WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION:

Week ending 29<sup>th</sup> September: €1,680  
SINCERE THANKS TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED

### MINISTRIES & NOTICES:

#### Ministers of Word: 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> October

Saturday 7pm: Maureen Holohan  
Sunday 8am: Margaret McGrath  
Sunday 11am: Helena Dowd

#### Ministers of Eucharist: 7<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> October

Mon(9am)- Sat(10am): Chrissie Brooke  
Saturday 7pm: Catherine Greer  
Sunday 8am: Noreen Curry  
Sunday 11am: Jeanette Harding

### THE PARISH OFFICE:

The office is open on Monday, 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

### OCTOBER STATIONS FOR PRIESTS

The October stations will be taken up this weekend. This is one of six collections during the year for the priests of the parish. Please use envelope supplied. Sincere thanks to all.

### DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Safeguarding - November 5th  
Ailish Higgins, Diocesan Safeguarding Officer, will visit the parish on Tuesday 5th November to give a presentation on Safeguarding in Our Parish. This evening will be primarily for those involved in ministry in our parish.

### SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL OCTOBER COLLECTION

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

### ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE MASS

St. Luke's General Hospital will hold their Annual Remembrance Mass on Tuesday 22nd October at 7:30pm in St. Canice's Parish Church, Kilkenny for families and loved ones of patients who have died in St Luke's. The Mass, organised by the End-of-Life Care Committee, remembers the patients who have died between 1st September 2023 and 31st August 2024. Mass also on St Canice's Parish Kilkenny web camera.

### ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL CAFÉ

St. Mary's Cathedral Café is open every Saturday and Sunday from 10am to 4pm, offering a welcoming space for the community and visitors alike. All profits to Teac Tom.

### RELICS OF ST BERNADETTE- CARLOW CATHEDRAL

Visit of the Relic of St Bernadette will take place in the Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow, on Monday 7th October. The Relics may be visited throughout the day in the Cathedral.

### PRAYER BEFORE THE CRUCIFIX

Most High, glorious God,  
enlighten the darkness of my heart  
and give me  
true faith, certain hope and perfect charity,  
sense and knowledge, Lord,  
that I may carry out  
Your holy and true command."

St. Francis of Assisi.

### MASS IN SMITHSTOWN GRAVEYARD

Mass and Blessing of Graves will take place in Smithstown Graveyard on Sunday November 3rd at 12.30pm. Please inform relations and/or neighbours of this gathering when we will remember those who are buried in Smithstown.

### WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ON PART 2 OF THE SYNOD

The Synod on Synodality began on Oct. 2 bringing together clerics and laity alike for nearly one month of discussions; 368 voting members and 96 nonvoting participants representing 112 out of 114 of the world's Catholic bishops' conferences. At this second session will be the same delegates as last year except for a few substitutes who will replace those unable to return. Following this worldwide conversation the synodal process begun in October 2023 the second and final global assembly is taking place.

Synodality was defined in the 2023 summary report as "the walk of Christians with Christ and toward the kingdom, together with all humanity." It involves "coming together in assembly at the different ecclesial levels of life, listening to one another, dialogue, communal discernment, consensus-building as an expression of Christ's making himself present alive in the Spirit."

Pope Francis has said that he envisions the Synod on Synodality as "a journey in accordance with the Spirit, not a parliament for demanding rights and claiming needs in accordance with the agenda of the world, nor an occasion for following wherever the wind is blowing, but the opportunity to be docile to the breath of the Holy Spirit."

### POPE FRANCIS CALL FOR PEACE DURING OCTOBER

The Holy Father has called for prayer and fasting for peace in the world on Monday 7th October, the Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary. During the month of October, he has asked that whenever the Rosary is prayed publicly, please offer one decade for Peace and one decade for the work of the Synod and encourage the same in private recitation of the Rosary. "Let us listen to the Lord and allow him to guide us by the breath of the Spirit".

### CASTLECOMER ENTERPRISE CENTRE CLASSES

Patchwork & Christmas Decorations beginning Tuesday 8th October @ 7pm. Using the Produce from your Garden beginning Monday 21st October @ 10.30am. More information 087-6439548.