

# Church of the Immaculate Conception Castlecomer

30<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Parish Newsletter

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



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

### ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Sat 23rd, 7pm: Marie Joyce, Kilkenny Street.

Liam and Ann Dowd, Ballylinnen.

Katie Hurley, 1 Hillside View (Month's Mind Mass)

Wed 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9am: John Doyle, Kiltown;

Fri 4<sup>th</sup>, 9am: Margaret (Peggy) Shortall, Marymount;

Sat 5<sup>th</sup>, 10am: Kathleen (Kay) Dwyer, Massford.

### ANNIVERSARIES

Leo & Breda Lynch, Marymount; Edward and Elizabeth Nolan, Barrack St.; Ned Kelly, Martin Kelly, Eileen Kelly, Teresa Kelly, John Kelly, Mike Kelly, Old Rd, Moneenroe; Honora Kenny, Barrack St.; Martin Brennan, Dromgoole; Rachal Mulcahy Brennan, Smithstown.

### LENTEN STATIONS

Please return Lenten Stations Envelopes at this time. Sincere thanks to all who contribute faithfully through these collections for the support of the priests of the parish.

### PARISH OFFICE AND POST BOX

The Parish Office is now located at the Parish Church.

- Please use the Mobile Number to contact the office; Please do not use the old landline numbers.
- Please use the box in the church to leave information for anniversaries or other items for the newsletter or the Parish Office. The box will be checked regularly.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Tuesday: 7pm – 9pm

### PARISH CONTACTS:

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### THE PARISH OFFICE:

Parish Office: 085 827 8729

Parish Email: castlecomer@ossory.ie

Parish webpage: castlecomerparish.ie

### WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION:

Week Ending 23<sup>rd</sup> February: €1,720.00

SINCERE THANKS TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTE.

### Holy Week Schedule

Holy Week Schedule and Holy Week Confession Times are on the website and Church Notice Board.

### MINISTRIES IN OUR PARISH:

#### Ministers of Word: 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> April

Saturday 7pm: Mary Buggy

Sunday 8am: Tom Teehan

Sunday 11am: Teresa Hetherinton

#### Ministers of Eucharist

Mon – Sat Maria Reyes

Saturday 7pm: Shiela Lawlor

Sunday 8am: Lalaine Brennan

Sunday 11am: John Kelly

### Safeguarding in our Parish & Diocese:

Diocesan Liaison Person: Ailish Higgins

Contact: dlp@ossory.ie or 085 802 1633

### Parish Safeguarding Reps:

Eilish Dunne & Ger Comerford

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# Castlecomer Parish Office Telephone Number

# 085 827 8729

### Mother's Day

Greetings and best wishes to all mothers on this their Sunday. We will remember all in our prayers this weekend.

### FIRST FRIDAY – APRIL

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April is the first Friday of April; Fr Scriven and Fr Doyle will visit the housebound at the usual times. Please contact Fr Scriven or Fr Doyle if you, a family member or a neighbour would like a monthly visit and the opportunity to receive communion at home regularly.

### CASTLECOMER HOSPITALITY GROUP

The Hospitality Group that provides services in the Community Centre for various occasions but particularly after funerals, are seeking volunteers – male and female and all ages – to assist in this important community and parish ministry. Please contact Peggy Power 086 393 7996.

### THE EUCHARIST – AN ONLINE COURSE

The Eucharist is at the heart of Catholic Life. This online course will explore the meaning of the Eucharist, and explore themes of real presence, the Eucharist as sacrifice, and the connection between Eucharist and justice.

This course provides guided discussion around articles by a variety of authors, excerpts from key church documents, and poems. Attention is given to parents handing on the faith, praying the liturgy of the Eucharist, and a brief look at the translation of the Roman Missal in use today.

The course, given by Boston College begins on April 16<sup>th</sup>. Registration and more information on the Church Notice Board and from

<https://bostoncollege-stm.catalog.instructure.com/courses/eucharist-at-the-heart-of-catholic-life-spring2025>

### COIS NORE CANCER SUPPORT CENTRE

Cois Nore Outreach worker for Cois Nore Cancer Support Centre is in Castlecomer every Wednesday- 10am to 12 - in the Old Court House.

### PARISH CLUSTER MEETING

Bishop Coll visited Castlecomer on Wednesday night and met with representatives of Castlecomer, Muckalee and Clogh parishes. In recent years parishes have been grouped in clusters with the intention of planning for the future and working together in local areas. There are 13 clusters in the diocese, ranging from groups with four parishes to those with two. Geographically we are grouped with our neighbours in Muckalee and Clogh. Bishop Coll led the group on a reflection upon the Church and the evolution of the parish system. There followed a discussion amongst those present. Bishop Coll intends to have a series of follow up meetings later this year.

Parallel to these local cluster meetings the Diocesan Council of Priests and the Diocesan Pastoral Committee are also reflecting upon the needs of the diocese at this time and planning the necessary plans and strategies for the future.

### NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

The Apostolate of Eucharistic Adoration National Pilgrimage to Knock will take place next Sunday. Bus from Woodies Car Park Kilkenny at 7.30 am. Please contact 086 1666547.

### HSE INFORMATION EVENING

The HSE invite you to attend and Information evening in Castlecomer Golf Club on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 7pm when Cathriona Normoyle will speak on practical ways on how to reduce your chances of becoming frail in older age, wills, and future planning, how to apply for a personal alarm for those who live alone, adaptation grants for housing, discussing sarcopenia and bone health, exercise programmes in the community and dementia information. All welcome.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025

We welcome the boys and girls preparing for first holy communion this weekend for mass. Please pray for them and their families: They will celebrate First Penance next Saturday at 11am.

**Take a Trocaire Box home**