

Church of the Immaculate Conception Castlecomer

20th April 2025

Parish Newsletter

EASTER SUNDAY



+ BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO DIE IN THE LORD +

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Sun 20th, 11am Michael Walsh, Thomas, Alice and Fiona O'Carroll, Swords/Donaguile
Michael Coady, The Square

Wed 24th, 10am: Kevin and Peggy Egan, Drakelands.

ANNIVERSARIES

Mary Byrne, Kiltown; Catherine Markin (nee Byrne), London/Kiltown;

ANNIVERSARIES WEEKEND 26TH/27TH APRIL

Sat 26th, 7pm: John Daly (Month's Mind); Margaret Hayden, Hillside View
Kieran Brennan
Brendan Dowling, Marymount.

Please note that Mass during the week is at 10am each morning.

THERE IS NO MASS ON THURSDAY MORNING.

FR SCRIVEN AND FR DOYLE WISH ALL A HAPPY AND BLESSED EASTER
CÁISC SHONA DAOIBH GO LÉIR

"Christ's resurrection is the strength, the secret of Christianity – St. John Paul II

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WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION:

Week Ending 23rd February: €1865.00
SINCERE THANKS TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTE ON A
REGULAR BASIS TO THE PARISH FUNDS AND TO
THE CLERGY FUNDS. MÍLE BUÍOCHAIS.

DATES FOR CEMETERY MASSES 2025

Crosshill Cemetery June 27th
Parish Graveyard July 4th
Smithstown TBA

OSSORY TIMES

Easter edition available - €2

MINISTRIES IN OUR PARISH:

Ministers of Word:

7pm: Eithne McKenna
8am: Dick Mullins
11am: John Kelly

Ministers of Eucharist

Mon – Wed Angela Byrne
Sat 7pm: Ingrid Brennan
Sun 8am Lalaine Brennan
Sun 11am Teresa Hetherington

Safeguarding in our Parish & Diocese:

Diocesan Liaison Person: Ailish Higgins
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CARLO ACUTIS *THE BOY FROM MIAN*

Next Sunday Bishop Coll will celebrate the 11am Mass. We, as a parish, will unite with the Holy Father in Rome on the weekend of the Jubilee of Teenagers. At these celebrations Blessed Carlo Acutis will be declared a saint. Our parish has a relic of Blessed Carlo in the oratory of Castlecomer Community School - and we entrust into his care the young people from our parish and area who attend secondary school here in Castlecomer.

THANKS – MÍLE BUÍOCHAIS

A huge thank you to all who contributed in different ways over the past week for the celebration of Holy Week: musicians and singers, servers and sacristans, readers, ministers of the eucharist and collectors. A true living of St Paul's letter to the Corinthians when he speaks of different gifts, different kinds of service and different kinds of working but the same Lord and God at work (1Cor 12:5-6). *Míle Buíochas* to one and all as we enter the season of Easter, rejoicing with the whole church in the new life offered to us by the Risen Christ.

WELCOME

At the Easter Vigil Oliver McGrath was baptised and confirmed before he received Holy Communion. The three sacraments – Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation – are called the Sacraments of Initiation and through them we become full members of the Body of Christ. Oliver received these three sacraments at the Easter Vigil.

GAA CROAGH PATRICK CLIMB 2025

The GAA contributed €30,104 to Vision Ireland following their annual climb of Croagh Patrick. Well done to all who contributed and all who climbed the mountain.

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WE ARE AN EASTER PEOPLE

Today, Easter Sunday, the feast of the Resurrection, gives us the joyful message that we are a 'Resurrection people'. *"We are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song!"* St. John Paul II Today, the day of New Life, invites us to remember Easter in our Good Fridays. Easter reminds us that every Good Friday in our lives will have an Easter Sunday, and that Jesus will let us share the power of his Resurrection. Each time we show love we share in the Resurrection.

Each time, with God's grace, we forgive we share in the Resurrection of Jesus.

Each time we continue to hope – even when our hope seems unanswered – we share in the power of Jesus' Resurrection.

The message of Easter is that nothing can destroy us – not pain, sin, rejection, betrayal or death – because Christ has conquered all these, and we, too, can conquer them through Christ.

The resurrection is the greatest miracle of Christianity, and everything depends on it. - Saint Paul VI

Easter proclaims that nothing is impossible with God and that His love can overcome all obstacles. - Saint Francis of Assisi
Easter reminds us that God's love is stronger than any suffering or darkness we may encounter. -

Saint Padre Pio

Easter is not just a day to celebrate; it is a season to live with renewed faith and hope. Saint John Chrysostom

Tell us, Mary:

say what thou didst see upon the way.
The tomb the Living did enclose;

I saw Christ's glory as he rose!
The angels there attesting;
shroud with grave-clothes resting.

Christ, my hope, has risen:
he goes before you into Galilee.

That Christ is truly risen
from the dead we know.
Victorious king, thy mercy show!

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Tues 7pm – 9pm; Wed and Sat after Morning Mass.