

Church of the Immaculate Conception Castlecomer

6th April 2025

Parish Newsletter

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



+ BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO DIE IN THE LORD +

RECENTLY DECEASED

Robert Shore, Kiltown

MONTH'S MIND

Sun 6th, 11am: Mary Nolan, Kilkenny Rd

Sat 12th, 10am: Kathleen Knox

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Sat 5th, 7pm: Bridget and James (Jimmy) Kenny, 3 Barrack Street

Mon 7th, 9am: Michael Shortall, Yellow Rd;

Fri 11th, 9am: John Joe Fitzpatrick, Maryville

ANNIVERSARIES

Thomas and George Murphy, Firoda; Kathleen (Kay) Dwyer, Massford; Nan Moran, Yellow Rd; Seamus Geoghegan, Barrack St/Clogh; John and Annie Holohan, Skehana; William Ryan, Maryville;

ANNIVERSARIES WEEKEND 12TH/13TH APRIL

Sat 12th, 7pm: Daniel, Margaret and Patrick Dunne

Sun 13th, 8am: Briget Kenny, Rathkyle.

Sun 13th, 11am: Catherine Hughes Dunne, Fintan and Ellie Hughes, Tom Hughes, Maurice and Annie (Babs) Hughes, The Lodge.

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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Sun 3pm – 5pm. Tues 7pm – 9pm: Wed and Sat after Morning Mass.

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WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION:

Week Ending 23rd February: €1,835.00

SINCERE THANKS TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTE.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Collection at all masses next Sunday for the local St Vincent de Paul. Thanks to SVP volunteers and all who support their work.

MINISTRIES IN OUR PARISH:

Ministers of Word: 5th/6th April

Please see notice board in the Church Porch.

Ministers of Eucharist

Mon – Sat Chrissie Brooke

Saturday 7pm: John Holohan

Sunday 8am: Margaret O'Neill

Sunday 11am: Angela Molloy

Safeguarding in our Parish & Diocese:

Diocesan Liaison Person: Ailish Higgins

Contact: dlp@ossory.ie or 085 802 1633

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Eilish Dunne & Ger Comerford

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PALM SUNDAY

The blessing of palms will take place at 10.45am on the pavement outside the Convent School next Sunday, followed by a procession to the Church. All parishioners are encouraged to participate in the procession.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025

Congratulations to the boys and girls who celebrated their First Penance yesterday. A big step along their faith journey and their preparation for First Holy Communion in May.

SCOIL ÍOSAGÁIN - UPDATE

Work progresses on the amalgamation of the Presentation Primary School and the Boys' Primary School. The position of principal has been advertised, and the interview process will select a candidate to lead our new school. Dialogue continues with the Department of Education on the necessary work within the building and to prepare the building for the new school. Thanks to all involved in this work for our schools.

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.

L'ARCHE - KILKENNY

Church gate collection this weekend for the services which L'ARCHE deliver locally.

COIS NORE CANCER SUPPORT CENTRE

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

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 086 166 6547.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2025

Palm Sunday 13th April:

7pm (Vigil); 8am & 11am.

Monday and Tuesday 14th & 15th April

9am Morning Mass Castlecomer

Wednesday 16th April:

9am: Morning Mass Castlecomer

7pm: Mass of Chrism – St Mary's Cathedral.

Holy Thursday 17th April:

7pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper and Adoration

Good Friday 18th April:

12 noon: Stations of the Cross

3pm: Celebration of the Passion

7pm: Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday, 19th April:

8pm: Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday 20th April:

Easter Sunday Mass 8am & 11am.

Confessions Holy Week 2025

Saturday 12th: 10.30am – 12noon

Friday 18th: 12 noon and 7pm

CASTLECOMER LIBRARY

Kilkenny Parent Hub Pop Up Session

Kilkenny Parent Hub will host a pop-up information session at Castlecomer library with information on support and services for parents and families on April 8th, 1.30pm.

Crosswords and Coffee

Word Games, Crosswords & Scrabble and a cup of coffee every Friday 2.30-4.30pm. Everyone welcome!