

Church of the Immaculate Conception Castlecomer

18th May 2025

Parish Newsletter

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



+ BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO DIE IN THE LORD +

ANNIVERSARIES MASSES WEEKEND 10TH/11TH

Sat 17th, 7pm: Joe and Brigid Breen, Knockadogue
Martin and Thomas Molloy, Hillside View
Mon 19th, 9am: Frances Ryan, Donaguile
Tues 20th, 9am: Alice Holden, Maryville
Wed 21st, 9am: Private Intention
Thurs 22nd, 9am: Bernie & Mary Maher, Ardra House
Sat 24th, 10am: Michael and Kathleen O'Kelly, Peter Wilson, Barrack St.

Michael Floey, London and Leitrim; Frances Baylon

ANNIVERSARIES MASSES WEEKEND 27TH/28TH

Sat 24th, 7pm: Sean Dowd, Upper Yellow Road
John Quinn, Barrack St
Sun 25th, 11am: George Mealy, Kilkenny Street; Mary Walker
Helen Lynch & Mary Houlihan, Kilkenny Rd

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATION 2025

Please pray for the boys and girls of our parish
who will receive First Holy Communion at the 11am Mass this weekend.

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WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION:

Week Ending 10th May: €1,635.00
Sincere thanks to all who contribute to parish
funds and to the clergy funds. Míle Buíochais.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2025

We wish all pilgrims travelling to Lourdes this
week a great pilgrimage. Bishop Coll leads the
pilgrimage. Mass at the Grotto at 9am on
Wednesday, involving the diocese of Ossory,
Ferns and Raphoe, can be viewed
<https://www.lourdes-france.org/en/tv-lourdes/>

OSSORY TIMES

Easter edition available - €2

MINISTRIES IN OUR PARISH:

Ministers of Word:

7pm: Bridgid Coady
8am: Dick Mullins
11am: Sheila Pedini

Ministers of Eucharist

Mon – Sat Angela Byrne
Sat 7pm: Ingrid Brennan
Sun 8am Margaret O'Neill
Sun 11am John Kelly

Parish & Diocesan Safeguarding

Diocesan Liaison Person: Ailish Higgins
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Parish Safeguarding Reps:

Eilish Dunne & Ger Comerford
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DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOUGH DERG

Bishop Niall invites you to be part of the *Jubilee Year of Hope* Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lough Derg,
30th May – 1st June 2025.

SUMMER SERENADE AT THE DISCOVERY PARK

The Castlecomer Male Voice Choir invites you to
an afternoon of music, joy and incredible local
talent in the enchanting Elf & Fairy Village at
Castlecomer Discovery Park on Sunday, June 1st,
4pm - 8pm. An evening for everyone.

CASTLECOMER LIBRARY

New Local History Study Circle (20th Tues
6.30pm-7.30pm) and Embroidery Workshop for
Beginners (27th May, 5.30-7.30); information at
056 4440561 or castlecomer@kilkennylibrary.ie

GLUTEN INTOLERANCE

If you have a gluten intolerance, please indicate so
the minister at communion time to receive from the
ciborium with gluten free hosts.

POPE'S TIMETABLE THIS WEEK

On Sunday May 18, 10AM Pope Leo will celebrate
Mass in St. Peter's Square.
On Tuesday Pope Leo will take possession of the
Papal Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls.
On Wednesday Pope Leo will give his first General
Audience in St Peter's Square.

Pope Leo XIV will take possession of the Papal
Basilica of St. John Lateran and the Papal Basilica
of St. Mary Major in June. St Peter's, St Paul
Outside the Walls, St John Lateran's and the St
Mary Majors are the four major basilicas in Rome.
San Sebastian, San Lorenzo and Santa Croce are
the three minor basilicas. During a Holy Year
pilgrims are invited to visit these seven basilicas
walking the route of St Philip Neri. St John
Lateran's is the Cathedral Church of the Diocese
of Rome – Pope Leo XIV is Bishop of Rome.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY – SCAIP AN SCÉAL

Cuireadh Oscailte - An open invitation to celebrate
86 years of Education in Castlecomer Boys' School
will take place on June 23rd, 6.30 – 8.30pm. All are
invited – in particular past pupils and staff – to visit
the school, relive memories, catch up, view photos
from yester year. Pass the word – Scaip an Focal.

PLEASE RETURN TROCAIRE BOXES

PAPAL MASS OF INSTALLATION

Pope Leo XVI will be formally installed as Pope
and Bishop of Rome when he celebrates his first
public Mass in St. Peter's Square this weekend.

The papal inauguration involves the formal
bestowal of the Pallium and the Ring of the
Fisherman. The Mass used to include the papal
coronation ceremony, but that portion of the
celebration has not been included in the Mass since
Pope John Paul I was officially installed as pope in
1978. His predecessor, Pope Paul VI, was the last
pope to be crowned or to use a papal tiara.

The ceremony begins at the High Altar in St Peter's
Basilica. The Pope descends to the Tomb of St
Peter to pray and the Pallium and Fisherman's
Ring are taken from the reliquary by the Cardinal
Protodeacon – it was he who made the *Habemus
Papem* announcement of the new Pope. The
procession proceeds to St Peter's Square as the
choir sing the Litany of Saints.

The pallium, woven by the Benedictine nuns of
Santa Cecilia in Urbe in Trastevere, Rome, is a
strip of white wool with five red embroidered
crosses, a symbol of pastoral mission and
communion with the universal church. It is made
from the wool of two lambs from Trappist monks,
who bless the lambs on Jan. 21, the feast of St.
Agnes. The pallium is fastened with three pins
resembling the nails of the cross, and is worn on
the shoulders.

Prayers will be read aloud for the new pope before
the Ring of the Fisherman will be presented by
Cardinal Ré, Dean of the College of Cardinals.
The Fisherman's Ring represents the link with St.
Peter and the pope's apostolic mission. The ring is
made of pure gold, engraved with St. Peter's boat
surrounded by the new pope's name; The ring is
about 4.3 inches wide and was formerly used as a
seal for papal documents, the ring is now a symbol
that is broken, destroyed or cancelled upon the
pontiff's death.

Nine cardinals, three of each order, one bishop, one
priest, one deacon, two superior generals (one male
and one female), a married couple and one boy and
one girl (each confirmed) will the profess their
obedience to Pope Francis. At the end of the
homily Pope Leo XIV will give the *Urbi et Orbi*
(to the city and the world) blessing.

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